



Dec 13th 2013

Duty Roster

This Week on 14th December – Dunlop Road:- Richard Dobson, John Thomas, Matt White, Peter Shanahan, Phil Coldwell, Michael Cosgrave, Dale Maziels, Tim Crowe, Geoff Cranstone, Shane Crowhurst, Geoff Darroch, Shane Dawson, Mathew Pringle.

Next Week on 21st December – Metec:- Richard Dobson, Graham Cadd, Damiano Ambrosini, Dave Depedro.

Note: Members rostered for marshal or traffic control duties must be at the circuit at least one hour before the scheduled start time to assist with the setting up of the course. (But bring your bike, you just never know). If a marshal fails to turn up for duty, a rider will be balloted to do that duty. If you cannot turn up for duty, you must find a replacement and please advise Andrew Buchanan at tiptop2@optusnet.com.au

Casey Fields 7/12/13; Race reports:-

A Grade (Nigel Kimber)

Eight was the number of starters on the line, four resplendent in the black, white, red and blue of the BikeGearNow/VeloEx kit, three in the yellow and blue of OMara cycles and a lone Clem Fries. It wasn't a teams' race but you could be pretty sure no jersey would be chasing down one of their own.

As is becoming the norm, no sooner had the bunch cleared the e-grade bunch waiting on the line to start than the pressure was on – this time it was Frank Nyhuis (in BikeGearNow kit) who upped the ante and jumped clear. With an hour and a bit to go there was no way he was going to

stay away -there may not have been a lot of wind but there was more than enough to tire a single pair of legs.

Nevertheless it wouldn't do to give the man too much rope and having a rabbit to set the pace didn't seem like a bad idea. The bad idea was to be the one who held the leash, but that's just the sort of guy I am.

Realising nobody was going to join him and nobody was going to over-exert themselves to drag him back Frank relaxed and returned to the fold. Relaxed but not relented Frank made another effort a lap later, but that met with the



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same result. A few laps then another effort, this attracted a different response and there were two away – Frank and Jean-Philippe Leclercq (OMara cycles). But BikeGearNow figured there were advantages to be had in numbers, Rob Amos trying to weight the break in their favour, but this was too much and the bridge was quickly crossed and the break quashed.

For the first part of the race it was BikeGearNow who were the aggressors, Frank, Lawrence Lee and Steve Ross initiating the moves, Jean Philippe and myself the respondents whilst Rob, Clem and Justin Davis looked on and followed wheels. Frank's final effort, around half race distance, was his last one, the quickly garnered twenty metre gap was quickly bridged by JP and everybody was either happy to let them go or too stuffed to respond. Two away, six seemingly content to race for third, unless it all came back together.

Frank and Jean-Philippe worked together to consolidate their race whilst the remainder bided their time till it was time. After ten minutes of marking time OMara went from responder to initiator, well, Justin did, Justin making numerous efforts to break the shackles but quick responses by Clem and the three remaining BikeGearNow riders meant all efforts were shut down before they started.

The surging seeing the leaders lead cut and myself struggling to stay in touch, having to dig deep to close the twenty or so metres that opened up every attack. As the clock wound down it was obvious nobody was going to allow Justin an inch and the pace backed off a tad allowing Frank and Jean-Philippe some space.

Another attack on the penultimate lap and it was four racing for the bell, three BikeGearNow/VeloEx riders and Clem, Justin having disappeared at some point and myself twenty metres back and wondering why I was doing this. The sound of the bell broke my reverie and had the other four looking at each other to see who was going to lead out the last lap, looking further around they saw me and sat up – that's just the kind of guy I am.

Up front JP started his sprint very early and held off Frank to take the win. Whilst back in the chase Lawrence Lee was content to let me wind it up along the back straight before coming round going into the last corner and holding off Clem and his team mates to take third.

50k in 1:15 – avg. 39.5kph

D Grade (Colin Mortley)

A gentle westerly breeze greeted a reasonably large field for "D" grade riders at Casey Fields. The neutral lap was very easy paced as I was still recalling the comments from the previous week from Jim Swainston, of how he liked sitting on my wheel with a solid tempo ride and then come over the top for an easy sprint finish. Plans were hatched and 200M after the start line Peter Mackie attacked with Rob Devolle on his wheel and then myself. It was just a stirring move to try an upset the sprinters. More attacks occurred in quick succession by Peter (again), Rob, Nick and myself but the field came back together again. John Neil then came to the front for just over a lap and for some reason I thought it was a good idea to attack going up the slight hill into a headwind. As I rounded the right hand bend and looked back I could not see anyone chasing me and wondered if it was such a bright move after all with approximately 40 minutes still to race. Obviously, all the early attacks had achieved the desired effect of temporarily tiring the rest of the field. Going further around the bend I caught a glimpse Of Sam Bruzzese sitting on my wheel. He looked to be doing it easily and so between the two of us I thought that we might just be able to pull it off, even with a much larger experienced chasing bunch. Sam came around and from then on we just rolled turns.

Three or four times we caught up to "C" grade. We called out and they gave us plenty of room so that we could pass safely. They then had a rush of blood, picked up there speed and easily passed us. On one such occasion we passed them just before the finish straight (42.8km/hr), they were on the left hand side and Sam yelled out to keep hard right as "A" grade came charging



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thru the centre. All riders respectful of others and giving everyone plenty of room.

By this time our lead had increased to approximately 1/2 a lap. Although the lead riders of the chasing bunch changed our lead was slowly increasing, either we were going faster or they were losing interest. The bell finally came and I did not protest when Sam took the lead for the final lap. On the last turn before the rise to the Finish I slowly increased my speed and pushed for the line for first and with no idea as to just how close Sam was behind me. Well done Sam for a very gutsy effort (2nd) and to Peter Mackie (3rd) who I believe kept the boys entertained with his antics.

Thank you to all the marshals, volunteers and helpers on the day who made it possible for us all to race.

And thank you to Wes at SoulRider. Please support all our EVCC sponsors.

D Grade (Jim Swainston)

A good complement of D graders set off in lovely conditions at the well irrigated fields of Casey. Fair dinkum, by the look of the puddles they must get heaps of rain. Our neutral lap was scarcely

over when Peter launched a series of stinging attacks which brought on considerable heavy breathing. Colin Mortley wisely chose to attack over Peter's attacks and we didn't see him again until the presentations! Sam Bruzzese scampered after Colin and linked up for a productive ride.

Meanwhile back in the bunch I think we had a fair inkling that we might be riding for third however the gap widened

slowly at first, then it was a bit like the little boy with his finger in the dyke! The usual villains chased honestly, Geoff

Cranstone, David Coull and Nick Hainal and John Neil to name a few. It was interesting to note that the placegetters from last week all went off the back. Maybe it was payback by the strong men.

Colin Mortley stamped his authority on things with a clear win over Sam in the sprint home climaxing an excellent ride by these two. Peter Mackie comfortably won the sprint for third form Geoff. A solid trial ride was put in by Ross, although dropped he rode it out gamely.

Results Casey Fields Criterium 7th Dec 2013

Grade	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
A Grade (8)	JP Leclercq	F Nyhuis	L Lee		
B Grade (15)	D Hyde	M Herzog	R Tinkler		
C Grade (20)	P Ransome	T Curulli	B McCann	C White	D McCormack
D Grade (15)	C Mortley	S Bruzzese	P Mackie	G Cranstone	
E Grade (8)	R Watts	A Sandford	G Miller		
F Grade (9)	P Niclasen	C Wright	J Smith		

Results for 'The Loop' December 11th 2013

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
First	A Giramondo (N)	L Medhurst (N)	P James	B Rodgers
Second	I Clark (N)	A Spiteri-James	M Collins (N)	F Lees
Third	R Cardosi	T Curulli	P Griffiths (N)	M Powell (N)



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The Croydon CycleWorks summer series criterium racing continues to be as popular as ever. Below is the current accumulated points for the series so far and there are a few familiar names rising to the top. Plenty of riders still in contention though and still lots of points to ride for.

Tuesday Aggregate 11th Dec 2013

	Marshall		Grade	Pts
1	Black	Wes	D	38
2	Aarons	Phillip	C	36
3	Edwards	Mark	B	34
4	Howard	Peter	A	34
5	Pyne	David	C	34
6	Nyhuis	Frank	A	32
7	Kirsch	Stefan	A	30
8	Lethbridge	Charles	D	30
9	Abel	Richard	B	28
10	Tinkler	Ross	B	28
11	Clark	Roy	A	26
12	Hyde	David	B	26
13	Smith	Ian	B	26
14	McKeown	Dean	D	24
15	Thomas	John	B	24
16	Thomson	John	C	24
17	Dewar	Nathan	D	22
18	Gray	Peter	D	22
19	Gullace	Anthony	B	22
20	Hulbert	Daniel	B	22
21	Mapstone	Andrew	A	22
22	Ransome	Peter	C	22
23	Amos	Rob	A	20
24	Herzog	Marcus	B	20
25	Niclasen	Dean	C	20



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Future events:-

Eastern Vets Program: www.easternvets.com/

	Date	Time	Location	Melway Ref	Event
December					
Sat	14	1:30pm	Dunlop Road	70 K10	Graded Scratch Races
Sat	21	2:00pm	METEC	51 D8	Christmas Handicap & BBQ
Sat	28	2:00pm	METEC	51 D8	Graded Scratch Races

Note: Graded Scratch Race entries are accepted on the day up to 15 minutes before the advertised race start time. Handicap entries close the Tuesday before the race. Riders entering a handicap **MUST** pay the entry fee regardless of participation. Fees are due on race day; entrants will **NOT** be allowed to start in any EVCC race until fees have been paid. No late entries will be accepted for either scratch races or handicaps. Entries to handicaps can be submitted via e-mail to the handicapper or on any race day prior to the event.

Northern Vets Program: <http://www.northerncycling.com/>

December				
15-12-2013	Merle Jamieson Memorial (Super Series - RACE 10)	48km	Lancefield	10.00am
22-12-2013	Graded Scratch	1hr+Bell	National Boulevard	

Thanks to the officials

Last Week : Casey Fields 30/11/13.

Peter Mackie and Ron Stranks for taking entries Steve Barnard, Nigel Kimber, Alan Chiong and Darren Eagle for marshalling. Also thanks to Andrew Buchanan for managing the duty roster, JC Wilson for bringing the trailer and Dean Niclasen for bringing the drink refreshments. Special thanks to those that replaced rostered officials or helped out at short notice and of course thanks to all the riders for making the day.

Thank you to all the contributors for this week's newsletter.

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