



HAWK TALK

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JOSH RETAINS CUP

Despite the cold weather four invited guests, including District Councillor Leslie Dale, attended the official opening of the refurbished track and they could not help but be impressed by the work we had done, how well it looked and the quality of racing on the track. I think they also could not believe the sportsmanship shown despite the physical challenges. All in all a good day and a good match. Josh Brooke retained the Breckland Autos Charity Cup after a good draw put him in front with four wins. In his last race he was probably settling for a second place from grid 4 behind Ian Grange but David Adams had other ideas and kept the holder in third place. Maybe Josh thought 18 points would be enough but he couldn't be sure. Andre Cross, having his first ride since August, had 14 but couldn't quite get a line or the legs on Gary Brown in his last race. So 18 were enough for Josh to retain the Cup. Four riders finished on 17 and it was Grange who drew the inside and sped away to win the race-off First Brown tried to go round a tiring Cross and then Jazz Abbott tried but the new veteran used all his experience to keep faster opponents at bay. Most of the Hawks took a while to warm up but all had good races, apart from Ben Collins who had no luck at all. Lawrie Bedson had his first match back and was lively enough but got the wrong end of too many scrapes.

J.Brooke (Gt.Blakenham) 18
I.Grange (Norwich) 17 **A.Cross (Poole) 17** G.Brown (Somersham) 17
Jazz Abbott 17 L.Cossey (Norwich) 16
H.Hamill 13 P.Adams 12 D.Adams 12
S.Copping (Somersham) 11 D.Osborne (Gt.Blakenham) 11 B.Collins 10
L.Bedson 9 D.Woods 8 M.Szyclyk (Gt.Blakenham) 5 J.Wakefield (Norwich) 4.

GOOD START CONTINUES

The Hawks entertained a stronger Ipswich side this week but still came out on top with some great teamwork and disciplined riding. An unfortunate heat 1 that saw Harley Hamill dumped off the track and a visiting 6-3 win turned out to be the only race Ipswich won as Hethersett were content to let Dan Pike and Josh Brooke take their expected maximums and then pick up 7-3 heat wins in the three races none of their top three were in. This was achieved by three great rides by Dave Chambers who was unbeaten. The match reached a good climax with Dan Chambers and Jazz Abbott out-foxing Leon Mower to finish with a 7-3. A great team performance.

Hethersett 97 Ipswich 82

Dan Chambers 16+1 Jazz Abbott 15+1
D.Adams 13+3 B.Collins 12+4
P.Adams 12+3 H.Hamill 12 Dave Chambers 10+2 T.Grimes 7+2

In the Division 2 match our B team was far too string for the young Ipswich team who never gave up. Danny Woods was given opportunities to shine and he did really well to top the

scorers and gain three race wins. Phil and David Adams plus Dan Chambers were unbeaten.

Hethersett B 101 Ipswich B 59

D.Woods 19+1 H.Hamill 15+4
P.Adams 15+1 Dan Chambers 15+1
D.Adams 14+2 B.Collins 13+2 Dave
Chambers 8+1 M.Perkins 2.

MIDWEEK START OFF

The planned start to the midweek programme was washed out by a waterlogged track at Harford Park leaving several riders disappointed that their GP round will have to be re-arranged.

CALL FOR ALL JUNIORS

For the first round of the British Youth & Junior League at Kesgrave we had thirteen riders and amassed 134 points but we really need to get as many more there as we can to the Second Round this Saturday at Eaton Park (13.00). Just a reminder that there is racing for U8 U10 U12 U14 U16 U18 so please confirm that you will support your team's efforts to reach the National Rounds. Transport can be arranged if you need it. There is an entry fee (towards the SE Yth Finals) of £1 for U8-U14 only.

GRAND PRIX AT HOME

The Second Round of the South-east Grand Prix is being held at Hethersett on Sunday starting at 13.00. Be there at 12.30 with your £1 entry fee if you want to race. Unlike Saturday there is no team competition so it is just an opportunity to get more racing and the categories are U8 U10 U13 U16 U19 SEN VET.

U13/NOVICE LEAGUE

The first leg of the Norfolk U13/Novice League is on at Eaton Park this Wednesday (19.00). Team

will be selected on Tuesday but if you are under-13 and not selected please come along – the League will guarantee you a ride as we make up mixed teams with anyone there. Meet at Playing Field 18.30.

AUSTRALIA BOUND

Congratulations to three riders from Hethersett who have made it into the Great Britain squads for the series in Australia next February. Former Hawk Leigh Cossey is in the Senior squad with Jazz Abbott selected for the Junior squad. Ben Collins has been named as official reserve for the Junior squad and will travel with his family. It is a great achievement for the Club to be proud of.

SURPRISES ON TUESDAY

Tuesday night's Club Night was full of surprises with the arrival of Lawrie Bedson, who has now renewed his licence as well as his enthusiasm, Dale Bennett and former British U16 Champion Nick Bray all making comebacks and all still there in the top grade after five rides! No surprises on Rider of the Night with only 7 staying and Harley Hamill back in winning ways with 13 points.

REMINDERS

I now have 16 people signed up for on-line Hawktalk and other information. If you want to join the list just e-mail me on babylon5sp@aol.com.

Under-10s please confirm to me by next Tuesday latest if you can be part of a team in the British U10 Team Championships at Kesgrave on May 31st.

If you want to go on our joint trip to Newmarket on August 1st then get your deposits in soon as tickets are selling fast.

