



HAWK TALK

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WINS IN THE WET

The Hawks travelled to Suffolk for two matches and arrived at Ipswich in the morning to be met with steady rain that got harder as the match progressed. So the new shirts in their first main outing got a good soaking and covered in shale! The side were determined to keep up their unbeaten record in the Youth League and soon stamped their authority over a home side that had two good riders and even they were put in their place. Two 6-4s from the Ben Collins / Harley Hamill pairing established a lead and then Carly Grimes produced the first of two good gates to feature in 7-3 wins that put us clear. Ben went on to complete a maximum while Phil Adams and Dan Chambers both lost just once. Was good to see Tiffany Collins back in team action and she was unlucky not to score more.

Ipswich U16 73 Hethersett U16 87

(Dan Chambers 20+2 B.Collins 19+1 P.Adams 19 H.Hamill 12+1 C.Grimes 12 T.Collins 5)

Then on to Kesgrave with large puddles all round the inside with the track staff not having much idea what to do. Eventually they got most of the water off and spread sawdust and the rain eased. We didn't start very well in this South-East 1 match – A David Adams puncture, a mistake by Ben Collins and we were 6 down after five heats. After that we settled down and didn't lose another race until the last one when the match was already over

following two 7-3s from the Adams brother and Dave Martin/Ben Collins. In the end strength in depth, good teamwork and superior fitness were too much for Kesgrave. Dave Martin scored a brilliant maximum but other high spots were three good rides from Tim Grimes and the return of Jazz Abbott despite racing with a very sore foot.

Kesgrave 84 Hethersett 96

(D.Martin 20 D.Adams 13+2 B.Collins 13+2 Dan Chambers 14 P.Adams 11+1 H.Hamill 9+1 Jazz Abbott 9+1 T.Grimes 7)

NORWICH TOO STRONG

The Hawks had to admit second best to an experienced Norwich side in the opening Norfolk U16 Intermediate League match at Hethersett. With Spixworth not showing (shame because this League was introduced to help them!) both Norwich and Hethersett were able to field B teams of sorts, although Robert Gamble, making his team debut, was the only one for us. Harley Hamill had a couple of good wins and Danny Woods was unlucky not to take the chequered flag at least once so it was a good test for this team.

Norwich A 62 Hethersett A 49

Norwich B 22 Hethersett B 8

(A – H.Hamill 14 T.Collins 12 D.Woods 12 C.Grimes 11; B – R.Gamble 8)

transport/bikes let me know Tuesday and meet at Playing Field at 6.30.

NO LUCK FOR SCOTT

A nagging wrist injury led to Scott Grimes pulling out after two rides in the invitation U13 event held at Kesgrave. Scott notched only 5 points as he could not gate well. Jaie Abbott finished on 10 points and included a race win in his total. The event was won by Adam Overett of Ipswich.

26 SWAMP CLUB NIGHT

A cracking night's racing took place last Tuesday as we had 26 members there – the most for some time. Reece Crowe made a promising debut while Ben Woodier joined the Club Night after his début in the Junior League. Zac Johnson and Marcus Woods both had their first outings of the year and looked as good as last year. 12 stayed for Rider of the Night and it was fast racing with Dave Martin notching 11 points including one point in the last 6-man race from handicap 15! This was enough for the trophy two points ahead of David Adams.

SHIRTS/TROUSERS GOOD

By tonight all the shirts and trousers should be issued and a big thanks to Simon for sorting them out. The shirts are very smart – a bit brighter than the last ones and with the Swinton sponsorship in red. The trousers are of good quality and bear the branding of subsidiary sponsors PSA (Plastic Surgeons Associates).

GRAND PRIX WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday sees the Grand Prix Round that was cancelled at the start of the season taking place at Harford Park (19.00). Any members can race as age groups are U13/Novice, U16 and Seniors. It costs £2 for the series if you have not paid already. If you need

UNDER-10s TAKE ON UK

The Club's U10 team look to carry on where the U16s left off when they take on the rest of the UK in the British U10 Club Championships at Kesgrave this Saturday. They are racing in the Semi-Final at 13.00 against Astley & Tyldesley, Newport, Kesgrave and Bretford. The final is at 16.30. God luck to our squad – why not come down and support them.

GRAND PRIX THIS SUNDAY

Action is back at Kesgrave this Sunday for a South-East Grand Prix round. Action starts at 13.00 and there is racing for U8, U10, U13, U16, U19, SEN, VET. No Club transport is being arranged so if anyone wants to go they need to arrange transport amongst themselves but please let me know if you are going to race.