

Wolverhampton Wheelers Track League Wednesday 26th June 2013

It is now approaching the half way stage of the League so it may be of interest to focus this report on the Senior A category where the ultimate winner will eventually be found. It is too early to make any clear predictions so far other than it promises to be a very close run contest which of course adds much excitement to the racing both for the athletes and the crowd.

The Unknown Distance event saw Ben Manfield making a break just before the final bell. His lead was unassailable with almost half a lap between him and James Ireson in second place and Jack Escritt (Velocity WD-40) in third place. Along with Ryan Phillips, Ben and James are a group of Wheelers riding in the A's for their second year and making their presence felt. We watch with interest to see how their racing develops further.

There were two Heats to the A Sprint before the Final which produced some interesting results. First place was taken by Jack Escritt, second Harvey Jackson (Halesowen A and CC), third Ryan Phillips and fourth Jack Hibberd (Team V-Sprint Racing). Jack Hibberd is certainly a man to watch. He has much experience in racing and won the League in both 2010 and 2011.

The 22 lap Handicap remains the highlight of the night and it didn't fail to please. Youth riders held their lead to the Intermediate sprint with a trio of Wheelers taking the honours: Will Manfield first, Will Lewis second and Matty Lewis third. Jason Colledge took his chances and made a break in the last half lap on the race. Jason has a wealth of racing experience and regularly takes the League Vet prize and is second in the overall Rankings, but he was beaten into fourth place by the narrowest of margins. The first three places were probably only separated by a wheel's length: James Ireson first place, Adam Lewis second and Jack Escritt third place. The current top three positions in Senior A Rankings are: Jack Escritt 114 points, Jason Colledge 100 points and Adam Lewis 93 points. We all watch with interest.