

## Wolverhampton Wheelers Track League 23rd July 2014

### Youth and Senior by *Dave Brookes*

The evening's racing started with a series of 200 metre Flying Time Trials where only three riders could produce a sub 13 second time. Unsurprisingly these were the Rankings leaders with Jack Escritt quickest at 12.72 seconds and Jason Colledge a mere three hundredths of a second slower at 12.75. These results really illustrate the value of the new Wheelers timing equipment. Next was Lichfield City CC rider and Senior B leader Steve Wilkinson on 12.81 seconds. Wheeler James Ireson managed 13 seconds dead. Best Youth rider was another Lichfield City CC member Daniel Cooper on 13.79 seconds. All the remaining results can be found on the Wheelers website accompanying this report.

Arguably the most entertaining race of the night was an Italian Pursuit consisting of the whole field of riders: Youth, Senior A and B. The honour of leading out Jack Escritt's team went to Seb Bacon on his brand new Planet X track bike sparkling in the summer sunshine. Fellow Youth rider George Mills Keeling led out James Ireson's team who quickly built up a lead of more than a quarter of a lap. The race seemed a foregone conclusion but when there were three riders left on each team Jack's riders managed to pull back the time allowing Jack to sprint to a victory.

The final event of the night was the Handicap extended to 44 laps with Intermediate Sprints at 11, 22 and 33 laps. Youth riders kept the first two sprints to themselves with Will Manfield-Yorke taking the 11 lap with Matty Lewis second but then Matty took the 22 lap sprint with Will second. Joseph Lister was third in both. Then Senior A riders took over with James Ireson first over the line at 33 laps followed by Matt Radford and Jason Colledge. Final victory after the full 44 laps went to Jack Escritt with Jack Smith second and James third.