



HAWK TALK

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TWO WINS TO START

The Hawks finally got their League programmes up and running when Ipswich visited on Saturday. Continual tyre-packing had got the track reasonably firm except towards the end and some good racing took place with well-thought out teamwork well to the fore. The Youth League match was first up and Ben Collins and Harley Hamill worked well to get a 7-3 win to start and the scene was set for others to follow. Harley went on to get five wins and Dan Chambers was also unbeaten. Another highlight was a win by Danny Woods in heat 12. Callum Martin came in for three rides once the victory was well secure.

Hethersett U16 92 Ipswich U16 67

H.Hamill 20 Dan Chambers 18+2
P.Adams 19 B.Collins 15+4 D.Woods
11 C.Grimes 5 C.Martin 4.

The first team took to the track with clouds looming and again got off to a great start with four 7-3 wins in the first five heats. Dan Pike was outstanding for the visitors and he got good support from Dave Solomon in three wins but overall the Hawks were too strong in depth. Harley was again unbeaten while Dave Chambers included a win in his debut. All the drama was left to the final heat as Tim Grimes joined Dave in his first team race for 26 years. They had just engineered a 7-3 position when Tim dug his wheel into a soft part of the track and had a heavy fall. Clearly shaken he was excluded from the rerun

and the comeback only had cuts and bruises to show for a good race. Then Dave decided to lose his bike right on the line and his bike went one side of the post and he went the other!! Pure farce to round off a great day.

Hethersett 104 Ipswich 74

D,Martin 17+1 D.Adams 16+2 Jazz
Abbott 16+2 Dan Chambers 12+3
P.Adams 12+2 B.Collins 11+2 Dave
Chambers 10+2 H.Hamill 10+2
T.Grimes 0

This Sunday Ipswich visit again for SE Division 1 and 2 matches starting at 14.00.

CHARITY CUP SATURDAY

The Hawks have invited 24 guests to be present for the official opening of the refurbished track as we staged the 40th Hethersett Charity Cup, sponsored by Breckland Autos at 15.00. The holder is Josh Brooke, now with Blakenham and riders from Norfolk and Suffolk, including about seven Hawks, will be competing.

MIDWEEK STARTS WED.

The popular midweek racing starts on this Wednesday (16th) with the first Norfolk Grand Prix round at Harford Park (19.00). Entry is just £2 for the whole series and there are U13/Novice, U16 and Senior categories. Meet at 18.30 at the Playing Field gate if you need a lift.

EURO WEEKEND LOOMS

The Hawks are taking on the best in Europe over the weekend 2-4 May with a series of matches to find the European Club Champions at Leicester. We have a squad of 4-6 riders coming and our first match is lunchtime on Friday facing Bydgoszcz (Poland) East Newport, Birmingham, Southampton and Leicester. We then have another round on Saturday against different teams and then, unless we finish in top 4, we have a repechage event Saturday evening in a final attempt to get into the Semi-Finals, which along with the Final are on the Sunday.

I also have information about the European Championships in Poland in July if anyone is interested.

GOING TO THE RACES?

The Hawks have teamed up with the Football Club to run a coach to a Friday Racenight at Newmarket which incorporates live music. This is on Friday August 1st with the music being provided by popular group The Feeling. This is a great night's entertainment and details are included with this Hawktalk. Tickets are selling fast in the Football Club so get your names and deposits in quick if you are thinking of going.

ACTIVE NORFOLK

The Committee welcome guest Ian Grange to their last meeting – not in his role with Norwich CSC but his job as Workforce Development Officer of Active Norfolk, the local arm of Sport England. He talked to us about coaching courses as well as other course opportunities that we can get funding to support. We also looked at Development plans and Go Ride status so if anyone is interested in getting involved in coaching or finding out

about courses let me know. We should also be getting all of our helpers CRB checked to provide security for our members.

DEFENCE DETAILS

The Hawks will defend their British Under-16 crown at Eaton Park in Norwich on Saturday May 10th and face Gt.Blakenham, Poole and Sheffield in their first round. Two go through to the final to face the top two from Leicester, Sandwell, Norwich, Ipswich and Wednesfield. We are confident, but not over-confident, of successfully defending our title.

We now have to decide if we are going to enter the Under-10 Championships at Kesgrave on May 31st. We have until the end of the month to decide.

DAN WINS AGAIN

The second Club Night was a bit disjointed with the track cutting up badly in places and delays with several members having a chat in the car park. Eventually we got through with another attendance of 17 although only seven stayed for Rider of the Night due to delays and the track. Still no stopping Dan Chambers who won for the second week with 13 points, one ahead of Dave Martin. Darren Slater made his debut at Club Night but could not keep on his bike!!