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Event Report



Brighton Mitre Hilly Weekend

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Pete Tadros of In-Gear Quickvit RT claims top spot on the Brighton Mitre Easter Hilly Weekend.

The Saturday 10 was run on G10/44 which is a rolling course from Kirdford to Petworth and then along the A272 to Wisborough Green. The sting in the tail is definitely the 1.2 mile climb up Fox hill mid way on the A272 though the fast rolling descent to the finish certainly helped offset any time lost on the way up.

On paper Tadros was favourite but before the start he didn't discount the 2008 winner Chris Birch of East Street Cycles. As it was Birch had to settle for 3rd on 23:11, 10 seconds behind second place man Guy Powdrill of London Dynamo.

Only one other broke the 24 minute barrier and that was Colin McDermott of Festival RC with 23:41. In light of these times, Tadros was clearly in a class of his own with his winning time of 22:19.

1st lady was Emma Craddock of South Downs Bikes comfortably breaking the 30 minute barrier with 29:31

Alan Rowe of De Laune CC edged out Ben Fielden of a3crg to claim fastest vet on standard with +3:43 and hosts Brighton Mitre claimed the team prize with Paul Thatcher, Tristan Court and Nick Sky clocking 1:17:56

Monday's 25 was on GS/999 which starts at the top of Devils Dyke and rapidly drops down the Downs on a descent where speeds of up to 50mph are possible. The course rolls along the base of the Downs to Shoreham where it turns and heads back to Poynings via Henfield. Unfortunately what goes down must go up and the final 2.5 miles features two big climbs, including the final slog where the outbound speeds are a very distant memory.

Tadros was the only one to break the hour and romped home in a superb 58:01. Guy Powdrill followed up his 2nd on Saturday with another excellent second but couldn't match Tadros, finishing in 1:1:41. 3rd place went to an on form Tony Reeves of GS Stella with 1:4:38, beating Iain Brogden of Eastbourne Rovers by 14 secs.

Emma Craddock matched her first place from Saturday with another convincing win to claim the ladies title in 1:17:41.

The evergreen Geoff Smith of Sussex Nomads topped the Vets on Standard table with +6:06 and was joined by team mates Mark Paton and Mike Valks to claim fastest team with 3:26:04.

