



# HAWK TALK

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## **SECOND HALF RALLY**

The Hawks took on local rivals and League leaders Norwich at Harford Park in Division One and by half-time were 17 points down, their only heat win being when Jason Barker got lapped with a puncture. Highlight of the first half was Dave Martin's win in heat 9. As skipper Dave then had to rally the troops for the second half. We decided to opt to take inside grids in every race (allowed under the rules once 12 behind) and this helped to inspire the Hawks to battle for every point and put even the best riders under pressure. Phil Adams reeled off two wins over Dan Chambers while Scott Grimes and Olly Buxton showed plenty of pace and determination. The skipper was well pleased at the end as his side had only lost the second half by two points and the result was their best away performance of the season.

### **Norwich 98 Hethersett 79**

P.Adams 15+1    O.Buxton 13+1  
B.Collins 11+3    S.Grimes 13    D.Martin 11+1  
H.Hamill 7+1    A.Johnson 6  
R.Carter 3

This Sunday the Hawks entertain Ipswich at the Memorial Playing Field – Division 1 at 2 pm and the U16 team at 3.30. Teams selected by Thursday.

## **PHIL / BEN 5<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup>**

The British U19 Championship at Ipswich was very competitive despite only seven riders travelling in from outside East Anglia. Ben Collins struggled to get through the qualifiers

to join Phil Adams in the Final. The match was dominated by three riders who all went into heat 20 unbeaten and it was Mark Carmichael who retained his title. After the top four it was amazing that 12 points was enough to secure 5<sup>th</sup> place, the lowest I can ever remember. One of the two riders to finish 5<sup>th</sup> was Phil who looked good in a number of races but not able to keep the top riders behind him. Ben started slowly but mixing it up a bit towards the end paid dividends and he finished in joint 7<sup>th</sup> with 11 points.

## **CARLY & TIFF HELP WIN**

Carly Grimes and Tiff Collins scored 13 points each for the Eastern team in their 75-45 win over North & Scotland in the British Women's League at Ipswich. Tiff was struggling with a wrist injury sustained a Swindon last week and only scored 9 in the Grand Prix qualifiers – enough only for the B Final which she won. Carly rode well to score 11 and get in the A Final where she finished fourth.

## **DROWNED OUT**

Despite lots of rain leading up to last Tuesday, the track was okay to race on at 5.30. By the time 5.45 came round the heavens opened in a prolonged cloudburst and by 5.50 it was clear that it had put paid to the Club Night – very disappointing. A note for Club Night next week – it will be finishing a bit earlier to allow our people to get to Harford Park for the British Finals draw.

## **FOUR DEBUTS AT IPSWICH**

The Hawks finally got their South-East U10 and U14 League campaigns off the ground after missing the opening round at Kesgrave. This time at Ipswich we had a full team for the U14s and three riders for the U10s. This was due mainly to four riders making their debuts in team racing so lots of encouragement for the future. The strength in depth of Suffolk Clubs was evident as even with top riders missing they still dominated proceedings. Our three riders in the U10s all had one moment of glory defeating someone else. The U14s fared much better with Katie Adams having a couple of strong races and Luca Pinheiro holding on to beat an opponent well in his last ride. The experience will not be wasted. The next round is at Great Blakenham on Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup> but a word of caution – I will be away that weekend so other transport will be required.

**U10 – Kesgrave A 53 Ipswich 49  
Kesgrave B 39 Hethersett 15**

Tye Bunn 5 Troy Bunn 5 T.Matthews 5  
**U14 – Ipswich 64 Kesgrave 46  
Hethersett 32 Gt.Blakenham 6**

K.Adams 10 L.Pinheiro 8 J.Matthews  
7 J.Lane 7

## **SCORES COME & TRY**

The Hethersett Olympic weekend was a rip-roaring success throughout and none more so than Sport in the Park in which we featured along with 20 other sports. We had scores of youngsters and a few oldies have a go and at times there were queues waiting for bikes and helmets. Hopefully many will come back again which will be just reward, particularly for John Nelson who worked continually in the pits with support from Olly, Calvin, Axl and Janet. Well done also to Carly & Caroline who promoted the British

Finals by wearing promotional tabards in the “Run the Square”. They did the two-mile run in a very good 27 minutes; I was a bit quicker at 22 minutes while the long strides of Olly got him round in 17.

## **GRAND PRIX WEDNESDAY**

All members have a chance to race in the Norfolk Grand Prix round at Eaton Park on Wednesday – 7 pm start (be there for 6.45) Anyone needing bikes / lifts let me know. Remember the categories are U10, U13, U16, Open, and Ladies.

## **FENCE “BEST IN THE UK”**

A reception to celebrate the new fence construction was well attended at the Social Club. Those present heard a letter from British Cycling following an inspection which conveyed improved status for the track from Regional to National status and praised the Club members on constructing “probably the best fence in the country” A special presentation was made to Tim Grimes for all his work in designing, planning, purchasing and master-minding the construction.,

## **SKY MAY PUSH LIMITS**

The possibility that Sky TV may record the main British Finals at Eaton Park on August Bank Holiday Monday may be one factor in pushing numbers of entries to the whole weekend. After a slow response, entries have flooded in last week and now stand at

Open	37
Ladies	21
U16	25
U10	28

So that’s at least 49 riders at Hethersett on the Saturday. If you haven’t yet entered please note that the closing date has been put back to next Monday.