

## Race report. 11.02.2024. Doug Herbert Memorial Cup Race. Huirangi, Tarata, Otaraoa Road (including tunnel), Tikorangi. 54km. Handicap.

A brilliant days weather for the Doug Herbert Memorial Race on Sunday morning. A field of predominantly New Plymouth riders assembled for a race the is renown for being a challenging one with the Tarata Saddle, and the pine trees and tunnel climbs on Otaraoa Road both being solid bergs. The spread of the handicaps were 32 minutes with break having a 6 minute advantage over scratch. After initially being benign with minimal wind almost on cue the wind picked up from the south from 9.30am onwards and by the time we started was certainly noticeable and was definitely going to take the sting out of the legs.

The route was south on Waitara Road from Huirangi Hall, left onto Everett Road, right onto Bristol Road, left onto Tarata Road through Kaimata over the Tarata saddle and left onto Otaraoa Road. Pine trees and tunnel climbs then a downhill run to a left onto Inland North Road, left onto Ngatimaru and finish back from Bertrand Road slogging into the head wind.

The southerly made for a crawl on Everett Road and Bristol Road. It certainly took a toll on E grade. Break rolled solidly catching C grade on Tarata Saddle. The hills staring punishing a few legs with a couple of riders dropping back from their groups. Scratch was not making many inroads. On the other side of the tunnel climb the pace ramped up with break leading the charge. Kelvin Eden had opened up a gap on the front but a super solid effort from Greg Clarke got him back on terms. A number of other B grade/break riders were riding solidly in pursuit.

A peleton of sorts had formed with riders from D grade, C grade and the remaining members of break who hadn't managed to hold onto their group-mates who were up the road. With 8km to go scratch sighted this group near Mangahewa Road.

Upfront the pacesetters hadn't been joined by anyone else and it was Kelvin who lead out Greg in the sprint for line honours. Greg didn't have enough left in the tank to come around him. A solid ride from both guys with Kevlin taking the win. Alexis Mogounoff was next in third followed by Carey Mander in fourth. Graham Hall was fifth.

Thanks to Graham for travelling up from Whanganui to race.

Next in was the mini peleton in a bunch sprint. Anthony Visser, Justin Harper, Raymond Lofamia, Barry Marnoch, Paul Roe, Andy Fraser & Nick Barrett could've had a blanket thrown over them. Followed closely by a chasing Paul Duynhoven from scratch. Next through were John Larkin, Rob Gedye, Gonzo Peinado (who had a unfortunate mechanical) and Anton Augustine. This was Alexis's last race for the summer as he head's back to University in Christchurch. It's been a pleasure having you come and race Alexis – hope to see you next season.

Place	Name	Race Time	Handicap Time		
1	Kelvin Eden	2.03.13	26.00	1.37.13	
2	Greg Clarke	2.03.16	26.00	1.37.16	
3	Alexis Migounoff	2.04.13	26.00	1.38.13	
4	Carey Mander	2.05.03	26.00	1.39.03	
5	Graham Hall	2.05.40	26.00	1.39.40	
6	Anthony Visser	2.06.26	26.00	1.40.26	
7	Justin Harper	2.06.26	15.00	1.51.26	
8	Raymond Lofamia	2.06.26	26.00	1.40.26	
9	Baz Marnoch	2.06.26	20.00	1.40.26	
10	Craig Forsyth	2.06.26	20.00	1.40.26	
11	Paul Roe	2.06.32	20.00	1.40.26	
12	Andy Fraser	2.06.35	15.00	1.51.35	
13	Nick Barrett	2.06.35	20.00	1.51.35	
14	Paul Duynhoven	2.06.38	32.00	1.34.38	Fastest
15	John Larkin	2.07.45	15.00	1.52.47	
16	Rob Gedeye	2.12.31	15.00	1.57.31	
17	Gonzo Peinado	2.12.46	26.00	1.46.46	
18	John McMahon	2.23.57	0.00	2.23.57	
19	Anton Augustine	2.25.57	0.00	2.25.57	
	Paul Hickford	DNF	15.00		
	Aiden Hutterd	DNF	26.00		

Winner of the Doug Herbert Trophy for 1st place for 2024 Kelvin Eden.

Winner of the Lorraine Herbert Trophy for fastest time for 2024 Paul Duynhoven.



Doug Herbert had a lifelong involvement in cycling and was an absolute giant of the sport. He also coached a number of riders as they came up through the ranks. Lorraine was a great supporter of the

sport and only passed away in the last few years. Due to personal circumstances unfortunately the Herbert family were unable to be present this year to award the trophies.

Thank you to Kelvin/Barry for doing raceday secretary. David Goodall & Margy Weston for timekeeping. Barry Marnoch for handicapping. Also thank you to Margy Weston for providing on-site STMS. Massive thank you to CJ Peters and Paul Tipler who marshalled out on course and bought all the signage back in (absolute legends!) Thank you Mrs McMahon for setting up the morning tea and to Bridie Fleming for bringing the trophies out.

Thank you to everyone who came out and raced. Good hard racing on a challenging course.

Hawera Road Cycling Club Inc. are racing next Sunday. Our next CNP race will be a cup race Sunday 25th Feb. The Peter Cox Memorial Trophies – raced on the Nationals circuit.

Anyone available to help on racedays is most appreciated. We need a number of volunteers and this help is awesome as it allows the committee members to race. PD.