Penrith Cycling Club

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DATE: 2009-09-27 **RACE: John Vedris Memorial Handicap**

Extremely windy conditions for the inaugural Vedris Memorial which commemorates John Vedris and the effort that he put into the running of the club during the 1990s.

The race ran clockwise meaning big tailwinds down the wide straight and demoralising headwinds up the back straight. This race is usually run as a masters only event but this year it was decided to run it as an all-in event with prizes only awarded to masters category riders.

A GRADE

Riders started in their grades so their were 6 bunches rolling out at staggered intervals - A, B, C, D, E grades plus an extra one for B+ (or A-) riders who started behind the main B grade bunch.

The B+ group worked very well indeed, catching the B grade bunch after about 3 laps and by lap 5 or 6 had caught all riders in front. This group pretty much rode straight through all bunches and ended up consisting of Jason Lindsay, Graeme Spratt, Sly Zust, Graant Bennet and Mike Stacey. With 2 laps to go, they had over a minute on the chasing A grade group which had also dwindled to half a dozen or so. The efforts of the Silver Bullet down the main straight with the tailwind certainly helped build the large gap.

The wind seemed to reach gale force on the last lap and the chasing group must have dug very deep to bridge the final gap. 50 metres before the catch, Milostic attacked and rode past the B+ bunch with Salas and a couple of others in tow. Jason Lindsay and Graeme Spratt rode well in the final 500m to hang on and be competitive in the sprint.

PLACE	RIDER
1st	Peter Milostic
2nd	Josh Taylor (Hunter CC)
3rd	Eddie Salas
4th	Jason Lindsay
5th	Graeme Spratt

No present race results available.

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No present E grade race results available.