



HAWK TALK

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KESGRAVE TOUGH NUT

The Hawks entertained Kesgrave in Division 1 and had a real fight on their hands as they proved a tough nut to crack – much better than a very same looking Somersham side the previous week. Dave Martin got dumped in heat 1 so that set the signals but he atoned with a 7-3 with Simon Wilcox in heat 4 to put us in front. We had to battle hard to retain a 6 –point lead through the mid-part of the match with 7 consecutive shared heats. Then we struck with a Dave Martin/Phil Adams 7-3 and could relax a bit and two more 7-3s near the end made the score much better than was justified. Jazz Abbott was outstanding and Dave Martin reeled off four wins but it was the whole team who can be proud of their teamwork and determination in a very entertaining match.

Hethersett 98 Kesgrave 81

(J.Abbott 18+1 D.Martin 17 P.Adams 15+1 D.Adams 15+1 B.Collins 11 S.Wilcox 9+2 Dan Chambers 7+2 Dave Chambers 3 T.Grimes 2 C.Grimes 1)

NOVICE TITLE

Even without Scott Grimes the U13/Novice team did enough to win the Norfolk League on points difference. Despite only nine riders present the racing was quite good with Jack Andrews and Axl Johnson best for Hethersett.

**Norwich A 58 Hethersett A 54
Hethersett B 8**

(A – J.Andrews 14 A.Johnson 14
J.Abbott 13 R.Cubitt 13 B – K.Adams
8)

ANOTHER TITLE

The Hawks' B team earned the Club another title after comfortably defeating a weak Colchester side even though top riders were rested after a tough Division 1 match. It gave a chance to blood in the youngsters and they rose to the occasion and provided much entertainment. Both Axl Johnson and Jack Andrews showed bravery and skill while Carly Grimes had lots of speed. There was a similar feel to the South-East Youth match that saw Hethersett make sure of runners-up spot and bring in Jaie Abbott (who was much improved) and Katie Adams for some rides. In this match Scott and Carly Grimes were both unbeaten. Credit is due to Colchester for turning up with so many call-offs and for never giving up.

Hethersett B 100 Colchester 60

(C.Grimes 17 A.Johnson 13+3
J.Andrews 14 T.Grimes 12 D.Adams
11+1 S.Wilcox 10+2 Dave Chambers
9+2 Dan Chambers 4 B.Collins 4
P.Adams 3+1 M.Perkins 3)

Hethersett U16 99 Colchester U16 54

(S.Grimes 23+1 C.Grimes 18+2
A.Johnson 17+1 J.Andrews 15+1
J.Abbott 14+1 K.Adams 5 P.Adams 4
Dan Chambers 3+1)

JAZZ SPEEDS TO TITLE

The Club U19 Championship was another well-contested affair with the top riders all jostling for positions but in the end it was Jazz Abbott who made the best of a good draw to regain his title. He didn't need to beat Ben Collins in his last race but pulled off another great pass to complete a maximum. Dave Adams slipped at the gate in one race which cost him a vital point so he was in a race-off with his brother Phil and the rivalry produced a cracking finale as Phil somehow dropped under Dave on the third lap.

Harley Hamill was awarded the "champagne" moment prize for a fall over the outside line in heat 1.

Jazz Abbott 20 P.Adams 18 D.Adams 18 D.Chambers 17 B.Collins 16 H.Hamill 14 S.Grimes 14 D.Woods 13 A.Johnson 12 M.Woods 11 J.Andrews 11 J.Banthorpe 11 R.Cubitt 8 L.Banthorpe 8 R.Crowe 6 O.Forder-Wilcox 5.

We also welcomed newcomer Jake Miller from Runhall to club night and we hope to see him again.

This week it is the Senior event then next week its back to normal Club Night until the 21st October.

TEST WIN SAVES DAY

There was little joy in the East Anglian events at Great Blakenham last Saturday – that was until the confident Suffolk U16 team were put in their place by some terrific Norfolk team riding in what has been described as the best match for some time. Nip and tuck all the way through then two Hawks were given the last heat responsibility of getting a 5-5 to win and off sped Dan Chambers to give Marcus Szylyk his only defeat while Ben Collins kept the Suffolk riders busy. A very deserved 90-89 victory (Hawks riders scored – D.Chambers 15+1 P.Adams

15+1 B.Collins 9+4 H.Hamill 11). Earlier only a race win in heat b5 by Robert Warminger saved a whitewash in the U13 test as the lesser experienced side, minus an ill Scott Grimes, were thrashed 124-55 (Hawks scorers – A.Johnson 9 J.Andrews 7 R.Cubitt 5). In the East Anglian Individual Finals Phil Adams was the best Hawk losing a race-off for third place in the U16s. Hawks scores – U10s – O.Forder-Wilcox 12; U13s – A.Johnson 9 J.Andrews 8 R.Cubitt 5; U16s – P.Adams 16 D.Chambers 15 H.Hamill 13 B.Collins 13 A.Johnson 5.

GP AT SPIXWORTH

The final midweek racing is this Wednesday at Spixworth for the last Norfolk Grand Prix – racing for U13s U16s and Seniors – if you want to go be at the Playing Field at 6.15

BROWNIES THURSDAY

The local Brownie pack are visiting our track on Thursday between 5.30 and 7.00 to do some cycle races as part of a "mini-Olympics" – maybe some potential new members? Some members to help would be useful.

ANOTHER BUSY WEEKEND

This coming weekend is another busy one at the Playing Field. On Saturday we stage the East Anglian U19 and Senior Individuals (starts at 13.30) – qualifying riders see separate note. On Sunday the South-East Grand Prix scheduled for Spixworth is now at Hethersett and starts at 13.00. Competition is open to all U10 U13 U16 U19 SEN VET riders. Just turn up and register by 12.45.

DATE FOR DIARY

Sunday October 26th – Club Maiden Plate, Best Pairs and new Vets Club Championship --- more info later.