



HAWK TALK

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TV DRAMA & CAKE

The ITV News cameras were at the track prior to Club Night – apologies if you missed them but they came early and needed to do their interviews and filming while there was still enough light. So thanks to those who dropped their knives and forks to come down in a rush – it was all bit of a panic in the end. They seemed pleased with the input – not sure when it will be shown but is part of their “Best of British” feature. They said we would be told when. After that we settled down to Club Night and the Club U19 Championship. Nine battling for the title but apart from Oliver Buxton entertaining everyone to get the “champagne moment” it all came down to one race between the top three contenders – and what a dramatic race it turned out to be. Ben Collins off the inside got away and Phil Adams went for it on bend 1, drifted and in popped the nippy Scott Grimes. They jostled without changing positions for a couple of laps but then Ben slipped coming out of a bend and Scott was in again quickly followed by Phil. On the very last corner Phil went for a gap that was there with a trademark burst of “phil-drill” speed but as the riders came together they went down heavily and Ben couldn’t avoid them so an untidy heap. As referee I could not be sure any one ride caused it so the only course open to me was to let racing continue – or rather a run for the line – which Scott won to get a derved title followed by Ben and Phil eventually

getting up and over. Worse result of all was that Ben has been to hospital with a cracked saphead in his wrist and he is back at the hospital later this week for more checks – let’s hope for a speedy recovery ready for the indoor championships. After all that he had another race with his injury that he won after Oliver fell off in front of him and got excluded. So in the final reckoning Ben was second and Phil was third. Full scores –

S.Grimes 16 B.Collins 15 P.Adams 14
Carly Grimes 11 T.Collins 11 Calvin
Grimes 10 C.Larwood 9 M.Carter 9
O.Buxton 9.

All in all there were 22 at Club Night and after that drama the evi9ng was rounded off with cake and candles for three birthdays – Kane Matthews, Charlie Larwood and Charlie Johnson.

TWO THIRDS IN CUPS

The South-East KO Cup Fours at Harford Park, sponsored by TA Security, had a distinct end-of-season feel in cold conditions and on a track that was too tricky for much passing. The eventual winners of both events were also well predictable and the winners only dropped four points between them. In the Juniors Ipswich won easily and we were battling mainly with Norwich, especially with Scott Grimes having a real off-day. Calvin Grimes looked the pick of the Hawks with some good passes but lacking in stamina with a heavy cold.

Ipswich 61 Norwich 46 Hethersett 37

Calvin Grimes 10 C.Larwood 9 Carly Grimes 9 S.Grimes 7 J.Matthews 2.

In the Senior event Blakenham were in awesome form but Dave Martin did have a good battle with Jason Ashford before the Suffolk rider pulled a great line. We had a close battle with Ipswich but an early exclusion for Dave Martin for crossing the inside line, kept us always just a few points away. Phil Adams looked in good form.

**Gt.Blakenham 63 Ipswich 38
Hethersett 35 Norwich 19**

P.Adams 11 D.Martin 9 R.Carter 8
Dave Chambers 7 M.Perkins dnr

TWO AT GP

There were 52 riders at the final South-East Grand Prix round at Gt.Blakenham but only two from Hethersett. Oliver Buxton was in the U16s and thrown in with U19s, Seniors and Vets in the heats he rode well, won his last race and then was in a race-off for the A Final but finished second. So it was a B final and he chased Will Clarke all the way to finish second. I was in the Vets, went round Luke Gifkins to follow Oliver home in the last heat and then finished second in the three-rider vets final after Neil Cutting fell off and I just managed to get by. Surprisingly that second place gave me 62 points and a trophy for fourth place in the series.

LONDON THIS SUNDAY

The Hawks have their final League matches this Sunday within cycling distance of the Olympic Stadium at East London. Hopefully we can get as many fit riders there as possible for the two matches – a win in the Combination Division match for the B team would secure runners-up position. Teams announced later.

INTERNATIONALS

Some Hawks are involved in international racing of a sort this Saturday with Wales and Ireland at Harford Park – a junior match also appears to involve local riders but I have not been informed of the full details.

DAN LEAVING IN 2011

Dan Chambers has informed me that he is off to another, yet unnamed, Club in 2011 after ten years with the Hawks. Arguably our best rider this season, it is obviously disappointing to see him go but we wish him all the best for the future.

HALLOWEEN FINALE

If that October festival was not scary enough, we have the finale of the Hawks season. After this coming weekend we have the final club night next Tuesday when we hope to have a final Rider of the Night too. Then on the Sunday 31st we stage our Maiden Plate at 2.00. This event is for all Club members, including Club Night members, who have not won the Maiden Plate or a Club Championship before. And there is also a handicap prize based on age so plenty for all. Then we follow that at 3.30 with the Club Best Pairs when the top 14 available on the day are drawn into pairs and then lock horns for what is usually an entertaining and competitive event. So look forward to see you all there for the finale.