



HAWK TALK

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HAWKS FLY IN OZ

The biggest adventure ever taken on by the Hawks saw a party of four riders and supporting family members fly off to Australia over two weeks ago. Biggest event for our Club was competing in the World Club Championships and the Hawks put up a great show finishing 9th. In the first qualifying round match they finished third ahead of Premier League Leicester. This put us in a Repercharge event as another way to get into the Semi-Finals. Here they finished second, highlight being Tiffany Collins' win in heat 11 over Daniel Pike and Dave Murphy. They amassed 40 points which in the end was not quite enough – Wednesfield finished second in the other Repercharge but scored 42 points so took the 8th and last Semi-Final spot.

World Club Championships Eliminations - Heat One at LeFevre (Feb.16)

**Salisbury(AUS) 52 Findon(AUS) 37
Hethersett 36 Leicester 27**
Jazz Abbott 10, Ben Collins 10, David
Martin 10, Tiffany Collins 6

Repercharge Heat Two AT Le Fevre (Feb.18)

**Leicester 48 Hethersett 40
Gniezno(POL) 35 Poole 35**
Jazz Abbott 11, David Martin 11. Ben
Collins 10, Tiffany Collins 8

British teams were eliminated at the Semi-Finals and Polish teams took 1-2 in the Final.

World Club Championship Semi Final A

Leszno 53 LeFevre 47, Wednesfield
37, Sheffield 22

World Club Championship Semi Final B

Torun 47, Salisbury 45, Leicester 41,
Birmingham 27

World Club Championship Final at LeFevre

Leszno 52, Torun 48, LeFevre 35,
Salisbury 21

The main focus of the Tour was the Ashes Series between Australia and Great Britain. Jazz Abbott and Ben Collins were in the Junior squad and both took part in that series which Australia won 4-1. Ben was in the team that defeated the Aussies while Jazz rode in four of the tests and was top scorer in the last test. GB lost the Senior Series 3-0 and then went on to lose to Poland 2-0. Results –

Seniors

**Australia 94 Great Britain 81
Australia 88 Great Britain 86
Australia 89 Great Britain 87
Great Britain 75 Poland 100
Poland 87 Great Britain 85**

Juniors

Australia 104 Great Britain 67

Jazz Abbott 7

Australia 101 Great Britain 79

Jazz Abbott 6

Australia 102 Great Britain 78

Jazz Abbott 8+1, Ben Collins 8

Australia 81 Great Britain 93

Ben Collins 7

Australia 102 Great Britain 77

Jazz Abbott 12+2

In the Senior World Cup Dave Martin raced for Ireland and was top scorer and with Leigh Cossey plus the Copping brothers they held off challenges from Scotland and Wales for fourth place.

Senior World Cup

Australia 67 Poland 64 England 64

Ireland 37 Wales 36 Scotland 28

David Martin 13

The Junior World Cup was just between Australia and England and was again a triumph for the home side. Jazz Abbott was second highest scorer for England.

Junior World Cup

England 77 Australia 101

Jazz Abbott 11+1

The rest of the tour concentrates on World Individual events but the first of these was a Womens International Grand Prix. Tiffany Collins came joint 5th with 10 points.

NICK RETURNS

The build up for the 2009 season was given a major boost when former British U16 Champion Nick Myhill signed a transfer form to come back to the Hawks. Nick started his career at Hethersett in 1998 and won his title in 2004 before leaving to join Norwich and Premier League action in 2006.

Now he just wants to come back and enjoy Regional racing with his local club, but still giving himself the opportunity to race Premier League by signing secondary licence forms for Norwich. The capture of Nick will strengthen our chances of improving on our third place in the South-East Division 1.

TRAINING STARTS

The pre-season starts on Tuesday March 3rd up at Harford Park from 7.00 and will take place there for four Tuesdays. Anyone needing a lift should be at the Playing Field at 6.30, limited spaces available. Note also that only riders with their own bikes should attend – no club bikes will be available for these sessions. Training will be general fitness and stamina based with some races organised as required. Sessions will end no later than 8.30. Normal Club Nights at our track will commence on Tuesday March 31st at 6.30.

LEAGUE CHANGES

There have been a few changes in the South-East for 2009. In Division One we have lost Kesgrave so just six teams this year. Kesgrave have dropped down to Division 2 and they will be the only "A" side here as Colchester have dropped out to concentrate on rebuilding their youngsters. The Youth League also loses Colchester and the Norfolk & Suffolk League loses Somersham but gains Kesgrave. In addition two new Leagues have been introduced, both for four-a-side teams (with one sub). They are four U14s and U10s so plenty of opportunity for our younger riders to get some Sunday action.

Full fixtures with this Hawktalk (if you receive this by e-mail you will get a paper copy shortly)