

Wolverhampton Wheelers Track League 27th August 2014

Youth and Senior by *Dave Brookes*

Racing started with a 200 m Flying Time Trial that produced some interesting results. We are still in the midst of the holiday season so most of the races ran together but with category points recorded individually. So riders competed in the order that they found themselves 'on the fence' and it was Senior B rider Mark Shaw who initially recorded the quickest time. Then Senior A rider Ben Hardwick rode at 12.88 seconds only to be subsequently beaten by father Carl by a mere 0.01 of a second. When League leader Jack Escritt took to the track he made the best time of 12.60 seconds.

Then it was onto Devil and Scratch races with Jack Escritt and Ben Hardwick fighting for points in Senior A, Steve Wilkinson and Mark Shaw in Senior B and Will Manfield-Yorke and Matty Lewis in Youth. Female riders also put in some good performances with Connie Hudson taking fourth in the Senior B Devil, Emma Grayson fifth and Alice Law sixth. In Youth Gabriella Homer took third in the Devil and fourth in the Scratch.

After a massed Italian Pursuit and Match Sprint races it was onto a 22 lap Handicap to finish the evening's racing. Although the A riders caught the rest of the field with twelve laps still to go none could collect points at the Intermediate sprint at eleven laps where Steve Wilkinson was over the line first followed by Mark Shaw and Youth rider Will Manfield-Yorke in third place. After the sprint Jack Escritt took a decisive lead which he never lost taking the win almost half a lap ahead of nearest rivals Ben Hardwick, Will Lewis and Youth rider Matty Lewis who crossed the line in those positions.