

Race report. 29.10.2023. Blackbourn Blockx3 44km. Graded Mass Start.

Bright sunshine and awesome conditions greeted the riders for a delayed start after the World Cup Rugby Final. The Blackbourn Block was the course starting from the Kaimata Hall/School. Kaimata North Road, Bristol Road, Tarata Road to return to the Kaimata Hall. Three laps of the circuit for approximately 45km.

Mass start lead to some minor uncertainty as to how the race was going to pan out. Although the course wasn't a climbers dream sections were more exposed if the wind got up. After proceeding with a degree of caution for the first few kms and getting through a section of minor road works once we hit Bristol Road and Paul & David on the front setting a good pace the race started to break up. After one and half laps there were about four groups on the road with a couple of riders going solo.

Finish	Name	Race Time	
1	Paul Duynhoven	1.08.55	A Grade
2	David Goodall	ST	A Grade
3	Kelvin Eden	1.15.44	B Grade
4	Nick Barrett	1.16.00	C Grade
5	Michael White	ST	B Grade
6	Anthony Visser	1.16.09	B Grade
7	Paul Roe	1.16.40	C Grade
8	Tony Williams	1.19.00	C Grade
9	Peter Scharfft	ST	C Grade
10	Barry Marnoch	ST	C Grade
11	Aiden Hutlerd	ST	C Grade
12	Craig Forsyth	ST	C Grade
13	James Murphy	ST	C Grade
14	Justin Harper	ST	C Grade
15	Rob Gedeye	1.32.28	C Grade
16	Gillian Danson	1.39.22	D Grade
17	Vince Edwards	ST	D Grade
18	Joy Peters	1.39.55	D Grade

Everyone dug in pretty well over the last lap to record some pretty decent times and set up a couple of uphill sprint finishes. Paul Duynhoven had enough strength in reserve to hold off David Goodall , Kelvin Eden held off the chasers to take third overall. Nick Barrett got Michael White on the line by a tyre width. With Anthony Visser and Paul Roe riding well close behind. A big group of C graders came in next. After they all lined up Tony Williams proving to have the best kick out of that bunch, Peter Schafft following closely behind. Rob Gedye, Gillian Danson, Vince Edwards and Joy Peters all rode well to round out the racers on the day.

Well done to fastest in grades, Paul Duynhoven, Kelvin Eden, Nick Barrett (apologies to Nick as this was incorrectly awarded at prizegiving - PD) and Gillian Danson.

Reminder to everyone if you are observed crossing the centre line (exception being for safety reasons) we will be forced to disqualify you from the race and you will be ineligible for any prizes. To be able to continue to race it is important that we do so safely and follow road rules.

Massive thank you to Margy Watson who was our raceday STMS and time-keeper, organiser extraordinaire. Thank you to Paul Tipler and CJ Peters who marshalled the Bristol Road bridge. Thank you to all the riders who came out and raced.

Hawera Road Cycling Club Inc. Hawera Road Cycling Club Inc. will be racing next weekend. Our next race will be Sunday 12th November. This will be a points series race. PD.