



HAWK TALK

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DIDN'T WE DO WELL!!

We have received nothing but praise for our efforts over the last weekend, both here at Hethersett and our contribution to the rest of the British Finals weekend. We can be very pleased with our efforts and very proud of our achievements in providing an excellent spectacle and slick and “professional” operation. It is all down to good planning, special teamwork and sheer hard work and time commitment. It is a team effort and everyone played a big part but I am sure our track staff deserve special praise in preparing and preserving a great racing surface for everyone to have the best chance of success, despite the weather. Many people said there would have been few tracks in the country that would have coped with that downpour we got after 11 heats of the U10 Final and yet we were up and running about 10 minutes after the rain stopped. Special thanks to Tim and Chris in this department and for staying in the shed for two nights to keep an eye on things – some commitment! It is impossible to thank everyone individually in such a team effort but I will pick out a couple of special acknowledgements to some “veterans”. Pat Cross was serving teas and coffees at the track over 30 years ago and she was back in the shed helping both days (mainly washing up for England) and made a cake which sold out quickly). Secondly John Nelson is only just recovering from an operation and not 100% but he was

there on the mike through all weathers – a truly marathon effort and not easy! During a break in proceedings Club captain Dave Martin made a special presentation to John on behalf of the Club to mark his 25 years service. Well done John!

SO HOW DID HAWKS DO?

The Hawks' had 13 riders taking part in the British Finals weekend but it was the most successful weekend for the Club. In the U10s Dan Martin looked good in a couple of rides and was only two short of qualifying for the final on 11 points. Tyler Matthews looked a bit overawed by the occasion scoring 8 points but he is only 8.

In the Ladies qualifiers Tiffany Collins got through at the first attempt but Carly Grimes, despite looking in good form, always seemed to have a good rider to beat and then when she had her best chance she spun on the gate one after a shower and never recovered. She ended up as first reserve for the final. Both Katie Adams and Jasmin Matthews found the older competition too much but both tried hard and had an odd moment of success before being eliminated. In the Final Tiffany was going well in her first ride in second place but she hit the kerb and fell off. Second places in her third and fourth rides restored her confidence but a disappointing last place at the end saw her finish on 10 points.

The U16s seemed to carry our best hopes with Scott Grimes but he took four attempts to make it through the

qualifiers to the Semi-Finals with Axl Johnson picking up the last Final place in a sudden-death race. In the Semi-Finals Scott had a couple of disappointing rides, especially his third race when he was leading before slipping off. He responded well with two heat wins that gave him 12 points and a race-off for the last place in Monday's final. Aiden Owen from Sheffield won the toss and Scott never really got on terms enough to challenge strongly. So he would be a reserve for the Final for the second year running. Axl did okay – nine points in that field was nothing to be ashamed of. Over at Harford Olly Buxton came close to making the final – a couple of points away with his score of 11 so a good experience gained at this top level. We had four riders in the Open and they were all drawn at Harford Park. Dave Martin and then Phil Adams - a great dive under ex-Hawk Leigh Cossey –got through the qualifiers but no such luck for Ben Collins and Calvin Grimes despite both riding well. When it got to the semi-final both Phil and Dave found it tough going and finished with 7 and 6 points respectively. So no-one to cheer in a Hawks short in Monday apart from Scott on the parade but there was our old friend Phil Howells now riding for Leicester who was in win a good shout of his third British title midway through the Final and he then won a really physical three-man and twice rerun race-off for third place on the podium. And at least our adopted son Jack "Flash" Chaplin was fantastic on Saturday winning the U10 title with a maximum. On Sunday Jack presented us with a photo and a card to say a big thankyou to all at Hethersett for helping him get the title. A nice touch and he has hinted to keep coming to the odd club night he loves it here!

NO LULL AFTER STORM

After that weekend we could all do with a quiet week!!! No chance – after Tuesday's Club Night it is Round 6 of the Norfolk Grand Prix on Wednesday at Eaton Park. All members can take part so let me know if you need bikes, kit or lifts. Special note that it is a 6.30 start at Eaton Park on Wednesday so be there for 6.15. On Thursday the first team are at Eaton Park again to race Norwich in a Division 1 match that was cancelled two weeks ago because of international duty. This starts at 6.45 and the team will be announced on Wednesday. Those riders that have qualified will have a chance to race at Ipswich or Blakenham on Saturday in the British Youth & Junior League Grand Prix and on Sunday first and second teams are at home to Blakenham 2 p.m

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The Club's Senior Club Championship, first raced for in 1966 although the trophy dates back to 1948, is being staged as part of Club Night next Tuesday (6th). Must book in by 6.40 so we can start at 6.45. Those eligible to compete are –

David Adams	Scott Grimes
Phil Adams	Tim Grimes
Emma Betts	Harley Hamill
Tom Brown	Axl Johnson
Olly Buxton	Charlie Larwood
Roger Carter	Dave Martin
Dave Chambers	Mel Perkins
Ben Collins	Ben Robinson
Tiff Collins	Katie Rubuthon
Andrew Grimes	James Skipper
Calvin Grimes	Paul Wiltshire
Carly Grimes	Richard Wiltshire

If you are not on that list then it will be normal club night for you all going on at the same time so come along as normal from 6.30.