

The last race of summer and it's the dreaded once a year sealed handicap with a start at the bottom of Cole Hill. 44 riders greeted the starter in fine spirits after the sign on process using the new timing system went as well if not better than the old paper based process.

A start at five past the allotted hour did not quite give Tim Yates time to sign on but he gamely put on the #1 and joined in to ensure everyone had the chance to say "who is that?" on the trundle out to the start point. A trundle it might have been but there were a couple of points of interest.

Paul Maxwell was all too worried about the race behind and managed to run up the back of the race in front. A screech of brakes led to a puncture and down went Paul only to bounce back up, jump into the tail car, find a spare wheel and rejoin the race without having to climb Cole Hill. I'll have to remember that one next time.

And then there were the cars on the road. One in particular was enjoying the race so much they decided to pass on double white lines only to find they were less than half way past the bunch when a car came around the next corner! Luckily for all concerned the approaching car was able to stop and pull off the road and the riders made room for the offending driver to pull in. When called through the driver was still in a state of shock and took some time to get going again. I'm sure it says something in the road rules about overtaking only when safe to do so! If anyone got the number plate details I will pass them on to the Police.

After that excitement the race finally got going in earnest and the committed managed to finish the race. The rest of us decided it was too far off the beaten track to the second turn and headed back to Richmond before the rain came down. Of course there wasn't any rain - but there could have been if we had kept going! Better safe than sore is my motto.

After another clash with technology the timing crew called it quits after picking the obvious winner from the hastily put together manual timing process and retired to home to resurrect the times. The culprit was a knackered network cable between the decoder and computer which meant they couldn't talk to each other. That was a bit like me about half way up Cole Hill! After connecting with a new cable the full story emerged as below. The obvious winner, who wasn't seen without a smile on his face from the finish until he left for home put in a terrific ride to be 2:30 in front of the next rider on corrected time - well done Robert Hudson. The spell in the 4s over the Christmas series has obviously inspired him back into the 3s and looking at the 2s.

The results are sorted in three parts. Firstly on position over the line and congratulations to Dave Dennis who is making a habit of turning up infrequently and winning often. Might have to have a look at that. And then there is the glory split showing just how far Robert Hudson managed to ride above expectations. Sealed handicap racing is always more guess work than science but for a rider not long out of the 4s to beat home there Div 1 riders is a sign of a very good ride. Might have to look at that one as well.

The last of the sorted list is a sort on handicap. This gives you a look at where I think you are in terms of a handicap position compared to the others in the bunch. All being equal and everyone going flat out then the position over the line should be the ranking of the handicapper. Never happens - never will. Have a look at your ranking and don't be afraid to talk to me about it. If you aren't anywhere near where I have you - let me know - I may not agree but I'm always happy to talk.

Lastly, thanks to the marshals on the day, Dylan Forbes, Peter Podolak and late ring-in Greg Bennetts. Next week it is Andrew flakemore, Bill Watts and Michael Verrier. If you see them during the week don't forget to remind them.

That's it from me. The results are below. Even though the decoder and computer couldn't talk to each other on the day, a new cable and it was an easy process to download all the missing times and resurrect the results. Pity about that cable. Cheers - Dale Carney.

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Sorted by position across the line

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34	David	Dennis	1:57:43.990	1	3:15	1:54:28.990	2
16	Justin	McMullen	1:57:44.299	2	2:20	1:55:24.299	4
2	Mike	Gargioni	1:57:44.392	3	0:00	1:57:44.392	16
33	Chris	Riley	1:57:45.020	4	2:20	1:55:25.020	5
17	Raymond	Duay	1:57:45.038	5	2:20	1:55:25.038	6
45	Robert	Hudson	1:57:47.465	6	5:53	1:51:54.465	1
8	Andrew	Flakemore	1:57:48.932	7	0:30	1:57:18.932	13
21	Rod	Hartridge	1:57:49.142	8	3:02	1:54:47.142	3
9	Andrew	Pitt	1:57:49.773	9	0:30	1:57:19.773	14
23	Ian	Woodward	1:57:51.321	10	2:20	1:55:31.321	8
11	Scott	Miller	1:57:51.663	11	1:24	1:56:27.663	9
44	John	Holborow	2:00:09.588	12	4:40	1:55:29.588	7
28	Jaimie	Clarke	2:00:09.960	13	3:16	1:56:53.960	10
18	Nick	Bryce	2:04:02.617	14	3:47	2:00:15.617	27
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63	Derek	Marsh	2:04:46.846	16	7:05	1:57:41.846	15
26	Nigel	Hume	2:04:47.154	17	3:44	2:01:03.154	28
48	Clive	Jackson	2:04:47.176	18	4:57	1:59:50.176	24
53	Paul	Maxwell	2:05:11.450	19	6:34	1:58:37.450	21
55	Mark	Cashion	2:05:11.876	20	7:18	1:57:53.876	20
50	Leo	Kaimatsoglu	2:05:12.240	21	7:24	1:57:48.240	18
70	Eric	Jarrett	2:05:13.460	22	8:03	1:57:10.460	11
32	Phil	Jarvie	2:05:19.208	23	2:20	2:02:59.208	30
60	Phil	Papps	2:05:44.324	24	7:57	1:57:47.324	17
73	Neil	Davidson	2:05:46.040	25	6:58	1:58:48.040	23
76	John	Breen	2:05:46.579	26	7:57	1:57:49.579	19
74	Steve	Adams	2:05:48.563	27	8:30	1:57:18.563	12
67	Rob	Steadman	2:07:07.343	28	8:22	1:58:45.343	22
61	Mark	Ostberg	2:09:03.064	29	9:07	1:59:56.064	26
72	Guy	Ratcliffe	2:14:35.979	30	10:17	2:04:18.979	32
95	Rudi	Kloser	2:14:36.088	31	13:05	2:01:31.088	29
83	Bill	Watts	2:17:27.558	32	14:01	2:03:26.558	31
97	Michael	Nunn	2:29:53.958	33	17:18	2:12:35.958	33
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