

Wolverhampton Wheelers Track League Wednesday 25th July

On the hottest evening of the season so far the crowd was treated to more enthusiastic Freewheeler racing. After Keirin and Italian Pursuit events two lap Handicap races produced some good results. In Freewheelers A Sam Jones took first place followed by Adam Phillips in second and Will Perry in third place. Meanwhile Alex Thomson took first place in the Freewheeler B with Elodie Gage second and Ed Pibworth third. A combined Sprint gave a win to Adam Phillips with Sam Jones second and Alex Thomson third.

In the Senior B events three female riders compete regularly in the League and it may be interesting to chart their progress over one evening's racing. Jess Ansell (Wheelers), Paige Milward (Lyme RC) and Isabelle Clarke (Lichfield City CC) all started strongly in the Devil. Unfortunately Isabelle was eliminated quite early in the race but Paige and Jess (despite some strong male opposition) made it to the final sprint. Jess took fourth place overall but Paige was able to fight off Kevin Payton (Stourbridge CC) and take first place with Wheeler Alan Hilleard in third. The outcome of the Keirin races was different. Here Paige and Jess were unable to qualify in the heats but Isabelle won hers going on to take ninth place in the final.

The final event of the evening was the 22 lap Handicap and it didn't disappoint. Youth rider Ben Hardwick made an early break for the Intermediate Sprint but to no avail as he was beaten to the line by Senior B riders Mark Shore (first), Kevin Payton (second) and Tim Metcalfe (third). In the final three laps the A's merged with the B's to finish with an extremely close sprint to the finishing line. Adam Lewis took first place overall followed by Will Hyde and Jason Colledge.