



HAWK TALK

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DESPERATE DAN

Dan Chambers, who has had a fantastic first half of the season, now faces a disappointing second half. A painful wrist led to a visit to hospital for a check-up and a subsequent consultation. Investigation revealed a broken wrist, probably sustained a long time ago – maybe the heavy fall in U16 qualifiers at Wednesfield, has not healed and has been aggravated recently. Dan will now have to have an operation in the autumn that will mean missing the end of the season. He will be still be going to Poland and may well race some matches before his operation but clearly with a bit of trepidation. A big blow for Dan is also not good for the Hawks as he has been our No.1 regular rider this season.

TOUGH FOR PHIL AND BEN

Phil Adams and Ben Collins took part in the British U19s at East Newport and found racing on the tight track difficult. This is a very strong age group and Phil managed to get through the qualifying heats while Ben just missed out by one place. Phil accounted himself well in the final and scored 11 points but the title went to Horspath's Welshman Mark Carmichael with Ben Mould making it a Wales 1-2 and Tom Reed third.

CHARLIE FELL THROUGH

The Harford Park track was a bit better for some water as nine riders contested the Norfolk Under-13 Championships but it was still very slippery. Just ask Charlie Bion who fell off four times!! But, thanks to some generous all-inclusive re-starts by referee Josh Colby, Charlie picked himself up and gallantly scored enough to get into the top 6 and a place in the East Anglian Final at Kesgrave on October 2nd. Joining him in the East Anglian event will be Bradley Lewin, who showed good controlled riding to notch enough points. Unlucky were the Matthews' duo although Tyler and Jasmin had some good tussles. The event was won by Norwich's Oliver Riley. Scores – B.Lewin 12 (5th) C.Bion 11 (6th) T.Matthews 9 (8th) J.Matthews 8 (9th)

OLIVIA'S LUCKY 13

Most of the regulars were back for Club Night last week and the 16 taking part included another newcomer.. Adam Allen started tentatively but improved in every race so a good start for this 6-year-old. Rider of the Night was as entertaining as ever and Oli Buxton did another spectacular tumble on the straight but quietly picking up 13 points was Olivia Nicholas and that was enough to give this regular trier a much-deserved first win. Just behind were Calvin and Scott Grimes.

FINAL NORWICH MATCH

The fourth and final Division One match against Norwich is this Wednesday. Please note it is at Harford Park this time and starts at 7.00. Team will be selected and advised on Tuesday. Let's hope we can get one win over the old enemy.

ASTLEY MARATHON

Seven Hawks have made it through to the National Rounds of the British Youth & Junior League Grand Prix and no doubt some will venture North to Astley & Tyldesley to contest the first of the rounds this Saturday. A marathon day is expected with the July round traditionally the busiest. Numbers are up in the League across the country with a mammoth 399 already taken part! Racing starts at 12 noon and will finish under floodlights.

KESGRAVE HERE SUNDAY

We entertain Suffolk side Kesgrave in South-East Division 1 on Sunday – the match starts at 3 p.m. Kesgrave have yet to win a match and we had a comfortable win in Suffolk earlier in the year. Team selected and advised by Friday. Remember to turn up by 2 p.m. to help set up especially with key helpers on holiday.

ENTRIES DUE

One pressing date is the British Vets 50+ Championship at Southampton on August 21st! Entries close on July 21st.

LONDON 2012 WEEKEND

We are only just over a week away from an exciting weekend in the village and, unless you are in Poland or on holiday, you are needed to play your part. The weekend is a Sport driven event to be held across the country and part of Hethersett's campaign to have the Olympic torch pass through the village in 2012.

Key event for us is the "Sport in the Park" at the Memorial Playing Field on Saturday 24th July from 11.00 to 4.00. John Nelson and David Adams will be running our activities which will be the usual demos and "come and try" so we need everyone to help from 10 a.m. so that we can use this opportunity at our track to get the community involved. There are over 11 different sporting activities planned and bar-b-q's, etc.

On the Sunday there is a "round the square" run – a 2-mile fun-run round the village starting and ending at the Junior School. Roads will be closed and lots of competitors are expected. Why not give it a go – it is cheap to enter – I will attach an entry form with this Hawktalk.

Also on Sunday there is a Ladies 5-a-side football tournament at the Memorial, a combined Church Service at the High School Sports Hall at 10.00 and a light Classical Concert at the Church in the evening. For the Church Service we have been invited to provide a representative to carry one of the "Olympic" rings down the aisle at the start of the service. That would be another good promotion for us – especially if a rider did it in full racing gear – any volunteer??

And don't forget "Hethersett's Got Talent" competition on the Friday!!! Hurry up if you want to enter – auditions are this Sunday!!! I can think of a few likely clowns or trick cyclists! Enjoy the weekend and play your part!