



HAWK TALK

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HAWKS 12TH IN EUROS

The Hawks had a great weekend up at Leicester for the European Club Championships. Tracking the youngest team in the competition they set an example of 100% effort, team squad attitude and sportsmanship that was sadly lacking from many of the other British teams. The Poles are something else – dedicated, fit, unbelievable bike control at speed and a professional attitude. No wonder they wiped the board at 1-2-3 in the Final that was a great event. We had Dave Martin in the team from our opener on Friday and he got double figures while Dan Chambers pulled off a couple of passes and we were always in the thick of the action although there were several slips on the final corner. Some great racing in the final few heats put us above East Newport into 4th place.

**Leicester 72 Bydgoszcz 71
Birmingham 56 Hethersett 41 East
Newport 37 Southampton ns**

(D.Martin 11 D.Adams 8 B.Collins 8
Dan Chambers 8 P.Adams 6)

Our fourth place put us in on Saturday at 12 noon that was very convenient but this time we were without Dave Martin so Dave Chambers came in at sub. This was a much tougher match but again we did well and were getting many compliments for our efforts from the great and good in the sport. Having spotted that Leszno looked amazing we decided a side prize for any Hawk to beat a Leszno rider and Dan Chambers did this in heat 21 to a great cheer from

the pits. Ben Collins was legged off in his second ride and banged his hand on the concrete. He went out in his next ride but the thumb swelled up and stiffened so he could take no more part over the weekend. So first-year vet Dave Chambers had a couple of rides and learned quickly just how fast this racing is. Dave Adams was causing quite a stir with his competitive style and the team rode sensibly to keep Edinburgh in last place.

**Leszno 70 Horspath 57
Gt.Blakenham 54 Birmingham 51
Hethersett 35 Edinburgh 25**

(D.Adams 9 Dan Chambers 9 P.Adams 8
B.Collins 6 Dave Chambers 3)

Our two matches gained us 5 points, which was good for joint 12th – a terrific achievement. Scores –

**Leicester 12 Leszno 12 Bydgoszcz 11
Czestochowa 11 Torun 10
Gt.Blakenham 9 Wednesfield 8
Norwich 8 Birmingham 7 Horspath
7 Ostrow 6 Hethersett 5 East
Newport 5 Gniezno 5 Sheffield 4
Edinburgh 2.**

So we then had a repackage match as a final attempt to get into the Semi-Finals. Quite an East Anglian feel with Gt.Blakenham and Norwich in the match and we had Dave Chambers in the team and me as a sub! This match was highly competitive and we were in the thick of it – Dave and Phil Adams were gating well so mixing it with customary bravery and forcing exclusions from experienced riders. Davis=d was put out himself when he fell when well-placed but we kept our

heads up and I had my first taste of Euro action in heat 22. At last we got a heat winner to one of the biggest cheers of the day when David Adams went round Josh Brooke and passed a Pole on the line. Not to be outdone Phil sped from gate one in the final race to lead all the way – well deserved for his efforts. And Dave Chambers almost pipped Edinburgh's sole rider – the rest had gone home! – on the line.

**Gt.Blakenham 61 Gneizno 59
Birmingham 55 Norwich 53
Hethersett 35 Edinburgh 10.**

(D.Adams 10 Dan Chambers 10
P.Adams 9 Dave Chambers 5
M.Perkins 1)

So we gave a good account of ourselves before settling down on Sunday to watch the final stages and what a terrific final so fast an furious and came down to a run-off in the end with the World Champion trying his hardest to pass his Polish opponent – great struff.

**Torun 43 Leszno 43 Bydgoszcz 42
Wednesfield 30**

32 AT GP

The Norfolk GP series opened at Hethersett on Wednesday and 32 riders turned up to provide two hours chaotic racing. 18 came from Hethersett including debuts for Robert Gamble and Nyal Dodds both of whom impressed but it was Axl Johson who was the surprise package finishing 3rd in the Novice event. Phil Adams was leading the U16s final but fell off so was excluded in the run-off but Dan Chambers (2nd) and Ben Collins (3rd) could not get past Liam Parker. David Adams reached the Senior Final and finished 3rd.

DANNY WINS R.O.N.

Danny Woods won Rider of the Night at Club Night He scored 12, the same as Dan Chambers and David Adams. There were 16 riders present last week.

NORFOLK U16s

The first Norfolk Championship takes place at Harford Park this Wednesday (7.00). It is the U16 so all U16, U13 and U10 cans enter this. A £2 entry fee will get you into all other Norfolk Championships. and remember ther are place sin the East Anglian Final for the top 8 qualifiers. If you need transport be at Playing Field at 6.30.

SUPPORT ON SATURDAY

The Hawks are defending the British Club U16 Championship they won at Leicester last April this coming Saturday and it is right on our doorstep at Eaton Park. So come and support your team – our Semi-Final is at 12 noon with the Final at 4.00.

GT BLAKENHAM HERE

We play hosts to Great Blakenham this Sunday at the Memorial Playing Field in what could be our toughest challenge yet. The Division 1 match starts at 2.00 and the Division 2 match at 3.30. The teams will be selected and advised by Friday – let me know if you are unavailable.