

## **Hull Thursday Road Club Circuit TT championship event 3**

### **Prologue 5 mile TT Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

The first evening event of the season was the 5-mile Prologue held on the mainly downhill Weedley course and an event that definitely favored the strong riders. Mark McKeown repeated his win from last year a fine result that demonstrated the fitness improvements he has made over the winter. Second once again was Steve Guymmer at 5 seconds with Neil a further 4 seconds behind. The fast nature of the event means that the time gaps remain fairly small and Steve Makclin, Mark Dicconson John Askew and myself were all within 30 seconds of the winner. After that the time gaps got even tighter.

The wind was cold and from the North-east and was a cross wind for 3 miles before hitting riders square in the face for the last 2 miles and certainly slowed everyone down by at least a minute by my reckoning.

The hardest thing I found was keeping on the tri bars as long as possible but 3 sections required me to grab the bar ends and hold on tight as speeds approached 42 mph and things get a bit hairy. The fast bit down past Raywell was the worst and some riders I spoke to said they had not come off their tri bars at all – which is pretty impressive and must help to record a fast time as its like slinging a parachute over your back when you lift from the aero tuck.

Anybody who has not ridden this event and thinks it must be an easy couldn't be more wrong. Personally I think its one of the hardest events of the series and with the cold temperatures (only 6-7 degrees) it left me feeling like my lungs had been ripped out. It wasn't due to the lack of a warm up either as the 6-mile ride to the start had certainly warmed me up for the effort but within 30 seconds of the start I was gasping and maintained the effort right to the finish. The lack of hills makes the racing much closer and once again demonstrates the negative effect carrying a bit of extra weight has once you start going uphill and the 30 second gaps suddenly increase by a factor of 6 when the distance has only doubled

There were a large number of private entries joining the series regulars with a total of 30 riders facing the timekeeper. Adam Duggleby once produced a sensation al time of 9:16 and although well short of the course record it was still an excellent ride considering the conditions as was John Brealeys time of 9:34 that was second quickest on the night

The next event is next Tuesday (20<sup>th</sup> April) at Little Weighton. Meet on the school car park. All riders should be at the HQ NLT 6.20pm assigning on will close at 6.40 pm sharp

Fingers crossed for the warm and sunny weather to continue for a few more days

## Result

Position	Team	Time	Average Speed	Points
1	Mark McKeown	00:09:55	30.25	50
2	Steven Guymer	00:10:00	30.00	47
3	Neil Cleminshaw	00:10:04	29.80	46
4	Steve Macklin	00:10:09	29.56	45
5	Mark Dicconson	00:10:18	29.13	44
6	John Askew	00:10:20	29.03	43
7	Paul Kilvington	00:10:24	28.85	42
8	Tony Goundry	00:10:25	28.80	41
9	Paul Purdy	00:10:29	28.62	40
10	Richard Bielby	00:10:31	28.53	39
11	Phillip Eden	00:10:48	27.78	38
12	Simon Jack	00:11:01	27.23	37
12=	Andy Carroll	00:11:01	27.23	37
14	Nick Coupland	00:11:02	27.19	35
15	Paul Campbell	00:11:18	26.55	34
15=	Nathan Chester	00:11:18	26.55	34
17	Simon Mason	00:11:31	26.05	32
18	Neil Dean	00:11:33	25.97	31
19	Dave Millson	00:11:51	25.32	30
20	John Savage	00:12:04	24.86	29
21	Alan Kaye	00:12:08	24.73	28
22	Richard Guymer	00:12:16	24.46	27

### Private entries

Position	Team	Time	Average Speed	Points
1	Adam Duggleby	00:09:16	32.37	N/A
2	John Brearley	00:09:34	31.36	N/A
3	Rob Brusby	00:10:10	29.51	N/A
4	Paul Noble	00:10:52	27.61	N/A
5=	Craig Medcalf	00:11:01	27.23	N/A
5=	Andy Good	00:11:01	27.23	N/A
5=	Dave Hunt	00:11:01	27.23	N/A
8	Shane Proctor	00:13:15	24.73	N/A

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