

The opening events of the Welsh Road Racing calendar were held on Monday night at the cycle track in Maindy, Cardiff. With most of the favourites on Commonwealth Games duty in Australia, the races were wide open and the first event for cat 4, women and junior riders was hotly contested throughout. Despite the combined efforts of Abertillery Wheelers duo, Gareth Chislett and Ross Phillips, the bunch stayed together and ended with a sprint for the line. 1st Christopher Rosser - Cardiff Ajax CC, 2nd Alexandra Greenfield - Cardiff Ajax CC, 3rd John Hughes

The main event of the evening a 40km race for cat 1,2 and 3 riders saw the peloton happy to roll around at a steady pace until an attack by Stephen Bonnici, Christopher Tidball, Darren Stone and Andy Hoskins managed to get a gap and working together they quickly pulled out a half lap lead. It soon became obvious that this was going to be the winning break of the race and Martin Latewood, Abertillery Wheelers, tried to bridge across but the rest of the bunch showed little interest and stuck in no mans land he quickly tired and went back to the safety of the chasing group. Eventually, the leaders managed to take the lap and the field came together again. Despite several attempts to escape off the front, the instigator of the original break Steve Bonnici, Economic Energy controlled the rest of the race to take a well deserved victory. 2nd Christopher Tidball - Ogmere Valley Wheelers, 3rd Darren Stone -Cardiff Jif

A clear sky and cold temperatures greeted the seven riders who signed on to contest the opening event of the Abertillery Wheelers Saturday 10 mile series held on a difficult course between Hafodyrynys and Pontypool. Despite the build up of road salt making the corners treacherous, a number of fast times were recorded for this time of year, with Ian Davies managing to maintain his speed through the corners to record his first win of the season with 26-24. Nigel Pearce 26-45, Clinton Evans 27-05, Dave Evans 27-09, Gareth Chislett 27-21, Brian Fry 27-52. Stuart Inch failed to complete the course after snapping his bicycle frame!

The cold weather continued the following day for Port Talbot Wheelers' 2-up 25 mile team time trial held on the fastest course in the UK down Glynneath bank. Snow greeted the early competitors as they arrived at the HQ in Resolven, but this quickly melted and a fine but cold day looked set to provide some fast times.. However a combination of a strong head wind on the run out to the turn and winter showers on the return leg proved too much for most competitors, with only a few managing to break the magic hour. The event was won by the local team of Geraint Evans & Colin Wallace, Port Talbot Wheelers with 53-24. The Abertillery Wheelers team of Gareth Chislett & Martin Latewood struggled on the day to record 1-03-32. Abertillery Wheelers' Ian Davies produced a respectable 1-04-10 after being forced to ride the course solo after his team mate Ross Phillips punctured on the start line.