

## Race report. 15.10.2023. Topless Blockx4 50km.

### Second race CNP- Pre-Christmas Points Series.

With a fantastic All Black victory in the World Cup Quarterfinals banked a reduced field took on the second race of the points series. Large Topless Block was the course starting from the Huirangi Hall intersection on Waitara Road and finishing on Cross Road. Four laps of the circuit for approximately 50km.

With the windy conditions there were five groups on the road with some challenging handicaps to make up. Initially the early groups away looked like they would have it their own way.

Finish	Name	Race Time	Time	
1	Rob Gedeye	1.54.28	1.44.28	Group 2
2	Justin Harper	1.56.42	1.32.42	Group 3
3	Peter Schrafft	ST	ST	Group 3
4	James Murphy	1.56.50	1.32.50	Group 3
5	David Goodall	1.57.02	1.21.02	Group 5
6	Kelvin Eden	1.57.09	1.21.09	Group 5
7	Anthony Visser	1.58.14	1.27.14	Group 4
8	Tony Williams	1.58.50	1.27.50	Group 4
9	Nick Barrett	1.59.00	1.28.00	Group 4
10	Vince Edwards	2.00.03	1.50.03	Group 2
11	Gillian Danson	ST	ST	Group 2
12	John McMahon	2.00.10	1.50.10	Group 2
13	Simon Bishop	2.00.27	1.24.27	Group 5
14	Joy Peters	2.01.10	2.01.10	Group 1
DNF	Kevin Locke			Group 3

Rob Gedye made a move from his group near the end of the second lap and looked to be riding strongly eating into Joy Baker's lead. Group three was working well together and the groups four and five still had a fair amount of time to catch. Going into the third lap there was only two minutes between groups four and five.

But the gaps seriously started closing over the last two laps. Out in front Rob had caught Joy and had nearly three minutes on his pursuers. Group three had the balance of group two in their sights. A further four minutes back group five were right on the tails of group four and getting around at a solid pace.

Rob Gedye proved too good on the day holding off the chasers and soloing to victory with a handy two minute margin. Well done to Rob after a number of close second places it was good to see you take a win. Justin Harper outkicked Peter Schrafft for second after group three had rounded up group two. Next group in only 20 seconds back was a fast-finishing David Goodall who took fastest time followed by Kelvin Eden. Anthony Visser rode well to finish quickest from group four.

Thank you to CJ Peters for marshalling on course. Massive thank you to Sam Jiggins from Trafficr who came out as STMS (with Margy and Jeremy unavailable we had to get a third party in) and decided not to charge the club for his time. I will ensure that he gets a thank you gift in appreciation. Thank you to all the 2 who came and rode.

Hawera Road Cycling Club Inc. will be racing next weekend. Our next race will be Sunday 29th out at the Kaimata Hall. A mass start race on the Bannockburn Course. PD.