

Race report. 12.11.2023. Large Staircase Course. 2 Laps: 55km. Graded Handicap. Third Race Points Series.

Stunning conditions with warm temperatures and a rising south westerly wind was the order of the day this morning in Lepperton. No chance whatsoever of rain! Sunscreen required.

24 riders were split into six groups in the road. Paul on scratch chasing 33 minutes. Groups needs to work well together with the wind and hills. The Larger Staircase course of Richmond Road, Lincoln Road, Clarke Road, Waitara Road, Kairau Road and Richmond Road is pretty hill and real test of the legs.

Nature of the beast with the staircase things were a bit challenging and some groups splitting and loosing members on the first lap. The wind was certainly challenging with no sustained sections of tail wind.

With the wind and the challenging course the groups were seriously closing at the start of the second lap. Group Two with Andy, Rob, John and Vince where trucking along well having caught Group One on the first lap.

Everyone was starting to feel the hills on the second lap and some big efforts were made to hold the wheel. A number of bunches joined together and were giving chase and making significant time gains.

Group Two took it out in the end holding off the bigger chase group. Andy Fraser out-kicking Rob Gedye and John Larkin with Vince Edwards 4th.

12 November 2023. CNP Graded Handicap				
Large Staircase Course. 2x Laps - 55km.				
Place	Name	Race Time	Time	
1st	Andy Fraser	2.08.35	1.58.35	Group 2
2nd	Rob Gedeye	2.08.40	1.58.40	Group 2
3rd	John Larkin	2.08.40	1.58.40	Group 2
4th	Vince Edwards	2.08.40	1.58.40	Group 2
5th	Paul Duynhoven	2.09.00	1.36.00	Group 6
6th	Anthony Visser	2.09.18	1.41.18	Group 5
7th	Aiden Hutterd	2.09.46	1.46.46	Group 4
8th	Tony Williams	2.09.50	1.46.50	Group 4
9th	Paul Roe	2.09.50	1.46.50	Group 4
10th	Baz Marnoch	2.09.50	1.46.50	Group 4
11th	James Murphy	2.10.00	1.52.00	Group 3
12th	Peter Scharft	2.10.00	1.52.00	Group 3
13th	Justin Harper	2.10.10	1.52.10	Group 3
14th	Paul Rust	2.10.00	1.52.00	Group 3
15th	Simon Bishop	2.16.12	1.48.12	Group 5
16th	Michael White	2.16.30	1.48.30	Group 5
18th	Gillian Danson	2.16.51	2.16.51	Group 1
19th	John McMahon	2.16.51	2.16.51	Group 1
17th	Anton Augustine	2.16.50	2.16.50	Group 1
20th	Joy Baker	2.40.10	2.40.10	Group 1
	Kevin Locke	DNF		
	Fiona Plumtree	DNF		
	Grant Deam	DNF		
	Nick Barrett	DNF		

Paul Duynhoven drilled Richmond Road to ride away from the group that had accumulated from a number of grades for 5th, Anthony Visser a clear 6th. Then Aiden Hutterd outkicked the big group for 7th. The rest of Groups Three and Four you could chuck a blanket over finishing essentially on same time. Top first ride from Paul Rust too. Tough day at the office for break group. Anton Augustine, Gillian Danson and John McMahon rode well but were unable to stay away today. Joy Baker rode solidly all day to finish well.

Thank you to Michael White for putting out the signage for TMS. Paul for doing raceday secretary. Grant Wilson and Dylan Cumming for timekeeping. Simon Bishop for helping at the finish. Thank you to CJ Peters and Paul Plumtree for marshalling the Richmond Road bridge and Richmond/Kairau Corner. Massive thank you to Margy Weston for providing on-site STMS and checking the course. Thank you also to everyone who contributed to morning tea.

Hawera Road Cycling Club Inc. are racing next Sunday from Okaiawa. Our next CNP race will be a mass start race on Sunday 26th November from the Kaimata Hall. The course will be on Tarata Road out and back.

Anyone available to help on racedays is most appreciated, we have also started a sub-committee for the Around the Mountain Classic Handicap Race 2024. Anyone who is able to assist with this or would like to be on the sub-committee which is open to anyone interested – please let us know.

Cheers PD