

Lewes Wanderers Cycling Club - Evening Crits - Round 1 - 2/06/16

Results and Report

Race Finish

- 1 22 Dan Helyer - Eastbourne Rovers CC
- 2 45 Brindley Taylor - Crawley Wheelers
- 3 29 Ryan Machin - Crawley Wheelers
- 4 42 Robert Quin - Brighton Mitre CC
- 5 39 Rob Pelham - Lewes Wanderers CC
- 6 11 Eric DeGolier - Sussex Revolution VC
- 7 21 Richard Hearle - Sussex Revolution VC
- 8 14 Joel Draper - Brighton Mitre CC
- 9 25 Gavin Jones - Sussex Revolution VC
- 10 10 Trevor Deeble - VC Liberte

Prime 1

- 1 55 Patrick Hough - Lewes Wanderers CC
- 2 39 Rob Pelham - Lewes Wanderers CC
- 3 42 Rob Quin - Brighton Mitre CC

Prime 2

- 1 45 Brindley Taylor - Crawley Wheelers
- 2 25 Gavin Jones - Sussex Revolution VC
- 3 39 Rob Pelham - Lewes Wanderers CC

Prime 3

- 1 10 Trevor Deeble - VC Liberte
- 2 46 Marc Townsend - Neon Velo
- 3 39 Rob Pelham - Lewes Wanderers CC

Total GC Points after Round 1

Taylor 14 - Helyer 12 - Pelham 9 - Machin 7 - Quin 6 - Deeble 5 - Hough 5 - DeGolier 3 - Jones 3 - Townsend 3

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Report: Lewes Wanderers Cycling Club launched the 50th edition of their Criterium Series at 7:15 PM Laughton on June 2nd. On a chilly and overcast evening 46 riders rolled away behind a team of support cars and motorcycle outriders up Shortgate Lane. Strong teams from Sussex Revolution, Brighton Mitre and Crawley Wheelers lined up to break the domination of recent years by the host club.

The first rider to drift off the front and take the first sprint was Patrick Hough, Lewes Wanderers, more at home on steep hills, rather than bunch sprints... The second sprint was a close thing with Brindley Taylor (Crawley Wheelers) just holding off Gavin Jones (Sussex Revolution) and Rob Pelham from Lewes. Several attempted breaks by accomplished riders such as Mark Emsley ASL 306 and Marc Townsend Neon Velo were chased down before a two-man break featuring Townsend and Trevor Deeble (VC Liberte) got away and took the final intermediate sprint.

A strong headwind up the Lewes road and a consistently high pace set by the bunch, containing some strongmen such as Nick Dwyer from Lewes discouraged any serious escapes on the final lap and the race seemed to be set up for the sprinters. Unfortunately, riders from a nervous bunch switched across the road with 300 meters to go and one mistake brought down a small group, some suffering broken bikes and road rash.

Dan Helyer of Eastbourne Rovers went on to take the sprint from the left hand side of the road. Second placed Brindley Taylor, who also scored in the intermediate sprints is now points leader, putting Crawley Wheelers firmly amongst the favourites for the series win, whilst Rob Pelham is well positioned to challenge in the next event.

An extra large team of willing Lewes Wanderers stepped up to marshal and support the event. The next race in the series will commence at 7:15pm at Shortgate Lane, Laughton on Thursday June 9th.

Chris Hough