



Newsletter: January-March 2020

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RACE PROGRAMME

**All criteriums start at 8.00am;
road races start at 8.30am.**

Check the web page for course details and possible changes.

NOTE: 'E' and 'D' grades start 1st at criteriums, 'A', 'B' & 'C' will be rotated week by week. See the start order on the race programme on the webpage.

RACE REPORTS

5 January – Criteriums – Kewdale.

An excellent start to the New Year when 112 riders faced the starter. The largest group was 'B' Grade with 45 riders, followed by 'C' grade with 25; 'D' grade with 16; 'A' with 15, and 'E' grade with 12. Conditions were good, with a slight cross wind and temperatures that reached about 33 degrees as last group off, 'C' grade, finished their race.

'A' grade witnessed some attacking riding as illustrated by the average speed of nearly 43kph. The action started on the 2nd lap when Tim Bates and trial rider Peter Minchin took a slight lead. They were then joined by Anthony Minchin for another lap, though Tim Bates was later to suffer a mechanical that put him out of the race. On the 4th lap the break had been absorbed, which was the signal for another attack, this time by Jason Roberts, Chris Glasby, and Robert Hurst riding his first criterium since returning from a 2-year break in Sweden. The trio were to stay away until the 29-

minute mark when Robert dropped off to rejoin the chasers. Chris Roberts and Chris Glasby then put down their heads so that after 32 minutes of racing they had a good lead of 25 seconds, though that lead was quietly whittled away until they was absorbed by the peleton 38-minutes into the race. Anthony Minchin again attacked with Chris Roberts and they were soon joined by Quaid Smith, Jon Gregg, Jaimie Kirkwood, and Jaimie Roberts. Riding strongly together they then began to pull away from the chasers so that with 2 laps to go their lead was an insurmountable 45 seconds. In the final sprint there was only a slight margin between Jason Roberts and Jon Gregg, with the verdict going to Jason. Anthony Minchin and Quaid Smith followed in that order, while Jaimie Kirkwood coasted in some 8 seconds later in 5th place. Nader El Sayed the led in a group of four, 32 seconds later.

'B' grade's race was marred early on in the proceedings when Michael Brammer touched a wheel and came down hard and suffered concussion. This resulted in him being taken off in an ambulance to be checked out at the hospital. Thankfully no other riders came down, though a couple stopped to render aid. Meanwhile Patrick Wood and Gary Harvey had started strongly to hold a slight lead for the first two laps before they were joined by three other riders, though they only lasted another couple of laps. There were then a few more attempts to get away, Lindsay Dickie being one rider at the 20-

minute mark, though he such was replaced a lap later when Darren Kinsella and Phil Deisel got away to a 20-metre lead, to be joined on the next lap by Jason Walsh. They lasted off the front for another three laps, but the group was then brought together. Lennon McIntock was in action in the final few laps but as his lead was never more than 7 seconds, there was little chance of his finishing on the podium. With three laps to go he was brought to heel, and while Paul Prottey tried a flier at the start of the bell lap, his chances for a placing wasn't high. The podium placings went to those who had bided their time, and on the final straight, Craig Huxtable took a flier from the final bend to ease over the finish line a length or two ahead of Simon Ribarich, Gavin Wark, Mike Andrew, Anthony Rieck and Tony Smith, with 7th place going to Patrick Woods who was followed closely by 26 other riders. Because of the large size of the field, four riders were pulled out when lapped by the rest of the field.

'C' grade started the race at a comfortable pace, with the first attack occurring on the 5th lap when Scott Petricevich and David Ellis quickened the pace to open up a 20-metre gap. That was then quickly closed, with the gauntlet then being taken up by Matthew Rice and Justin McGoldrick. The pair then went on to dominate the race to increase their lead by a couple of seconds every lap, until with two laps to go they held a lead of 28 seconds. That gap remained the same as they passed the line for the final lap, Matt Rice must have kicked hard on the back straight for he turned the final corner with a clear lead over Justin, who finished some 5 seconds behind the victor. Sixteen seconds later the first of the chasers finished in a time 21 seconds behind the victor, while 4th place went to Chris Norris, 5th to Kristian Vanderwick and 6th to 1st lady, Kate McRobb.

'D' grade's 16 riders saw a couple of early attacks by Chris Howard, though the accompanying riders gave him little rope, and for most of the race (at least as viewed from the finish line) the peleton rode closely together. It was obvious that most riders were waiting for the final gallop up the finishing

straight to add glory to their honours. The 1st place was taken by Joel Beard, who being a trial rider, was awarded a piece of signed paper, while the cash prize and points for winner was taken by Lawrence Fahey. Fermin Blanco Mayo was third, just ahead of Jarred Finnigan, Kevin Dolma, and John Shattock, with the rest of the field close behind.

'E' grade with a respectable field of 12 riders saw early attacks by Helen Peniston who in the early laps gained 40metres on her compatriots. She was finally brought back to the bunch halfway through the race with the time gaps appearing on the final lap, but only by a few seconds. Winner was John Mitchell who just held off Pantelis Karagoglou, Bob Stephens and Graham Thornton. They were separated from 5th placed Denis (Doc) Lawrance, Pat Briggs and Leon Nieuwenhuizen.

Altogether, a very good start to 2020.

Results

'A' grade – 45mins + 2 laps

1. Jason Roberts;
2. Jon Gregg;
3. Anthony Minchin;
4. Quaid Smith;
5. Jaimie Kirkwood;
6. Nader El Sayed;
7. Philip Neild;
8. Chris Glasby;
9. Brendon Scott;
10. Pete Minchin;
11. Matt Upton;
12. Chris Roberts;
13. Magnus Rudisele.

Average Speed 42.8kph.

'B' grade – 40 mins plus 2 laps

1. Craig Huxtable;
2. Simon Ribarich;
3. Gavin Wark;
4. Mike Andrew;
5. Anthony Rieck;
6. Tony Smith;
7. Patrick Woods;
8. Wade McCann;
9. Phil Deisel;
10. Ian Lyne;
11. Jeff Appleton;
12. Luke Winson;
13. Scott Biffen;
14. Matt Harris;
15. Stuart Robertson;
16. John Liso;
17. Ben McRobb;
18. Brett Fowler;
19. Jason Walsh;
20. Mark Welford;
21. Chris Fox;
22. Matthew Pollard;
23. Keith Winch;
24. Lindsay Dickie;
25. Tim James;
26. Gary Harvey;
27. Wayne Deany;
28. Josh Weidman;
29. JC Van Der Welt;
30. Michael Jones;
31. Alvin Lim;
32. Martin Dolinschek;
33. Paul Prottey;
34. Darren Kinsella;

35. Nathan Shmiedte; 36. Julian Chipper;
37. Michael Verheyen; 38. Lennon
McIntock;
39. Matheos Venetis.
Average Speed 41.7kph.

'C' grade 35 mins plus 2 laps

1. Matthew Rice; 2. Justin McGoldrick;
3. Liam Turner; 4. Chris Norris;
5. Kristian Venderwilk; 6. Kate McRobb;
7. Scott Petricevich; 8. Steven Rushe;
9. Richard Barville; 10. Nick Vroomans;
11. David Elllis; 12. Paul Petterson;
13. Peter Morris; 14. Damien Grieg;
15. Neil Vroomans 16. Anthony West;
17. Justin Stephenson; 18. Mark Leaker;
19. Darren Lee; 20. Eben van Niekerk;
21. Chris Hodge; 22. Sandy Biffen;
23. Greg Smith; 24. Sam Bolton.

Average speed 38.9kph

'D' grade – 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Joel Beard; 2. Lawrence Fahey;
3. Fermin Blanco Mayo; 4. Jarred Finnigan;
5. Kevin Dolman; 6. John Shattock;
7. John Quinn; 8. Marshall Hughes;
9. Chris Howard; 12. Mark Williamson;
13. Mark Stephens; 14. Shannon Arnott;
15. Trevor Holmes.

Average speed; 34.9kph

'E' grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. John Mitchell; 2. Pantelis Karagoglou;
3. Bob Stephens; 4. Graham Thornton;
5. Denis Lawrance; 6. Pat Briggs;
7. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 8. Jon Nelson;
9. Graeme Benthien; 10. Helen Peniston;
11. Mike Young; 12. Denis Robinson.

Average Speed: 32.4kph.

12 January – Criteriums – Rockingham

The 78 riders who turned out at Rockingham enjoyed comfortable conditions, though later starters me a rising breeze coming in from the coast. Once again 'B' grade attracted the most competitors, with 21 riders, 'A' grade the 2nd with 18, 'C' grade had 16 riders, while 'D' and 'E' had 13 and 10 respectively.

'E' grade rode steadily throughout at a respectable 32.5kph being led across the line on most laps by Jon Nelson on his second come-back ride. Once again the verdict was determined on the final approach to the line

when Pantelis Karagoglou got out of the saddle to show his strong finishing ability which 2nd placed Graham Thornton, or 3rd placed Bob Stephens were unable to match. Pat Briggs was close behind, followed by Bill Stibbs, Doc Lawrance, Graeme Benthien, Leon Nieuwenhuizen, Jon Nelson and oldest man on the day, Octogenarian Denis Robinson in 10th place.

'D' grade also kept largely together, though there were sparks of individual effort when Fermin Blanco Mayo forced himself off the front of the peleton after 11 minutes of racing, and when John Shattock attacked and gained about 5 seconds with three laps to go. As with 'E' grade the conclusion came down to effort over the final 300 metres, with the win being taken by Jarred Finnigan who took his first win since returning to the field after illness. Fermin Blanco Mayo, who had attracted some of the punter's hot money was a good length behind, while Lawrence Fahey was third. Fourth placed Graham Blyth who had abandoned his usual single free wheel for gears was fourth, John Shattock 5th and John Quinn gained the series points for sixth place.

'C' grade averaged just under 40kph in an event that saw a fair amount of attacking riding. Joel Beard and Neil Vroomans were in action towards the tail end of the race, around the 25 minute-mark, while Anthony West held a slight lead over the next two laps when in the company of Richard Barville. With 2 laps to go, Peter Morris attacked and gained 7 seconds, but was caught by the chasers as they crossed the line for the bell. Over the final couple of hundred metres, four riders pulled ahead of the rest of the field by a couple of seconds, to fight for honours. Justin McGoldrick looked as if he would take the race, but Brett Clapham's final kick saw him ease past just before the line to take first place. Robert Collins and Peter Morris were third and fourth respectively, while Nick Vroomans and David Williams led in the rest of the field.

'B' grade rode a fast and furious race, though it ended in mystery as to whether the '2 laps to go' sign had actually been shown, a mystery that remains unsolved! The race

started with a bang as Mike Andrew, Antony Rieck and Ian Lyne broke away to a 5-seconds lead. The pair being absorbed by the peloton on the 2nd lap, it was then the turn of Gary Harvey and Josh Weidman to put their faces into the breeze, though their lead of 8 seconds was not enough to see them safely clear. A serious looking break was observed after 10 minutes of racing when five riders, Luke Winsom, Josh Weidman (again), Ian Lyne, Gavin Wark and trial rider Michael Morris surged to gain 15 seconds on the chasers, a lead that they held for another two laps. Three laps later Luke Winsom and Gavin Wark had dropped back leaving their previous three compatriots to dangle off the front by a slim 5 seconds. However, they managed to not only survive but to slightly increase that lead, to be caught 22 minutes into the race. In the final stages, Magnus Rudisele and Lennon McIntock took up the challenge and gaining up to 13 seconds they held off the field for a good four laps. However, with all together in the dying laps, Josh Weidman saw an opportunity when leading by 7 seconds, but was replaced on the final lap by Mike Andrew and Ian Lyne who went on to cross the line two or three seconds ahead of a fast finishing group of chasers. While Mike Andrew's sprint was too strong for Ian Lyne to challenge, Patrick Woods led in the rest to take third place. He was followed by Lennon McIntock, Gavin Wark, Luke Winsom and the rest of the field.

'A' grade's average of 44kph is a strong indicator of the exertion that was expended during their 45 minutes and 2 laps of racing. As is usual in the premier grade, there were numerous splits and breakaway attempts that commenced after two laps, with a serious looking split in the 18-strong bunch that was bridged after a couple of laps of hectic chasing. All was quiet for a couple of laps when Ryan Willmot, Tim Bates and trial rider Michael Hosken built up a lead of a quarter of a minute which they held for over two more laps. While Michael went back to the bunch, his two fellow breakaway partners continued to hold off the chasers for another 5 laps until they were caught with 10 minutes and 2 laps to go. A lap later Colin Rose, putting in an attack to hone is riding for the

forthcoming AVCC Championships in Adelaide, attacked and managed to hold a lead of up to 10 seconds until three laps to go. After he was brought back, a number of riders made unsuccessful efforts to get away, with all failing to hold a lead, until on the final lap a small group made marginal gains. The final few hundred metres proved a battle between Daniel Smith and John Gregg with the win going to Daniel by half-a-length, while Shayne Dimmer came in 2 seconds later just ahead of Joseph Laurendi, Tom Ford, Philip Nield and three other riders, while others were content to just roll over the line.

Results

'A' grade – 45mins + 2 laps

1. Daniel Smith; 2. Jon Gregg;
3. Shayne Dimmer; 4. Joseph Laurendi;
5. Tom Ford; 6. Philip Nield;
7. Matt King; 8. Rodney King;
9. Colin Rose; 10. John Wood;
11. Matt Upton; 12. Tim Bates;
13. Dominic Da Silva; 14. Ryan Willmot;
15. Craig Huxtable.

Average Speed 44.0kph.

'B' grade – 40 mins plus 2 laps

1. Mike Andrew; 2. Ian Lyne;
3. Patrick Woods; 4. Lennon McIntock;
5. Gavin Wark; 6. Luke Winsom;
7. Josh Weidman; 8. Mark Welford;
9. Wade McCann; 10. John Liso;
11. Keith Winch; 12. Anthony Rieck;
13. Alvin Lim; 14. Michael Morris;
15. Magnus Rudisele; 16. Steven Knight;
17. Kevin McIluff;

Average Speed 42.0kph.

'C' grade 35 mins plus 2 laps

1. Brett Clapham; 2. Justin McGoldrick;
3. Robert Collings; 4. Peter Morris;
5. Nick Vroomans; 6. Dave Williams;
7. Liam Turner; 8. Richard Barville;
9. Joel Beard; 10. Mark Leaker;
11. Merv Byfield; 12. David Ellis;
13. Anthony West; 14. Sam Bolton;
15. Neil Vroomans.

Average speed 39.5kph

'D' grade – 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Jarred Finnigan; 2. Fermin Blanco Mayo;
3. Lawrence Fahey; 4. Graham Blyth;

5. John Shattock; 6. John Quinn;
7. Robert Wainwright; 8. Mark Williamson;
9. Tony Clews; 10. Marina Thorman;
11. John Mitchell; 12. Nick Cowie;
13. Kevin Dolman.

Average speed; 36.79kph

'E' grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Pantelis Karagoglou; 2. Graham Thornton
3. Bob Stephens; 4. Pat Briggs;
5. Bill Stibbs; 6. Denis Lawrance;
7. Graeme Benthien; 8. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
9. Jon Nelson; 10. Denis Robinson.

Average Speed: 32.5kph.

19 January – Criteriums – Wangara.

Despite our fielding 16 members at the AVCC championships in Adelaide, we still managed to top the century with 102 starters on a windy morning at Wangara. Those winds caused problems for some riders and helped to break up fields, and resulted in the success of breakaways in some of the grades,

There were also quite a few breakaway attempts that led to exciting racing, but if there was to be a 'Combatative' prize this would have gone to 'A' grade's Ricky Andrews who set the grade afire with his constant attacks. His time of 1min 53 secs recorded on one of his solo circuits of the course, as far as I am aware, was the fastest ever recorded at Wangara. The race started as it finished with some explosive riding, a big split occurring on lap 2 that was brought back after a hard chase before the end of the 3rd lap. Ricky Andrews then sprinted away from the peloton to solo for two laps before being joined by Sam Smith. However, after more splits among the chasers, 9 riders joined Ricky and Sam and the group began to ride away. Despite a couple of attacks from the break group, there were still 11 riders present at the front of the field with a lead of 48 seconds after 33 minutes of riding. Even though the break was well to the fore, Ricky Andrews decided to take off alone, and remained ahead of the leaders for another three laps before being caught. At this juncture the field had split into 3 bunches, and Stephen Hall had survived a puncture to rejoin the group after a lap out, to then lead an attack with three laps to go. With a lead of

56 seconds, the lead group of 10 riders had nothing to fear from chasers, but rather than foxing over the final two laps the attacks kept coming, including that of Mitchell Fitzgerald and Tom Ford as they crossed at the bell. Hurling up the wind-assisted rise to the finish on the final lap, Stephen Hall put in a strong kick to sail over the line a length ahead of Daniel Smith and Tom Ford, Sam Smith was a close 4th, followed by Tim Bates, Raphael Amouroux, Jon Gregg, Brian Sing, Ricky Andrews and Mitchell Fitzgerald. Jason Roberts led in the rest of the field, some 54 seconds later. Despite the hectic pace, there was only one DNF out of the field of 33 riders.

Trial rider Michael Morris lit up the field in 'B' grade by taking a lead 15 seconds on the 2nd lap, a feat that he also achieved on the 3rd. Following a one lap lull, Darren Kinsella was next to try his luck, though his margin was never more than 5 seconds. At the 19-minute mark, he had been replaced by Patrick Quinlan who also had a 5 seconds lead after another lap, but he then kicked into overdrive to remain off the front for another 10 laps by which time his lead was close to 30 seconds. Putting in an extra effort, Cian Brennan and Stuart Robertson caught him with just over a lap to go, but despite his previous effort Patrick was able to sit on them in the run to the line to take a meritorious 3rd place behind Cian and Stuart. Wade McCann led in the chasing bunch some 11 seconds behind, with Wade McCann taking 4th place, followed by Gavin Wark, Keith Winch and 6 others.

'C' grade's field of 25 riders also saw attacking riding with trial rider Constant Van Wyk starting the ball rolling with an attack on lap 1 that gave him a 5 seconds advantage. Halfway through the race Matthew Rice, Peter Morris and Scott Petricevich took the lead, to be joined a lap later by Kristian Vanderwilk. Riding strongly together, and at one time they had an advantage of 18-seconds over the chasers, but in the closing stages they were drawn back, leaving Matthew Rice and Peter Morris to try to finish their drive to glory. However, it was a few hundred metres too far for Peter Morris who was caught on the final lap,

while Matthew Rice took a deserving victory when he finished 4 seconds ahead of Justin McGoldrick, who took a last kick to take him across the line a length ahead of Scott Petricevich, Brett Clapham, Steven Kristian Vanderwilk and 13 others, including Margot Biggs, the only female in the field, who was placed 15th overall. The only problem during the race occurred in the final 200metres when three or four members of Richardes team bounced off each other and came down. There was loss of some skin but nothing more serious.

'D' grade's stars were Robert Pietersen, and Mark Williamson who decided to attack their opposition in the opening laps. Taking a slight lead for three laps, they were joined by Fermin Blanco Mayor at the 25-minute mark and they continued to pull away to the end of the race when Fermin proved triumphant in the three-up sprint, when beating Robert and Mark into 2nd and 3rd places respectively. Next to finish was Jarred Finnigan who led in 4th placed John Quinn, followed closely by Chris Howard, Kevin Dolman and Graham Blyth.

'E' grade again saw a new look Bob Stephens, who a week before had surprised all when attacking the field. This he did again half-way through the race when he rode off the front by between 5 to 10 seconds for three laps. All came together for the sprint, and with Pantelis Karagoglou pulling out after a dose of cramp, it was down to a four-up sprint. Graham Thornton in a last-second surge, overcame Bob Stephens, Jon Nelson and Mike Young to take the race. Both Pat Briggs and Leon Nieuwenhuizen had lonely rides, while Denis Robinson also survived to finish the race.

Results

'A' grade – 45mins + 2 laps

1. Stephen Hall; 2. Daniel Smith;
3. Tom Ford; 4. Sam Smith;
5. Tim Bates; 6. Raphael Amouroux;
7. Jon Gregg; 8. Brian Sing;
9. Ricky Andrews; 10. Michael Fitzgerald;
11. Jason Roberts; 12. Philip Nield;
13. Desmond Smith; 14. Quaid Smith;
15. Josh Adams; 16. Paul Dobson;
17. Andrew Turnbull; 18. Ian Gregory;
19. Ian Gregory; 20. Ahmad Fleyfel;

21. Robert Hurst; 22. Craig Huxtable;
23. Bernie Swart; 24. Matthew Pollard;
25. Kee Meng Ang; 26. Martin Hurley;
27. Brendon Scott; 28. Jeff Appleton;
29. Calvin Sim; 30. Andrew McClurg;
31. Lewis Blackie; 32. Luke Johns.
Average Speed 41.30kph.

'B' grade – 40 mins plus 2 laps

1. Cian Brennan; 2. Stuart Robinson;
 3. Patrick Quinlan; 4. Wade McCann;
 5. Gavin Wark; 6. Keith Winch;
 7. Mike Andrew; 8. John Liso;
 9. Tony Smith; 10. Chris Race;
 11. Kevin McIlduff; 12. Luke Winson;
 13. Nelius Janse Van Rensburg;
 14. Serene Lee; 15. Michael Morris;
 16. Darren Kinsella; 17. Magnus Rudisele;
- Average Speed 36.7kph.*

'C' grade 35 mins plus 2 laps

1. Matthew Rice; 2. Justin McGoldrick;
 3. Scott Petricevich; 4. Brett Clapham;
 5. Stephen Rushe; 6. Kristian Venderwilk;
 7. Nick Vroomans; 8. Robert Collings;
 9. Liam Turner; 10. Paul Patterson;
 11. Jeff Hugo; 12. Peter Dimond;
 13. Mark Stephens; 14. Andrew Bailey;
 15. Margot Biggs; 16. Will Verstappen;
 17. Stephen Bradshaw;
 18. Eben van Niekerk; 19. Peter Morris;
 20. Constant Van Wyk; 21. Neil Vroomans.
- Average speed 36.5kph*

'D' grade – 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Fermin Blanco Mayo; 2. Robert Pietersen
 3. Mark Williamson; 4. Jarred Finnigan;
 5. John Quinn; 6. Chris Howard;
 7. Kevin Dolman; 8. Graham Blyth;
 9. John Shattock; 10. Marina Thorman;
 11. Trevor Holmes.
- Average speed; 32.2kph*

'E' grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Graham Thornton; 2. Bob Stephens;
 3. Jon Nelson; 4. Mike Young;
 5. Bill Stibbs; 6. Pat Briggs;
 7. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 8. Denis Robinson.
- Average Speed: 28.7kph.*

2 February – Criteriums – Kewdale.

Another enjoyable day – temperatures were comfortable, though a strong wind tended to make conditions difficult, for the

107starters, especially on the finishing straight. Both 'D' and 'E' grades rode steady races, though according to one of the 'E' grade riders, there were some valiant moves on the back straight, which were dampened when they faced the head wind on the home straight. The race was determined on the final lap when Pantelis Karagoglou used his strength and sprint to take 1st place over Graham Thornton and Pat Briggs. Bob Stephenson was a close 4th, while trial rider Martin Robertson, Helen Peniston and Leon Nieuwenhuizen finished 5 seconds down in that order. Mike Young came in alone, while the only other starter, the unfortunate Jon Nelson, made it only to the 3rd corner where he suffered a puncture.

'D' grade followed the same pattern, though both Chris Howard and Fermin Blanco Mayo pushed their faces into the wind on a few occasions but were only able to pull away by a few metres. In a four-up sprint the win went comfortably to Fermin Blanco Mayo, who beat Kevin Dolman by over a length, with Lawrence Fahey, John Shattock and John Mitchell taking 3rd, 4th and 5th. Graham Blyth led in the rest after a gap of 2 seconds.

'C' grade with 30 riders was the largest group, of the day, alongside 'B' grade's 29, and 'A' grade's 26. While there were a few attempts to break up the field, especially by Mark Stephens, Margot Biggs, and by Regan Gruenthal, no one managed to gain more than 30 metres before the chasers brought them to bay. Peter Morris tried a flier as they passed the bell on the final lap, but at that juncture it was a vain hope that he would succeed. On the finishing straight there was a strong effort by a number of riders, though they were outdistanced at the finish by about three lengths by trial rider Kyle Walter, a win that provided him with a piece of paper containing his signature, while 2nd placed Kristian Vanderwilk took the envelope containing the 1st place cash prize. Scott Petricevich and Steve Rushe also moved up one place for 2nd and 3rd places, followed closely by Constant Van Wyk, Damien Greig 17 other riders.

Whenever Ian Lyne puts down his head, it's a warning that he means business,

and his break on the 2nd lap at the end of lap 2 in the company of Paul Prottey should have raised alarm bells in the peleton. The gap had increased to 100metres by lap 4, at which juncture Brett Fowler, Phil Deisel and Stuart Robertson joined the pair to add power to the break. Holding a lead of 11 seconds at the 11 minute mark, the lead increased steadily to 44 seconds after 28 minutes of riding, and by 51 seconds at the finish, when Stuart Robertson triumphed over Paul Prottey, while Ian Lyne was a close 3rd. Phil Deisel died on the run in, to finish 8 seconds down in 4th place, while Simon Ribarich and Mike Andrew in 5th and 6th places, led in the rest of the grade.

While 'B' grade rode a creditable 42.3kph, 'A' grade rode an even faster race when averaging 45.0kph. As is usual, there was no standing around with the premier grade, the action being started with a flyer by Brian Sing who soloed for 5 laps of the circuit before being caught by Ricky Andrews and Chris Glasby. After 20 minutes, Bernie Swart was within striking distance of the break but the peleton absorbed them a lap or so later. Not satisfied to sit in the comfort of the bunch, it was the turn of Wayne Thomson, Ricky Andrews and Jon Gregg to turn up the heat. They rode steadily but fast at about 10 seconds from the chasers for four laps, until joined by Raphael Amouroux and Brian Sing towards the final laps. With added fire-power they were able to increase their lead to 16 seconds with two laps to go, though this had been reduced to 6 seconds at the bell. Brian Sing made one more frantic attack but then died, leaving his previous compatriots to decide the race. Raphael Amouroux made one final attack on the back straight and the others in the break were unable to respond, leaving Raphael to come out of the final corner with an unbeatable lead, that resulted in a win of 5 seconds over Jon Gregg, Wayne Thomson and Ricky Andrews. Luke Johns, Jason Roberts and Sam Smith led in the rest of the field another 10 seconds behind.

'A' grade – 45mins + 2 laps

1. Raphael Amouroux;
2. Jon Gregg;
3. Wayne Thomson;
4. Ricky Andrews;
5. Luke Johns;
6. Jason Roberts;

7. Sam Smith; 8. Daniel Smith;
9. Chris Glasby; 10. Chris Roberts;
11. Mitchell Fitzgerald; 12. Brendon Scott;
13. Bevan Spaul; 14. Brian Sing];
15. Craig Huxtable; 16. Robert Hurst;
17. Lewis Blackie; 18. Dean Shipp;
19. Bernie Swart; 20. Andrew Ballam;
21. Ian Gregory; 22. Quaid Smith;
23. Andrew McClurg; 24. Wayde Keyser;
Average Speed 45.0kph.

'B' grade – 40 mins plus 2 laps

1. Stuart Robertson; 2. Paul Prottey;
3. Ian Lyne; 4. Phil Deisel;
5. Simon Ribarich; 6. Mike Andrew;
7. Matt Pollard; 8. Desmond Smith;
9. John Liso; 10. Cameron Keevers;
11. Omar de Pellegrin; 12. Tim James;
13. Keith Winch; 14. Wade McCann;
15. Chris Race; 16. Paul Borrettik;
17. Kelana Saleh; 18. Anthony Rieck;
19. Amanda Nabim; 20. Kevin McIllduff;
21. Scott Ayles; 22. Matt Tognini;
23. Magnus Rudiselle.
Average Speed 42.3kph.

'C' grade 35 mins plus 2 laps

1. Kyle Walter; 2. Kristian Venderwilk
3. Scott Petricevich; 4. Steven Rushe;
5. Stephen Rushe; 6. Constant Van Wyk;
7. Matthew Rice; 8. Greg Smith;
9. Richard Barville; 10. Jarred Finnigan;
11. Justin McGoldrick; 12. Alex Hewlett;
13. Neil Vroomans; 14. Robert Pietersen;
15. Paul Patterson; 16. Peter Morris;
17. Mark Stephens; 18. Steve Ryan;
19. Margot Biggs; 20. Reagan Gruenthal;
21. Chris Norris; 22. Dianne McAuliffe;
23. Peter Dimond; 24. David Ellis;
25. Chris Hodge; 26. David Williams.
Average speed 38.9kph

'D' grade – 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Fermin Blanco Mayo;
2. Kevin Dolman; 3. Lawrence Fahey;
4. John Shattock; 5. John Mitchell;
6. Graham Blyth; 7. Chris Howard; 8.
Marshall Hughes; 9. Marina Thorman; 10.
Adrian Quick; 11. Avril Gilchrist; 12. Craig
McDonald.
Average speed; 35.8kph

'E' grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Pantelis Karagoglou; 2. Graham Thornton;
3. Pat Briggs; 4. Bob Stephens;
5. Martin Robertson; 6. Helen Peniston;
7. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 8. Mike Young;
9. Natalie Quick.
Average Speed: 31.8kph.

9 February – Criteriums – Motorplex.

A chilly and strong wind that blew across the circuit made things difficult for many competitors, but early scheduled grades faced harder conditions than later grades. 'E' grade's 10 riders found that sheltering behind leading wheels was the best way to face the conditions, especially on the run to the line, resulting in the finish being contested by a final dash over the final 300 metres. This saw a close challenge, with the verdict going to Jon Nelson who finished a length ahead of Graham Thornton, who was in turn challenged strongly by Pantelis Katagoglou in third place. Bob Stephens was close behind, while Pat Briggs and Graeme Benthien filled the remainder of the top six places. Avril Gilchrist, riding her 2nd trial rider showed an improvement over her previous rides when finishing 7th in the same time as the leaders.

'D' grade witnessed a different approach and started with an attack from the gun by Clint Hort and Chris Howard that was absorbed by the chasing group of eight riders on the 2nd lap. Sensibly, considering the wind, things settled down for a lap, and it looked as if the race would be ridden as a procession, that is until Fermin Blanco Mayo decided to go it alone and in a show of strength dropped his fellow riders by 26 seconds on the 5th lap. Another 9 seconds was added, which Fermin held onto for another 2 laps. With three laps to go his lead was reduced by 4 seconds, but still with a lead of 31 seconds, any chance of further reducing the gap was lost when the chasers decided to jockey for position. Fermin's lead had increased to 41 seconds when he crossed the line for the final time, while Michael Merton returning to racing after a long layoff led in the chasers with a strong sprint, when beating Marshall Hughes, Chris Howard, Graham Blyth and Clint Horton, finished in the same time. There was little doubt by spectators that

Fermin was destined to be rewarded at his next race with a promotion to 'C'.

The first few laps of 'C' grade's event was run at a pedestrian pace until it picked up slightly on the third lap. which saw two or three riders shed from the rear of the bunch. The race then settled down until on lap 7 Justin McGoldrick decided to shake up the action with a break of 10 seconds that saw the chasers try to bring him back to the fold, something they succeeded in doing with three laps to go. A quickening of pace saw a group of six riders open a gap with 3 laps remaining, but two of those were dropped off the back on the final lap. On the deciding circuit four riders contested the sprint, with victory going to Brett Clapham, who came over Justin McGoldrick, who sat up with 20 metres to go, probably a result of his earlier efforts. Peter Morris was 3rd, a length ahead of Steve Ryan, while Richard Barville and Mark Stephens finished 5 seconds behind in 5th and 6th places respectively.

Despite the hefty wind blasts, 'B' grade started with a number of attacks in which Steve Knight was an early agitator. Ian Lyne, seeing the potential chased hard to catch him halfway through lap five, and when their lead rose to 30 seconds it sealed the result of the race, for thereafter the pair added 6 or 7 seconds to their lead with each completed circuit. Thus, their lead of 12 seconds on lap 8, rose to an unbridgeable 1min 25 seconds at the bell. Though he tried hard, Ian was unable to come around Steven, who triumphed by a full length. Wade McMann was best of the rest in 3rd place, some 1 minute 21 seconds behind the winner, accompanied in 4th, 5th and 6th places by Mike Andrew, Dominic de Silva and John Liso.

Although the wind had died a little by the time that 'A' grade found themselves on the grid, it was still hard going for half the circuit. However, that did little to dampen the action, with riders taking their chances with attacks from the start of the event. A promising group of Tim Bates, Sam Smith, Brian Sing and Raphael Amouroux tried their luck when attacking on lap 5, but this proved unsuccessful. The remainder of the race saw attacks by both small groups and individuals. Sam Smith and Ian Gregory showed their

heels from laps 7 to 9 but with a lead never exceeding 10 seconds they were joined by Brian Sing, Mark Hamill and Tim Bates, though again the lead was insufficient, and they were brought back. At the business end of the race, John Gregg made a move that propelled him into the lead, and though he rode steadily off the front for 5 laps his lead lay was never more than 5 to 7 seconds. On the final lap, the chasers moved fast and struck hard, passing John on the final run to the line. Raphael Amouroux found himself out of position on the final turn into the straight which gave the advantage to Brian Sing and Tom Ford. Brian crossed the line with a one-length advantage, while it took the camera to determine that Tom had just pipped Raphael. Sam Smith was close behind in 4th place, and Jon Gregg and Ian Gregory free wheeled over the line 2 seconds later in 5th and 6th places.

'A' grade – 45mins + 2 laps

1. Brian Sing; 2. Tom Ford;
3. Raphael Amouroux; 4. Sam Smith;
5. Jon Gregg; 6. Ian Gregory;
7. Tim Bates; 8. Daniel Smith;
9. Jason Roberts; 10. Adrian Pahl;
11. Daniel Hughes-d'Aeth;
12. Ryan Willmot; 13. Mark Hamill;
14. Matt King.

Average Speed 37.50kph.

'B' grade – 40 mins plus 2 laps

1. Steven Knight; 2. Ian Lyne;
3. Wade McCann; 4. Mike Andrew;
5. Dominic Da Silva; 6. John Liso;
7. Keith Winch; 8. Gavin Wark;
9. Michael Mahon; 10. Anthony Rieck;
11. Alex Robeson; 12. Kevin McIllduff;
13. Michael Nolan; 14. Alvin Lim.

Average Speed 34.7kph.

'C' grade 35 mins plus 2 laps

1. Brett Clapham; 2. Justin McGoldrick;
3. Peter Morris; 4. Steve Ryan;
5. Richard Barville; 6. Mark Stephens;
7. Simon Vandenberg; 8. Brett Fowler;
9. Neil Vroomans; 10. Merv Byfield;
11. Chris Hodge; 12. Dave Harwood;
13. Reagan Gruenthal; 14. Joel Beard;
15. Damien Greig; 16. Sam Bolton.

Average speed 32.4kph

'D' grade – 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Fermin Blanco Mayo;
2. Michael Morton; 3. Marshall Hughes;
4. Chris Howard; 5. John Mitchell;
6. Graham Blyth; 7. Chris Howard;
8. John Quinn; 9. Nick Cowie;
10. Adrian Quick; 11. Avril Gilchrist;

Average speed; 30.2kph.

'E' grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Jon Nelson; 2. Graham Thornton;
3. Pantelis Karagoglou; 4. Bob Stephens;
5. Pat Briggs; 6. Graeme Benthien;
7. Avril Gilchrist; 8. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
9. Hamilton Stott; 10. Denis Robinson.

Average Speed: 26.1kph.

16 February – Criteriums - Wangara

A pleasant day with only a slight hint of a breeze to welcome the 105 contestants at Wangara. The racing was keen with the only black mark on the day being awarded to 'D' grade which, despite hearing the bell and being in the company of 'Grade for the latter's final two laps, refused to back-off when 'E' grade went for the sprint. The result was chaos for the 'E' graders who rightfully complained of poor sportsmanship. Previous to this, 'E' grade's breakaway King, Bob Stephens, had stirred up the group when attacking and taking a lead for five laps. However, first across the line was Martin Robertson, followed somewhere in the mixed bunch by Graham Thornton, Bill Stibbs, Jon Nelson and Bob Stephens. As Martin was on a trial ride, all others in the grade moved up a place when it came to being handed the cash prizes.

In the meanwhile, 'D' grade had a closely contested race, the most aggressive rider in the bunch being Joel Beard who made a couple of short-lived attacks early in the race. Ten of the original 11 starters were present to contest the sprint, which was won by Robert Pieteron, ahead of Jarred Finnigan, John Shattock, Joel Beard, Kevin Dolman and Graham Blyth.

David Varcoe was an early aggressor in 'C' grade when pulling away in the early stages of the race, followed at the 12-minute mark by Merv Byfield, who later said he regretted the move which had left him with weak knees. A promising move came with

three laps to go when a group of five, Matthew Rice, Justin McGoldrick, Steve Rushe, Kristian Vanderwilk and Liam Turner opened up a gap of 40 metres. However, on the next lap the gaps had been reduced by a-half, and as they entered the bell lap, all were together again. However, three of the previous breakaway stars featured on the podium, with Steven Rushe winning by three lengths from Liam Turner, and with Kristian Vanderwilk another two lengths behind. Ryan McLaren, Mark Stephens, Matt Rice and Andrew Bailey were next in line, while Tim James finished 5 seconds behind in 8th place when leading in a large group of riders.

'B' grade's 30 riders, the largest field of the day, witnessed a series of attacks that were invariably brought to heel. Antony Rieck was first off the mark on lap one, to be replaced on the following lap by Josh Weidman and Charles Campbell, and in turn Keith Winch and Antony Rieck got together until joined a couple of laps later by seven others. When absorbed by the chasers at the 18minute mark, Matthew Swan tried a solo for another couple of laps before Steve Marks and Josh Weidemann took their place. With three laps to go Phil Johnson and Matthew Pollard opened up a gap of 7 seconds, and increased this to 10 seconds with two to go. As they crossed at the bell their lead had increased to a promising 15 seconds. With the chase from behind now hard on, all eyes fixed on the final rise to the finish and to the delight of the spectators, Matt Pollard came into sight well clear of the peleton, while his compatriot was swallowed up by the bunch. Matt crossed with four seconds to spare, while five others contested the next 5 places. Stuart Robertson finished 2nd, Mike Andrew 3rd, followed closely by Matthew Sevier, Gavin Wark and Phil Johnson. Keith Winch then led in a group of 17 riders some seven seconds behind.

'A' grade, consisting of 24 hard working competitors provided their usual menu of action. Trial rider Benjamin King was prominent when attacking on the 1st lap and continued to work hard when joined on the 2nd lap by Stephen Hall, Paul Dobson and Tom Ford. Although the gap yo-yo'd for 13 circuits of the course, at one time holding a

lead of 30 seconds, at the 34-minute mark all came together, only for Ricky Andrews to drive off the front after passing the start line. Coming closer to the finish, people went off the front like popcorn, though the margins never exceeded 6 or 7 seconds. The final attack came from Raphael Amouroux as they came past the start for the final time, but those behind were alert and he finally finished fourth. It came as no surprise when sprint ace Stephen Hall blasted out of the peleton over the final 50 metres to beat Daniel Smith and Jon Gregg into 3rd and 4th place respectively. Tim Bates and Sam Smith finished close behind in 5th and 6th.

'A' grade – 45mins + 2 laps

1. Stephen Hall; 2. Daniel Smith;
3. Jon Gregg; 4. Raphael Amouroux;
5. Tim Bates; 6. Sam Smith;
7. Jason Roberts; 8. Philip Neild;
9. Mark Hamill; 10. Brendon Scott;
11. Doug Stewart; 12. Tom Perry;
13. Craig Huxtable; 14. Josh Adams;
15. Benjamin King; 16. Ricky Andrews;
17. Bevan Spaul; 18. Paul Dobson;
19. Tom Ford; 20. Brian Sing;
21. Quaid Smith; 22. Greg Rossiter.

Average Speed 40.8kph.

'B' grade – 40 mins plus 2 laps

1. Matthew Pollard; 2. Stuart Robertson;
3. Mike Andrew; 4. Matthew Sevier;
5. Gavin Wark; 6. Philip Johnson;
7. Keith Winch; 8. Kyle Walter;
9. Chris Race; 10. John Liso;
11. Darin Dunstan; 12. Graham Holden;
13. Charles Campbell; 14. Josh Weidemann;
15. Steve Marks; 16. Wade McCann;
17. Antony Rieck; 18. Ian Lyne;
19. Omar de Pellegrin; 20. Matthew Swan;
21. Alex Robeson; 22. Kevin McIllduff;
23. Scott Ayles; 24. Neil Roscoe;
25. Patrick Quinlan; 26. Tony Smith;
27. Roberto Busi.

Average Speed 37.7kph.

'C' grade 35 mins plus 2 laps

1. Steven Rushe; 2. Liam Turner;
3. Kristian Vanderwilk; 4. Ryan McLaren;
5. Mark Stephens; 6. Matthew Rice;
7. Andrew Bailey; 8. Tim James;
9. David Varcoe; 10. Simon Vandenberg;

11. Alan Doak-Smith; 12. Peter Dimond;
13. Justin McGoldrick; 14. Neil Vroomans;
15. Merv Byfield; 16. Fermin Blanco Meyer;
17. Robert Collings; 18. Dave Harwood;
19. Duncan Roberts; 20. Mark Lynn;
21. Sam Bolton; 22. Richard Barville;
23. Chris Peniston.

Average speed 36.2kph.

'D' grade – 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Robert Pieteron; 2. Jarred Finnigan;
3. John Shattock; 4. Joel Beard;
5. Kevin Dolman; 6. Graham Blyth;
7. Marshall Hughes; 8. Paul Blankley;
9. Mark Williamson; 10. Adrian Quick;
11. John Quinn.

Average speed; 32.1kph.

'E' grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Martin Robertson; 2. Graham Thornton;
3. Bill Stibbs; 4. Jon Nelson;
5. Bob Stephens; 6. Mike Young;
7. Avril Gilchrist; ; 8. Pantelis Karagoglou;
9. Pat Briggs; 10. Helen Peniston;
11. Natalie Quick;
12. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
13. Denis Robinson.

Average Speed: 29.8kph.

23 February – Road Races – Herne Hill

The first road event of the year saw a field of 127 riders - an excellent number that was without doubt swollen by those eager to attend the post-race Annual General Meeting at the Herne Hill Primary School! Conditions were good, though there was a crosswind bearing down on Camperic Road that saw riders drift to the left of the highway. This probably led to the only fall of the day which occurred on the final lap of 'B' grade's race, which led to a touch of wheels that brought down Keith Winch, Chelsea Tam. Amanda Nabi and Josh Weidmann. Fortunately, there was nothing serious, and all were successfully treated by Alison Atherton for scrapes, cuts and scratches.

'A' grade got off to a flying start as Ricky Andrews, and Brian Sing took flight to pass the line at the end of the first lap 16 seconds to the good over 4 chasers and just over half-a-minute over the peleton. On the 2nd lap the front pair were joined by John Sonego, Tom Ford, Luke Johns, but at this

stage the bunch. was within striking distance. Joined soon after by Raphael Amouroux, the 3rd lap proved decisive for the leaders, who crossed the line with an advantage of 53 seconds. This was extended by another 15 seconds to 1min 8secs with 2 laps to go, but reduced by 10seconds at the bell. By that time it was too late for the chasers to close the gap and the leaders crossed the finish line 27 seconds ahead of a chasing bunch of 27 riders that was led in by Stephen Hall, Bernie Swart and Daniel Smith. Previous to this Raphael Amouroux blasted toward the line to win the event a couple of metres ahead of Tim Bates, Tom Ford, Ian Gregory and Ricky Andrews.

'B' grade with 40 riders had the largest field of the day but unlike 'A' grade the bunch largely stayed together with the only note on the report sheet showing Matthew Pollard as being the sole rider to gap the field when holding a 12 seconds lead with 2 laps to go. On the final lap a few small splits occurred and at the finish five riders were able to contest the sprint, with the win being taken by Mike Andrew ahead of Matthew Sevier, James MacWatt, Matt Pollard and Nathan Schmiedte. Gavin Wark was 6 seconds behind in sixth place accompanied by another closely placed 5 compatriots.

Most of 'C' grade's 23 riders appeared to have a fast but steady ride there being no observable breakaways, though a few filtered off the back, This left the verdict to the sprinters who surged to the front as they came down the finishing straight. Honours went to Robert Collings who finished a length or so in front of Paul McMurtrie and Peter Wilshaw, with Peter Dimond, David Varcoe and Steve Ryan in his shadow.

'D' grade witnessed a number of attacks, with Kevin Taylor looking dangerous with two laps to go with an advantage of 10 seconds over Sam Bolton who was well clear of the Peleton. Kevin was still at the front at the bell, but this time accompanied by Michael Morton. Working well together they extended their lead over the final lap, with Michael finishing 1min 39secs ahead of the bunch, while Kevin

finished 2 seconds behind him. John Shattock was third when leading in Robert Pietersen, Chris Howard, Sam Bolton and four other riders.

'E' grade's 11 competitors averaged a respectable 31.6kph on their four-lap foray. It remained calm for the early laps but at the halfway mark things began to break up, with a few going out of the back and Bob Stephens and Graham Thornton taking a lead. On the final lap Bob and Graham increased their lead to finish 1min 13 secs ahead of third placed rider Jon Nelson. Pat Briggs, Pantelis Karagoglou and Andrea Hind finished when recording the same time.

'A' grade – 57k - 6 laps

1. Raphael Amouroux; 2. Tim Bates;
3. Tom Ford; 4. Ian Gregory;
5. Ricky Andrews; 6. Stephen Hall;
7. Bernie Swart; 8 Daniel Smith;
9. Scott Meuleman; 10. Calvin Sim;
11. Quaid Smith; 12. Craig Huxtable;
13. Brett Schnitzerling; 14. Sam Smith;
15. Stuart Robertson; 16. Mark Hamill;
17. Mitchell Fitzgerald; 18. Brian Sing;
19. Cian Brennan; 20. Jon Gregg;
21. Jason Walsh; 22. Chris Roberts;
23. Chris Glasby; 24. Taylor Wikcock;
25. John Sonago; 26. Travis Meyer;
- 27 Daniel Hughes-d' Aeth;
28. Lennon McIntock; 29. Luke Johns;
30. Martin Hurley; 31. Martin Depazzi;
32. Andrew Turnbull; 33. Doug Stewart;
34. Eddie Hollands; 35. Matheos Venetis;
36. Colin Rose; 37. Lewis Blackie.

Average Speed 43.1kph;

Average per lap 13m 00s

'B' grade – 57k - 6 laps

1. Mike Andrew; 2. Matthew Sevier;
3. James MacWatt; 4. Matthew Pollard;
5. Nathan Shmiedle; 6. Gavin Wark;
7. Stuart Hobson; 8. John Liso;
9. Ian Lyne; 10. Jason Cawthorne;
11. Kelana Saleh; 12. Cameron Keevers;
13. Desmond Smith; 14. Phil Deisel;
15. Steve Marks; 16. Charles Campbell;
17. Philip Lucas; 18. Rohin Edwards;
19. Nathan Brown; 20. Paul Prottey;
21. Patrick Quinlan; 22. Theodore Carr;
23. Steven Knight; 24. Graham Holden;
25. Matthew Swan; 26. Scott Ayles;

27. Kee Men Ang; 28. Chelsea Tam;
29. Darren Kinsella; 30. Michael Whittaker;
31. Nathalie Laurendeau; 32. Tony Smith;
33. Alan Nichols; 34. Magnus Rudisele.
Average Speed 40.90kph.
Average per lap 14m 00s

'C' Grade 46km – 5 laps.

1. Robert Collings; 2. Paul McMurtrie;
3. Peter Wilshaw; 4. Peter Dimond;
5. David Varcoe; 6. Steve Ryan;
7. Daniel Harvey; 8. Scott Petrricevich;
9. Matthew Rice; 10. Neil Vroomans;
11. Richard Barville; 12. Paul Patterson;
13. Liam Turner; 14. Fermin Blanco Mayo;
15. Simon Vandenberg; 16. Duncan Rogers;
17. John Spicer; 18. Chris Peniston;
19. Damien Greig.

Average speed 37.6kph.

Average per lap 15m 12secs

'D' grade – 46km – 5 laps.

1, Michael Morton; 2. Kevin Taylor;
3. John Shattock; 4. Robert Pietersen;
5. Chris Howard; 6. Adrian Quick;
7. Sam Bolton; 8. Mark Tancell;
9. Kristan Hoops; 10. Mark Williamson;
11. Katrina McLennan; 12. Desmond
Thomas.

Average speed 35.5kph.

Average per lap 16m 00secs.

'E' grade – 39km – 4 laps

1. Bob Stephens; 2. Graham Thornton;
3. Jon Nelson; 4. Pat Briggs;
5. Pantelis Karagoglou; 6. Andrea Hind;
7. Bill Stibbs; 8. David Walker;
9. Natalie Quick; 10. Leon Nieuwenhuizen.

Average speed 31.6kph.

Average per lap 18m 00secs.

1st March – Criteriums - Kewdale

A strong and blustery wind greeted the 103 riders who turned up at Kewdale for an entertaining day of racing, though the average speeds recorded in the result lists below, illustrate the strength of the riders in the various divisions.

As usual, 'E' grade was the first group to face the elements and with a good field of 14 riders there was no sitting around. Helen Peniston was an early aggressor when she broke away for the first two laps, when attaining a lead of 10 seconds. A pity that no-

one else joined her to up the pace, though when 2 laps later she again broke away, Bob Stephens and Pantelis Karagoglou did try to bridge the gap, but when the remainder of the peleton sensed the danger, the door closed once again. Thereafter the field kept together until the fight into the headwind at finish. This saw Jon Nelson just outspurt Pantelis Karagoglou with a last second kick, to be closely followed by Graham Thornton, Des Thomas, Bob Stephens, Pat Briggs and the rest of the field.

'D' grade's event followed a different pattern for there were no breaks that spelled danger to the peleton, rather, the picture was one of a few of the 15 riders being shed off the back of the bunch. At the 13-minute mark a few gaps began to appear in the ranks but a lap later the field was again riding as one. At the finish, John Quinn put in a strong sprint that led to his taking the victory by about five clear lengths over 2nd placed David Williams, while 3rd place went to trial rider Chris Wallis, though as ruled, this saw 4th placed Marshall Hughes ride off with the cash prize for 3rd place. John Shattock and Kristan Hoops rounded off the first six placings.

'B' grade saw too many attacks to be fully recorded, though the action commenced on lap one when Mike Andrew crossed the line with a small advantage. When chased down his place was taken by Doug Stewart on lap four with a lead of 8 seconds. On the following lap the familiar breakaway king, Ian Lyne, had replaced him with a similar small lead. The most serious challenge of the day occurred after 34 minutes of riding when Matt Pollard started a break that saw him joined by Ian Lyne, Mike Andrew, and Simon Ribach. A lap or two later the group was strengthened when Matt Tognini and Paul Prottey bridged the gap. However, the moves had been closely scrutinised by Steele Bishop and Doug Stewart who closed down the gap on the final lap. In a very close finish, Steele inched out Doug on the line while Gavin Wark finished in 3rd place, slightly ahead of Jeff Appleton. Mike Andrew and John Liso then led in a bunch of 17 riders in 6th and 7th places.

'C' grade's 20 riders enjoyed an action-filled day which commenced early in

the race when Fermin Blanco Mayo and Dianne McAuliffe sat 10 seconds off the front for three laps before they were absorbed by the peleton. At the 21-minute mark, Peter Dimond flew away to a small gap before being hauled in a lap later, an occasion that saw Brett Fowler move off the front for two laps. Brett had earlier signed on with 'B' grade only to be a non-starter because of a flat battery to drive his gears, but thanks to the kindness of the President and the Referee, he was allowed a start in 'C'. Over the final three laps Justin McGoldrick tried to open up a gap, but the peleton were too alert to allow him much air, and at the bell, he and Constant Van Wyk held a lead of only 4 seconds. When it came to the finish It was Peter Morris who crossed the line first, while Constant Van Wyk having held off the chase, finished 2-seconds behind. Neil Vroomsn was a close 3rd, Brett Fowler 4th, and Anthony West 5th. Dianne McAuliffe who had been prominent early in the race and was thereafter always close to the head of the peleton, finished a meritable 6th.

Brian Sing was the outstanding animator of the day, when he led 'A' grade's 23 hard-chasing riders for the first half of the race, holding for a time a lead of 50 seconds, and this when putting his head into the challenging home-straight wind. It was only at the 23-minutes mark that Brian came back to the bunch, though it was only after he realized that it was in his interests to do so. Eddie Hollands put his face into the wind with 7 laps to go before being overhauled by a group of six riders: Craig Huxtable, Luke Johns, Sam Smith, Ricky Andrews, Raphael Amouroux and man of the day Brian Sing. The group worked hard to stay away but towards the end of the race there were a few in the lead group who fell behind as the pace increased. With two laps to go the survivors held a lead of 20 seconds, with the only question being on who would take the sprint. This saw a ding-dong fight for the first three places, with the victory for the 2nd week running being taken by Raphael Amouroux who crossed a length ahead of Sam Smith with Brian Sing taking 3rd. Ricky Andrews was 16 seconds behind the leaders, with Luke Johns another 10 seconds behind and

Wayne Thomson and Eddie Hollands finishing another 2 seconds behind in 6th and 7th places respectively.

'A' grade – 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Raphael Amouroux; 2. Sam Smith;
 3. Brian Sing; 4. Ricky Andrews;
 5. Luke Johns; 6. Wayne Thomson;
 7. Eddie Hollands; 8. Jon Gregg;
 9. Ian Gregory; 10. Quaid Smith;
 11. Stuart Robertson; 12. Phillip Neild;
 13. Mark Hamill; 14. Daniel Hughes-d-Aeth;
 15. Paul Miller; 16. Andrew Simpson;
 17. Brendon Scott; 18. Bernie Swart;
 19. Craig Huxtable; 20. Andrew Ballam.
- Average Speed 43.7kph;*

'B' grade – 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Steele Bishop; 2. Doug Stewart;
 3. Gavin Wark; 4. Jeff Appleton;
 5. Mike Andrew; 6. John Liso;
 7. Anthony Rieck; 8. James MacWatt;
 9. Wade McCann; 10. Simon Ribarich;
 11. Scott Biffen; 12. Matthew Pollard;
 13. Omar de Pellegrin;
 14. Scott Petricevich;
 15. Lindsay Dickie; 16. Alex Robeson;
 17. Joshua Weidman; 18. Victor Foravanti;
 19. Liam Turner; 20. Ian Lyne;
 21. Craig White; 22. Desmond Smith;
 23. Scott Ayles; 24. Luke Austin;
 25. Paul Hoban; 26. Paul Prottey;
 27. Greg Bayley; 28. Martin Dolinschek;
 29. Patrick Woods; 30. Ben McRobb;
 31. Matt Tognini; 32. Chris Peniston.
- Average Speed 42.0kph.*

'C' grade – 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Peter Morris; 2. Constant Van Wyk;
 3. Neil Vroomans; 4. Brett Fowler;
 5. Anthony West; 6. Dianne McAuliff;
 7. David Varcoe; 8. Chris Howard;
 9. Damien Greg; 10. Greg Smith;
 11. Richard Barville; 12. Daniel Harvey;
 13. Peter Dimond; 14. Jarrad Finnigan;
 15. Fermin Blanco Mayo; 16. Sam Bolton;
 17. Simon Hall; 18. Justin McGoldrick;
 19. Eddy Pope; 20. Brett Clapham.
- Average speed 38.3kph.*

'D' grade – 30mins plus 2 laps.

- 1, John Quinn; 2. David Williams;
3. Chris Wallace; 4. Marshall Hughes;
5. John Shattock; 6. Kristan Hoops;

7. Robert Pietersen; 8. Carl Anderson;
9. Lawrence Fahey; 10. Anthony Clews;
11. John Mitchell; 12. Mark Tancell;
13. Martin Robertson.

Average speed 35.2kph.

'E' grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Jon Nelson; 2. Pantelis Karagoglou;
3. Graham Thornton; 4. Desmond Thomas;
5. Bob Stephens; 6. Pat Briggs;
7. Bill Stibbs; 8. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
9. Mike Young; 10. Andrea Hind;
11. Avril Gilchrist; 12. Helen Peniston;
13. Denis Robinson.

Average speed 31.1kph.

8th March – Criteriums - Rockingham

We were well down in numbers today with 68 riders starting on what proved to be an almost perfect morning on the Smeaton Way circuit. There's little doubt that the numbers were adversely affected by competition from the Subiaco races, scheduled for the afternoon. While numbers were down, the quality of racing remained high and there were some very close fights for placings.

The ten riders in 'A' grade performed well in a race that ended with 7 riders crossing the finish line within 0.3 seconds of each other. However, earlier in the race the breakaway of Daniel Hughes-d'Aeth and Joseph Laurendi was what attracted attention, as it took 14 laps for the bunch to catch them, although they were never allowed to move more than 15 seconds from the chasers. When brought back there were further attacks, and especially notable were the 2 laps that Chris Beek and Daniel Hughes-d'Aeth participated in during the late stages of the race. At the bell, all were together, though it was at this crucial moment that Paul Dobson attacked hard to open up a gap. Paul was still out front as he came around the final bend, and it looked as if his gamble had paid off. However, he was caught with about ten metres to go, and passed by four riders. First place by cms went to Joseph Laurendi who had featured off the front for much of the race. Craig Huxtable scored his first podium finish since joining 'A' grade when coming in 2nd place, while Jon Gregg was a very close 3rd just ahead of Daniel Hughes-d'Aeth.

'B' grade's 13 riders exhibited an entirely different pattern, as a break took off on lap one. This involved four riders, Ian Lyne, Chris Race, Brad Smith and Magnus Rudisele, who were joined after a hard chase on the 4th lap by Gavin Wark. At the 20minute mark the lead was up to 33 seconds, though Gavin found his earlier chase had taken a good deal out of his legs, leaving the remainder of the race to Ian Lyne, Chris Race and Magnus Rudisele. After logging up a lead of over 1 minute, the writing was on the wall as the three worked hard together to build an unassailable lead of almost 1min 40secs. The finishing sprint proved a close contest with the verdict going to Magnus over 2nd placed Chris Race, with Ian Lyne finishing half a wheel alongside. Mike Andrew led in the chasers at 1min 26seconds, just ahead of Wade McCann, and Gavin Wark.

Brett Clapham and Peter Morris put the cat among the pigeons in 'C' grade when they opened up a gap of about 40 metres on lap one, a lead that they held over their 18 compatriots until 15 minutes had gone by. From that time on the group stayed close together, but at the ringing of the bell, Justin McGoldrick attempted to shake up the field with a solo attack. However, on the 3rd corner there was mayhem, as one rider shipped his chain, causing riders to try to get out of the way. Unfortunately, the oldest rider in the race, 79 year-old Richard Barville came down hard and rode in with 5 other riders, over 3 mins down on the winner, Richard ended up with cuts and bruises, a torn jersey, and concussion, and as precaution was carted off to hospital by ambulance. In the fight for the finish, Robert Collings triumphed over Peter Morris and Tim James, while Fermin Blanco Mayo, Damien Greig and Steve Ryan placed 4th, 5th and 6th respectively

'D' grade's dozen riders also saw some valiant attacks, with Clinton Hort taking a lead of 40metres after 15 minutes of riding. On the following lap Adrian Quick took his place off the front of the bunch, while Robert Wainwright and Nick Cowie took up the challenge with 3 laps to go. Although that gap was reduced, it wasn't entirely eliminated, and in a three-up sprint it

was Robert Wainwright who triumphed over Clint and Lawrence Fahey by about three lengths. John Quinn, Kevin Dolman, and trial rider Craig Wilson in 6th were next over the line.

'E' grade had strong field of 13 riders, which was one more than 'D' grade. While the pace at 32.8kph was respectable, there were no observed breakaways and at the finish all were given the same time, though Denis Robinson did his usual time trial to finish in 13th place. There was a fast and furious finish in which Graham Thornton just beat Pantelis Karagoglou across the line, though Graham almost lost his placing when he eased off when almost on the line – another metre or so and Pantelis would have finished as the victor rather than in 2nd place. Jon Nelson was a close third, followed by Pat Briggs, Bob Stephens and Edward Rose.

'A' grade – 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Joseph Laurendi; 2. Craig Huxtable;
3. Jon Gregg; 4. Daniel Hughes-d'Aeth;
5. Paul Dobson; 6. Philip Neild;
7. Tim Bates; 8. Doug Stewart;
9. Chris Beeck.

Average Speed 43.6kph;

'B' grade – 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Magnus Rudisele; 2. Chris Race;
3. Ian Lyne; 4. Mike Andrew;
5. Wade McCann; 6. Gavin Wark;
7. Darrin Dunstan; 8. John Liso;
9. Brad Smith; 10. Vitor Fioravanti;
11. Josh Weidman.

Average Speed 42.6kph.

'C' grade – 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Robert Collings; 2. Peter Morris;
3. Tim James; 4. Fermin Blanco Mayo;
5. Damien Greig; 6. Steve Ryan;
7. Jarred Finnigan; 8. Simon Vandenberg;
9. Merv Byfield; 10. Kristian Vanderwik;
11. David Williams; 12. Brett Clapham;
13. Simon Hall; 14. Daniel Svensson;
15. Kerri Fennell; 16. Chris Howard;
17. Richard Barville 18. Paul McMurtrie;
19. Justin McGoldrick; 20 Neil Vroomans.

Average speed 39.3kph.

'D' grade – 30mins plus 2 laps.

1. Robert Wainwright; 2. Clinton Hort;
3. Lawrence Fahey; 4. John Quinn;

5. Kevin Dolman; 6. Craig Wilson;
 7. Adrian Quick; 8. Tony Clews;
 9. John Mitchell; 10. Kristan Hoops;
 11. Nick Cowie; 12. Marshall Hughes.
- Average speed 37.3kph.*

'E' grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Graham Thornton; 2. Pantelis Karagoglou;
3. Jon Nelson; 4. Pat Briggs;
5. Bob Stephens; 6. Edward Rose;
7. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 8. Avril Gilchrist;
9. Craig McDonald; 10. Kevin Hart;
11. Graeme Benthien; 12. Natalie Quick;
13. Denis Robinson.

Average speed 32.8kph.

15 March - Age Division Criterium Championships, Wangara.

With opposition from other events, despite the Council having negotiated dates last October, so as to avoid clashes, our total number of competitors was down to 64. The conditions were pleasant with a slight wind at the top of the circuit and rides avoided a heavy shower that occurred just before the start of proceedings. As is the custom, no account will be made of the individual events, as each medal winner have an equal claim to glory whether in the younger or older age groups. There were some memorable performances but also one situation where only two medals were presented in the 45-49 year division. This came about because in the closing stages of their race, the two escapees crossed the line for the bell with a group in tow who had just been lapped. On the next lap the chasers were given two to go with the new large number sign waved in their faces and shouts to confirm this from the side. Despite this, more than half the bunch decided to sprint for the line, turned around at the roundabout, and rode back to the finish to record DNFs. Thus, only two medals were presented.

Results

80–84 year division – 25 minutes + 2laps

Gold – Graham Thornton

Silver – Denis Robinson

75–84 year division – 25 minutes + 2 laps

Gold – Richard Barville

Silver – Bob Stephens

Bronze – Graeme Benthien
70-74 year division – 25 minutes + 2 laps
 Gold – Michael Morton
 Silver – John Shattock
 Bronze – Graham Blyth
65-69 year division – 25 minutes + 2 laps
 Gold – Steele Bishop
 Silver – Pat Briggs
 Bronze – Mike Young
60-64 year division – 25 minutes + 2 laps
 Gold – Brett Clapham
 Silver – Alan Doak-Smith
 Bronze – Greg Smith
55-59 year division – 30 minutes + 2 laps
 Gold – Ian Lyne
 Silver – Steven Knight
 Bronze – Philip Johnson
44-49 year division – 35 minutes + 2 laps
 Gold – Jon Gregg
 Silver – Lee Smith
 Bronze – Philip Johnson
50 -54 year division – 30 minutes + 2 laps
 Gold – Mark Hamill
 Silver – Andrew Brierley
 Bronze – Gavin Wark
44-49 year division – 35 minutes + 2 laps
 Gold – Jon Gregg
 Silver – Lee Smith
40-44 year division – 35 minutes + 2 laps
 Gold – Tom Ford
 Silver James MacWatt
 Bronze – Scott Meuleman
35-39 year division – 35 minutes + 2 laps
 Gold – Mitchell Fitzgerald
 Silver – Daniel Smith
 Bronze -Cian Brennan
30-34 year division – 35 minutes + 2 laps
 Gold - Tim Bates
 Silver – Brett Schnitzerling
 Bronze – Stuart Robertson
Women –
50-54 year division – 25 minutes + 2 laps
 Gold – Kylie Thornton
 Silver – Marina Thorman
45 – 49 year division 25 minutes + 2 laps
 Gold – Helen Peniston.

Congratulations for all medal winners, and thanks to **Fils** for their generous donation of vouchers.

Summer Season Points Score

Only four races now to the conclusion of the Summer Series Points Score. There is still the chance of breaking into the top 10 of the individual awards where you can be the recipient of cash prizes. Gavin Wark moved slightly ahead of the field following the Age Division Championships and now has 115 points, some 16 points ahead of Mike Andrew on 99, while Jon Gregg in 3rd place has 94 points.

In the Teams' series, the Black Knights Masters Cycling Team with 316 points have a twenty-twopoint lead over the Northern Beaches Cycling Club, followed by Zenith Presto Racing on 266 points. Giant Ocean Keys is next with 247 points, while Velofit Racing with 243 points is 5th, one place ahead of Team Brookes with 209 points. Also beating the 200 points mark is the Gary Suckling Team on 201 points.

For full results see the Points Scores under the race results on our webpage.

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