



Friendly and competitive cycling for all ages in Sydney's West

DATE: 2005-12-12

RACE: Regatta Centre Criterium

A GRADE

Thanks to Peter Hackney for the report

There were riders trying to get clear from the bunch consistently during the race but nothing staying clear. The bunch split a few times under the constant pressure but came back together each time.

On the last lap Nick Spratt, Andrew Payne and Paul Connor managed to get clear and Nick managed to hold off the bunch which was led by Eddie Salas and Trent Butler.

PLACE	RIDER	Avg Speed
1st	Nick Spratt	41.7kph
2nd	Eddie Salas	
3rd	Trent Butler	
4th	Cody Stevenson	
5th	Andrew Payne	

B GRADE

A smaller bunch than previous weeks and a bit of wind down the back straight meant opportunists were on the lookout for a possible break. As usual, the negativity of the herd mentality ensured no breaks stayed away and the race was successfully and boringly nullified each time an aggressive and positive move was made - par for the course I guess. The World Champ got up in the end followed closely by another World Champ. -MS

PLACE	RIDER	AVG SPEED
1st	Shaun Hopkins	40.1kph
2nd	Jeff Smith	
3rd	Jason Pilgrim	
4th	Walter Machado	
5th	Jason Lindsay	

C GRADE

Thanks to Graeme Spratt for this report

A couple of small breaks, but none ever looked like staying away. There was a fall on the 3rd last lap halfway down the back straight, with the bunch spread out single file, the man in black touched a wheel and fell back onto the middle of the track, with an unfortunate following rider hitting him directly and flipping over onto his shoulders and back (that must have hurt!). Several other riders involved subsequently included Ian Sambrook and Michael Margennis. Down to the sprint and Ross Mcloughlin took off early and looked like hanging on until he was swamped in the last 50 metres.

Place	Rider
1st	Graeme Spratt
2nd	John Cooper
3rd	John Clain
4th	Graeme Shelley
5th	Grant Fahey

D GRADE

No race report. If you'd like to contribute one, send it to techsupport@penrithpanthers.cc

Place	Rider
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1st	Trevor Greenwood
2nd	Warren Hurst
3rd	Bill Caldwell
4th	Matt Crowley
5th	Daniel Baldacchino

E GRADE

Average speed about 33.4km/hr - Some attacks late on the last lap were unsuccessful. Sprint finish.

Thanks to Mark Sheppard for this report

Place	Rider	Avg Speed
1st	Steve Anson	33.4kph
2nd	Paul Harvey	
3rd	Mark Sheppard	
4th	Neil Richards	
5th	John Hopson	