



# HAWK TALK

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## FIFTH OVERALL

The Hawks had the youngest side by far in the British Open Club Championship at Leicester and gave a really good account of themselves in a tough semi-final. Favourites Leicester did not have it all their own way as Birmingham, with three Premier riders in their squad, looked good and the Hawks too points of them both and Ipswich who had Leon Yelland and Tom Pike in their team. Dave Martin was pushing a lower gearing and he looked much sharper and dropped just three points with some good passes Jazz Abbott won a strong grid one and got into some good positions while David Adams continued his good form in the thick of the action. Ben Collins pulled a great line in his last race but just as he was going to pass all three his front wheel slipped. Poor old Phil Adams was not his bubbly self as he tried out yet another frame after snapping his at Southampton. He couldn't get the drive so was very disappointed but tried really hard for the team.

**Birmingham 48    Leicester 46  
Hethersett 37 Ipswich 28.**

(D.Martin 13 D.Adams 8 J.Abbott 7 B.Collins 5 P.Adams 4)

The final was good with first Leicester throwing away their chance with a fall and an exclusion the leaders Birmingham doing the same from grid fours leaving Gt.Blakenham to take the title deservedly with Wednesfield nowhere.

The final points tally for this event brought the 7-event Club Championship to a close and the Hawks can feel well pleased with fifth place overall – not bad for a village club. Final leading scores – Wednesfield 126 Leicester 101 Ipswich 85 Sheffield 84 Hethersett 81 Sandwell 62. Credit to Wednesfield for retaining their title – they were the only club to enter all seven and as a nice touch that had one member from each team there to receive the Cup.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE CONFIRMED

The team scores are finally in from Southampton and they confirm that the Hawks finished fourth in the National Round of the British Youth & Junior League and now hold third place overall.

**Ipswich 255 Exerer 166 Wednesfield 110 Hethersett 84 Sheffield 80 Sandwell 64.**

(B.Collins 13 H.Hamill 12 S.Grimes 12 D.Adams 11 C.Martin 11 C.Grimes 8 T.Collins 8 O.Forder-Wilcox 6 P.Adams 3)

The next round is Saturday week (Aug.30<sup>th</sup>) at Wednesfield and we want to maintain our good position by taking a big squad. Please let me know by next Tuesday if you want to go.

## GRAND PRIX OFF

Last Wednesday's Grand Prix at Spixworth was called off due to a waterlogged track. Will now be in September/October.

## **COLCHESTER LET DOWN**

Colchester rang in on Sunday morning to call off the two matches against the Hawks. Apparently a lot of riders had called in sick leaving them with just two riders for each match. It was disappointing, as the Hawks could have clinched the SE Youth title after Norwich's draw at Blakenham last week. Also the track would have been perfect after morning rain. The provisional re-arranged date is September 28<sup>th</sup> giving us a triple-header! Colchester will be fined and have points deducted.

## **DAVID WINS FOR FANS**

David Adams dragged himself away from his fan club on the park to get 11 points and take the Rider of the Night shield to impress them. David was the only one of four on 11 points not to have won it previously. The others were Catly Grimes, Harley Hamill and Phil Adams. Attendance was again down to 13 but let's hope all the regulars come back again once the holidays are over.

## **FINALS WEEKEND**

Four Hethersett riders are on the South Coast this weekend for the traditional British Finals Weekend. It is a bit different this year with Senior s only racing Sunday and Monday, as are the U16s. Saturday is given over to the U10s and the Women's Championships – Tiffany and Carly hope to do well in this at Poole, especially in the U16 section. Ben and Dan are in Sunday's U16s Semi-Finals (Ben at Poole and Dan at Southampton) and both hope to make Monday's Final at Poole.

## **NORFOLK TITLES**

Dave Martin and Jazz Abbott defend their Senior and U19 Norfolk titles at Eaton Park this Wednesday (7.00). The events are open to all ages and, as there are unlikely to be many seniors or U19s there it is a good opportunity for all our U16s and even the U13s to have a go at qualifying in the top 8 for the East Anglian Finals. Be at Playing Field 6.30 if you want to race.

## **HAWKTALK**

As I am away this weekend and at the British Finals till late on Monday and then working Tuesday (instead of Monday) there will be no Hawktalk next week. So just a reminder that next week's racing is –

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>** – Club Night as usual

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>** – Norfolk U16 Intermediate League at Norwich (Eaton Park)

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>** – Youth & Junior League at Wednesfield (see note above)

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>** – Division 1 and Division 2 away at Gt.Blakenham

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Club Night will also include the Hethersett U10 Championship.