



HAWK TALK

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SANDWELL TOO STRONG

The Hawks travelled to Sandwell hoping that a side that had not won a Midland League match all season would be beatable but on arrival it was clear that they had encouraged many of the Club's top riders to put in an appearance. Added to that the circuit is very tricky and the Hawks were up against it. Six race wins in a row saw Sandwell go 20 points up until Jazz Abbott won heat 7 to give us something to cheer. At half time it was 58-32 so the plan was to improve on that in the second half and to their credit the side rode much better and never gave up beaten more by mistakes on the track and superior gating. Dave Martin won his last two races in style and in the end the score did not do the Hawks justice.

Sandwell 113 Hetherset 67

(D.Martin 16 J.Abbott 12 D.Adams 9 B.Collins 8 D.Chambers 7 P.Adams 7 H.Hamill 5+1 T.Grimes 3)

JAZZ INJURY BLOW

The Hawks had what can only be described as an incident packed match at Eaton Park in the rearranged SE Division 1 match with Norwich. Things went wrong for Norwich early on and a great pass by Dave Martin over Ian Grange let in Phil Adams for a 7-3 and a four-point lead. Ben Collins got his second win over Gary Colby in heat 7 but Norwich pegged it back level at the interval. They took the lead in heat 10 but the Hawks were still

confident until heat 11 when Leigh Cossey fell off in front of Jazz Abbott who incurred a bad shoulder injury and was whisked off the hospital. That dented Hetherset's attack and they never got back on terms despite two more great wins by Dave Martin.

Norwich 94 Hetherset 83

(D.Martin 19 B.Collins 15+1 D.Adams 10+2 D.Chambers 10 P.Adams 8+2 T.Grimes 8+2 H.Hamill 8 J.Abbott 4 M.Perkins 1)

NOVICES STRIKE BACK

After losing the first match Hetherset U13/Novice A team hit back strong to defeat Norwich A at Harford Park. Scott Grimes scored a faultless maximum with Axl Johnson only half-a-point behind having dead-heated. Liam Banthorpe also won three races while Robert Gamble was unlucky to fall twice. In the B team we took on a local youngster to make up the team – Isaac Kocz and he rode well as did Callum Martin.

Hetherset A 54½ Norwich A 51½

Hetherset B 30 Norwich B 24

(A – S.Grimes 16 A.Johnson 15½ L.Banthorpe 14 R>Gamble 9 B- I.Kocz 9 J.Abbott 8 C.Martin 7 R.Cubitt 6)

JUNIORS IN WASHOUT

Solid rain for two days finally took its toll on the British Youth & Junior Round at Somersham despite two hours of trying to keep the water at bay. In the end standing water was too dangerous and at 2.15 the match was called off.

“SIR” STARS ON TUESDAY

High School history teacher Pete Johnson was the star turn at Tuesday's Club Night. A time triallist cyclist he had often been approached by Hawks at school to give our sport a go and he duly came along. He really entered into the spirit of the occasion as mobile phones clicked pictures and looked pretty good. At times there was a distinct “who can knock Mr Johnson off” approach but he held his own – credit to him and we hope to see him again especially in any vets events. There were debuts too for Harry Gorbutt and Kerry Slater (a potential recruit for our Women's team) so in all 25 took part on an excellent track. Eleven riders stayed for Rider of the Night and it was Ben Collins who picked up the trophy with 10 points, the same as Dan Chambers.

120 NEEDED SATURDAY

This cancellation of the British Youth & Junior League Regional Round at Somersham meant that all the other regions have completed their rounds before the South-East. Our main rivals were Newport but they only scored 91 at Exeter and coming into the frame were Bretford who put out a large squad at their home round to score 223 beating both Wednesfield and Sandwell. That puts them on 590 for the series and we stand on 471 – that means if we score 120 points or more at the re-arranged round we go through to the National Rounds. The re-arranged date is this Saturday but note the changes. The U8 U10 & U12 will be at Somersham at 11.00 (meet at 9.15 if need transport) and the U14 U16 U18 will be at Gt.Blakenham at 17.00 (book in by 16.30). Let's put a big squad together and get the points!

WEDNESDAY CHANGE

With Spixworth still having problems there is a change to racing this Wednesday. The U16 East Anglian Cup Semi-Final is not needed as only Hethersett and Norwich taking part and both qualify. We have taken the opportunity to move forward the U16 Intermediate League match to this Wednesday at Spixworth (19.00) – originally planned for June 25th but Spixworth cannot stage it then. There will be no match on 25th. We need two 4/5-rider teams for this match and remember Ben, Dan and Phil cannot race. Meet at 6.20 for lifts.

FRIDAY AT IPSWICH

The re-arranged first team match in the Norfolk & Suffolk League is this Friday at Ipswich (20.00) – team selected by Wednesday – meet 18.15 at Playing Field.

COLCHESTER SUNDAY

The end of a busy weekend sees the B Team and U16 team at Colchester starting at 14.00 – teams selected by Thursday – meet 11.30 at Playing Field.

THREE “HAWKS” IN H.I.

Our own Dave Martin is joined by former Hawks Nick Myhill and Leigh Cossey in the Home International at Gt.Blakenham this Saturday – stars at 15.00. Congratulations to Dave who has been picked by Ireland. Leigh is also in the Ireland team while Myhill, despite a broken hand, is in the England side. Should be a good match to watch.