

May 19, 2005, Thursday night track results

We are so lucky to have a safe and well lit place to race at in our area. I'd like to thank the people that drove great distances as well as those that suffered through the traffic to get to the track last night. With Friday Night Track racing about to start on June 3 I'd like to remind you that traffic is a bit thicker than it had been in recent years –and- jumping in that commute lane really saves time! Thanks also to the people that helped out last night with the lap counters, bells and picking places.

The weather looked a little scary last night but it turned out to be nice for the racers. It looks like the rain should be behind us so I encourage you to join us next Thursday, our last in the series. The racing could help you get ready for your next criterium, your next track race, and even for Mt. Hamilton!

We had two groups of racing last night, with the C's going for 90 laps, or 50 minutes for an average pace of 22.5mph which does not describe well the attacks and sprints every 10 laps for points. Personally, I have enjoyed watching the C's race the most over the past few weeks. These races have been the most consistently attended and I have seen not only fitness levels rise, but also improved race tactics and positioning in the field. Fun stuff. Gus Ariba (Webcor/ Alto Velo) looked good in the sprints last night but he started to get gapped in the last ten laps which made for an exciting finale. He held on for the win, just barely.

For the combined A/B race the riders elected to race for 110 laps, or 52:30 minutes of pain (avg. 26.3mph) with sprints every 10 laps. Gen Kogure continued to rip up the track but he has his hands full last night with both Tim Granshaw and Daniel Holloway (Lombardi's) putting the pressure on. Mike Matthews is also finding his track legs and should be a threat in the Friday nights.

Oh, lest I forget, the beer in the container was supposed to be for the Thursday Night racers!

A Group Results- 110 laps

- 1st - 35 points- Gen Kogue (Velo Europa/ Cyfac)- even laps, 6 victories
- 2nd - 28 points- Daniel Holloway (Lombardi's)- even laps, 3 victories
- 3rd- 16 points- Mike Matthews (Village Peddler)
- 4th - 12 points- Tim Granshaw (Lombardi's)- 2 victories
- 5th- Giovanni Rey (Velo Europa/ Cyfac)
- 6th - Steve McGrath (Village Peddler)
- 7th - Rob Evans (Village Peddler)
- 8th – Matt Martinez (Velo Europa/ Cyfac)

B Group Results- 110 laps (combined with A's, picked separately)

- 1st - 12 points- Kelyn Akuna (Shaw's)
- 2nd - Mike Flynn (SJBC)
- 3rd - Steven Woo (LGBRC)

- 4th - Tim Carey (Webcor/ Alto Velo)
- 5th - Marc Franklin (Webcor/ Alto Velo)
- 6th - Joe Fineman (Penn State)
- 7th - Steven Wu (Pegasus Bicycle Works)

C Group Results- 90 laps

- 1st - 28 points- Gus Ariba (Webcor/ Alto Velo)
- 2nd - 22 points- Dave Puglia (LGBRC)
- 3rd - 21 points- Mike O'Dell (unattached)
- 4th - 8 points- Hillary Daniels (unattached)
- 5th - 7 points- Rory Osbrink (unattached)
- 6th - 5 points- Ivan Lee (unattached)
- 7th - 4 points- Kevin Torbett (Pegasus)
- 8th - 2 points- Greg Hoffman (Bike Doctor)
- 9th - Dave Tabor (unattached)
- 10th - Erik Gaze (Alto Velo/ Webcor)
- 11th - Bob McIntire (Village Peddler)

Until next Thursday night... be safe and have fun. Larry Nolan, AMD Masters Cycling Team