



HAWK TALK

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RAIN RUINS GP

No question of Harford Park being dry and dusty for the latest Norfolk Grand Prix round. 22 riders were there but shortly after a delayed start the heavens opened and just five races were held before the decision was made to abandon the match. The bends were very flooded so even when it stopped raining the racing would have been impossible. Fortunately we have a blank Wednesday on the fixture list this week so it is all back at Harford for 7 p.m. and try again. It is a completely fresh start so riders who could not make last week can come and take part. Be there for 6.45 and if you need me to take you or bikes let me know on Tuesday.

50% GRAND PRIX

The fourth Grand Prix of the South-East series was held at East London on Sunday but the attendance was well down – 50% of the numbers at the previous three. I was the only Hawk to travel and take part in the most popular age group – the Vets! I scored 7 points that included a third place over Gary Brown, who hit the fence after a battle with Jordy Stant (U16/U19/Seniorf/Vets raced altogether!) and another when Steve Myhill fell after the first corner and was excluded from the rerun. So it was Vets B Final for me and Grid 4 so a third place for my troubles.

LUCKY 13 FOR ME

Rain around 6 p.m. looked to threaten the Club Night and some who travel in thought it would be cancelled but it eased just in time to leave a perfect track for racing and 11 took part. Rider of the Night felt strange with me starting on scratch but it paid off as I notched 13 points to finish one point of Scott and Carly Grimes.

GREAT SPORT IN PARK

The London 2012 Open weekend held in the village was a great success with all events (except the joint Church service in the High School Sports Hall) very well attended. Our contribution was part of the Sport in the Park with lots of other sporting and related activities. A well-run event attracted estimated crowds of 800 and we had up to 80 people try cycle-speedway including a fair number of girls and a live running commentary on a bike with Radio Norfolk's Edd Smith at half-time in the Norwich v Newcastle match. John Nelson and David Adams both did interviews and came over well so fantastic publicity for the Club. Thanks are also due to Calvin Grimes, Oliver Buxton, Roger Caret and Kane Matthews for their work on the day. Next year should be bigger!!! A shame Tuesday's rain may have deterred any newcomers trying club night.

BRITISH EVENT NEWS

Ipswich won the U13 Club Championship just pipping Poole at Kesgrave in the final with the home team third and Leicester fourth. The final Club Championships (Open and Women) are at Poole this Saturday but again we were just short of a couple of riders to take part. Next year we hope to get nearer our target to enter all seven of these events.

Next closing date to bear in mind is the British Over-40 Vets event at Gt.Blakenham on 11th September so entries close next week (11th).

Plans for the British Indoor Championships in Salford have now been announced for weekend 4th/5th December. Competitions being run are U13 U16 U19 Open and Vets plus Open and U19 Team events. Entries do not close until October but if you think you might go for the weekend then let Caroline know so she can book some provisional accommodation now. I have the info if anyone needs it. And don't worry you will miss our end-of-season party – it is a week later on Friday December 10th!!!

The draws have been released for the August Bank Holiday events in the North. On the Saturday at Hull Tiffany Collins and Carly Grimes have to tackle qualifiers to make the Women / U16 Girls Final and it is a busy day with two semis and a final in the U10s as well. On Sunday the action moves West with Scott Grimes (U16s) and Ben Collins (Open) racing Semi-Finals at Stockport while Dave Martin is doing likewise in the Open at Bury. Both Ben and Dave have qualifiers to make the semis too. Hopefully we will have representatives in the two Finals at Astley on the Monday.

IPSWICH ON SUNDAY

This Sunday it is back to League racing for the A and B teams in action at Ipswich starting at 2 p.m. With a few away we will be looking to blood a few newcomers in the B team if we can to give them a wider experience. Teams will be announced on Thursday.

FENCE ON ITS WAY?

After 44 years without one the Memorial Playing Field track may look different by next season as the Committee have agreed to look into erecting a safety fence. Very few tracks are fenceless now and we are stopped from staging major events because of it. Hopefully our plans to stage a major event next year and the obvious safety benefits will help us get grant aid towards it. Early stages yet but we are on the move.

CRB CHECKED

Most of the Officers of the Club have now satisfactorily gained Criminal Record Bureau checks so that we can prove we operate in safe environment for young and vulnerable adults. We also have a fully trained Welfare Officer and four qualified first-aiders. And we are just one step away from gaining Go-Ride Charter Mark status with Dave Martin needing to re-submit his folder to get the Level 2 British Cycling Coaching Award.