

April 28, 2005, Thursday night track results

Reminder: this weeks Thursday night racing falls on cinco de mayo so we will be celebrating! 05-05-05 We want to fill out all three categories and invite you to bring a guest out to join in the fun! Sprints every five laps, points 5 deep, with racing for 55 minutes or 55 laps... you decide! Beer primes, burrito and taco primes, and more. Fun stuff. Please try to join us.

Marc Franklin encouraged and helped me months ago to promote this Thursday night track series. During the racing last Thursday Marc asked 'what have you learned from this?' Well, the racing has been fun to watch, the riders have been super friendly to each other, it's been great to watch riders improve in their speed and with their tactics week after week and there have been no crashes! I've have also weaved a few more observations into the stories below.

The threat of rain kept the rider turnout down. Then again, bicycling racing has never been a sport with patience for perfect weather, or a new warm-up apron, an electronic scoreboard or whatever else a rider may need to get in the proper frame of mind to race their bike to the best of their abilities. Just the opposite, I'd say that the twenty four riders that showed up last Thursday proved that they can persevere and that they may be better prepared for future races when conditions are not ideal. Either that, or they just had some free time to come out and race their bikes ;-)

Thanks go out to Robin Horowitz for helping with the lap cards and bell ringing.

Race commentary: 4th Thursday Night Racing of the year (of 8). Just before the C's got under way a rider flatted. With no spare tubular his night was over before it began. Another rider had a spare and they both raced. That's what the track is like! Back to the racing: The C's started at 7:10pm and did their first sprint/ slow race of the year. Which is to say that they covered 60 laps in 43:30 for a pedestrian 17.3mph average. Then again, those numbers simply do not represent the speeds of the sprints (they actually raised the average ;-). Even still, the racing was exciting with all eight riders in contention and always close to a good placing. Also, a hearty welcome to Greg Hoffman who visits San Jose from his home in Pennsylvania and makes a special effort to get out to our track.

The A's and B's were combined once again (we need more athletes so that we can race separately!) into one large group of 18 riders and picked separately. The C's warm-up may not have been enough for them as they easily agreed to race for 100 laps. Not quite as fast as the previous week, but still moving right along, the groups covered the 20.8 miles in 48:37 for an average of 25.8mph. As in the previous weeks both races sprinted every 10 laps and 20 points were awarded to riders that took a lap. Late in the race Gen Kogure and Jesse Mendota gained a lap and broke open a tight race.

A Group Results

1st - 52 points- Gen Kogure (Velo Europa/ Cyfac)- 1 lap up, 5 victories

- 2nd - 48 points- Jesse Mendonca (Alto Velo/ Webcor)- 1 lap up, 2 victories
- 3rd - 19 points- Bob Muzzy (Bexerkeley)- 1 victory, 1 relegation
- 4th - 13 points- Giovanni Rey (Velo Europa/ Cyfac)- 1 victory

B Group Results

- 1st- 6 points- Steven Wu (Pegasus Bicycle Works)
 - 2nd - 6 points- Richard DiGennaro (Solo Velo/ Clif Bar)
 - 3rd - 5 points- Eliot Logan (Webcor/ Alto Velo)- 1 victory
 - 4th - 2 points- Kelly Silberberg (GS Lombardi)
 - 5th - 1 point- Roger Marquis (East Bay Velo Club)
 - 6th - 1 point- MB Novak (CycleSports)
 - 7th - 0 points- Eugene Beyer (ICCC)- even laps
 - 8th - 0 points- Grant Foster- even laps
 - 9th - 0 points- Steven Woo (LGBRC)- even laps
- Marc Franklin (Webcor/ Alto Velo)
Julie Adams (PABW)
Joe Fineman (Penn State)

C Group Results

- 1st - 20 points- John Sevic (LGBRC)- 3 victories, 1 relegation
- 2nd - 16 points- Greg Hoffman (Bike Doctor)
- 3rd - 14 points- Dave Puglia (LGBRC)- 1 victory
- 4th - 12 points- Scott Regan (FFBC)
- 5th - 8 points- Mike O'Dell (unattached)- 2 victories
- 6th - 6 points- Dave Tabor (unattached)
- 7th - 1 point- Ivan Lee (unattached)
- 8th - 0 points- Mike Krynock (Alto Velo/ Websor)

Until next Thursday night... be safe and have fun. Larry Nolan, AMD Masters Cycling Team