



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

DATE: 2005-11-28

RACE: Regatta Centre Criterium

A GRADE

PLACE	RIDER
1st	Mark Falconer
2nd	Philip Stokes
3rd	Anthony Bennett
4th	Trevor Hill
5th	Eddie Salas

B GRADE

Thanks to Steve Moon for the B grade race report

The headwind into the home straight made the going tough and unsettled the big unruly herd with any breaks quickly drawn back.

Early on the pack split into three groups and looked like it might stay that way. A lot of untidy, and at times dangerous riding by some, who it seems thought the sheep station was on the line. Amazingly there were no falls!

The wind kept the speed down on the gallop home and the crafty managed the final placings.

PLACE	RIDER	AVG SPEED
1st	Steve Higgins	40.0kph
2nd	Walter Machado	
3rd	Matt Suckling	
4th	John Sperring	
5th	Steve Moon	

C GRADE

Thanks to Graeme Spratt for the C grade race report

Fairly quick at times with a couple of young agitators at the front constantly telling others how to come thru and ride the race. A few breaks attempted but usually failed into the wind on the home straight. Daryl rode off the front with a couple to go and was away for more than half a lap. On the last lap, the noisiest agitator took off down the back straight but was swamped as we approached the bridge for the last time. Over the bridge, and with no-one wanting to lead into the wind, Patrick Baldacchino charged up the right side, to be quickly followed bynobody! Nobody moved from the bunch for what seemed like 15 seconds, and then it became a mad scramble with those who jumped first dying in the middle of the road, presenting additional obstacles for those coming from behind to contest for second.

Place	Rider
1st	Patrick Baldacchino
2nd	Graeme Spratt
3rd	Peter Dykes
4th	Gordon Wilson
5th	Neil Leifell

D GRADE

Place	Rider
1st	Trevor Greenwood
2nd	Steven Melbourne
3rd	Mark Anthony

4th	Bill G
5th	Jeff Scott

E GRADE

Thanks to Mark Sheppard for the E grade race report

Average speed about 33km/hr - 4 got away in a breakaway on lap 3 and were joined by a further 4 or 5 almost a lap later. Breakaway of 8 stayed away till the sprint finish. Total of 20 starters.

Place	Rider	Avg Speed
1st	Robert Brooks	33kph
2nd	Mark Sheppard	
3rd	Graham Doering	
4th	Neil Richards	
5th	Zara Doering	