Penrith Cycling Club

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

DATE: 2007-01-08 **RACE: Regatta Centre Criterium**

The first race of the 2007 crit season was run in near perfect conditions, not too hot and not much wind. A reasonable turn out of riders hoping to burn of some Christmas pudding...

A GRADE

Racing was on from the start with a rider going clear on the first lap. He was joined by two others but the bunch brought it back after a couple of laps. At about the 20 min mark Phil Stokes put in a big turn and took Mitch Bonham and Brian Appleyard with him. Eddie Salas, Ben Dyball and Pete Hackney were next to join the trio and with 6 riders working well they opened a good gap. On the last lap Ben was the first to attack and as the others hesitated Brian jumped across to him who timed his run to the line to perfection just holding off Eddie and Phil. - PH

PLACE	RIDER	Avg Speed
1st	Brian Appleyard	42.9kph
2nd	Eddie Salas	
3rd	Philip Stokes	
4th	Mitch Bonham	
5th	Peter Hackney	

B GRADE

A fair dinkum B grade race tonight with some solid aggressive racing for a change. After 10km covered a good move went including around a dozen or so riders. Unfortunately, due to lack of cohesion, the move didn't last but it certainly rattled some cages and softened some legs. With 11km left to race the bunch was beginnning to split at the front, with a small group of three or four moving clear. An attack from the back to bridge the gap and another jump in speed meant a group of about five went clear. After a kilometre there were three left. These three buried themselves down the back straight into the headwind; which is where they pulled the gap out to a relatively safe margin. One lap to go and a steady high speed of around 42 kept the lead riders out there to contest the finish. - MS

PLACE	RIDER	AVG SPEED
1st	Brett Murphy	41.1kph
2nd	Silvester Zust	
3rd	Mike Stacey	
4th	Brad Shute	
5th	Daniel Thompson	

C GRADE

Place	Rider
1st	T Sambrook
2nd	E Pearce
3rd	Ewan Stewart
4th	Graeme Shelley
5th	M Simmons

D GRADE

Place	Rider
1st	Gabriel Facal
2nd	J Lane
3rd	Andrew Debeck
4th	D Smith
5th	Ian Macalpine

E GRADE

Place	Rider
1st	A Childs
2nd	Brett Cottee
3rd	Neil Richards
4th	P Nelson
5th	S Ashbee