

## **Reports Week Ending 16th May 2010**

### **Eelmore Crit Race – 12th May – by Dave Larkin**

Slightly better this week, managed to finish in middle of the field [bit vague i know] after choosing to ride there.

Link to Full Result:

[http://www.britishcycling.org.uk/web/site/BC/Bridge/calendar\\_results.asp?evt\\_cp=3&evt\\_mode=2&evt\\_id=%7B9B73BCE9-9225-4FE3-BA27-0F4146682431%7D&evt\\_seriesid=&evt\\_myevents=No&RefID=&RefType=&evt\\_year=2010&evt\\_month=Any&evt\\_kw=&evt\\_regions=All+Regions&evt\\_disc=&evt\\_class=&evt\\_cat=&evt\\_series=](http://www.britishcycling.org.uk/web/site/BC/Bridge/calendar_results.asp?evt_cp=3&evt_mode=2&evt_id=%7B9B73BCE9-9225-4FE3-BA27-0F4146682431%7D&evt_seriesid=&evt_myevents=No&RefID=&RefType=&evt_year=2010&evt_month=Any&evt_kw=&evt_regions=All+Regions&evt_disc=&evt_class=&evt_cat=&evt_series=)

### **Charlotteville Club (7.4miles) – 12th May**

A few TVS'ers riding here tonight – see results below

Link to Full Result:

[http://www.charlottevillecc.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=628:2nd-evening-10-74-12th-may&catid=77:2010-results&Itemid=66](http://www.charlottevillecc.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=628:2nd-evening-10-74-12th-may&catid=77:2010-results&Itemid=66)

### **Hounslow Wheelers Club 10 – 13th May – by Dave Larkin**

Was planning to do just a gentle ride but decided to do a 10 mile tt instead (temptation was too great). As I arrived to sign on the heavens opened up and the organising club (Hounslow Wheelers) were talking about cancelling, but as quick as the rain came 10 minutes later it had gone, great it was a green light. The racing got under way and the first mile and half my legs felt tight and sluggish from previous night, then once warm felt good and i thought i would regain some lost time, but not to be! My finish time of 26.30 on my computer but on their clock it was 25.30 on mine?? The best time on the night was 25.12.

### **a3crg 25 (2up) – 16th May – by David Emery**

Another early start for me 5.15am (not used to these) for a carb feast then a quick loading of the P3C and kit. ACDC at a good volume in the car to wake me up and get me in the mood!

Picked up Tony (who was looking all too wide awake) and his awesome looking Lotus TT bike and headed off to the start.

Booked in easily and with plenty of time before our 8.12am start we got a good warm up ride out of the way. Dogged by some bloke driving on our rear wheels in a Merc! Turned out to be Mr Sturt himself :-). Sadly no bike but he was up and about and in good spirits. With a quick photo Tony and I moved up to the start line.

Tony set the pace from the start line and once up to speed I moved to the front for the first hill, felt good and took it steady knowing Tony takes a few miles to settle in and wake the legs up! We took short turns at the front as there was a distinct head wind to battle with. Up to the first round-a-bout we had only managed 23.5mph average, our target was 25mph. Thought we would fly back with a helping tailwind but once back on the A3 we were sheltered by the trees and got nothing! I took a big turn on the front and pushed our pace up a bit but our 25mph target was slipping out of reach.

Straight on passed the next slip road and up to the round-a-bout over the A3 and back for a second loop. Again the headwind didn't help but we kept a steady pace and powered past the 10 miles to go marker. Tony led us in to the round-a-bout and I move to the front as we rejoined the A3 for the push home. Head down and legs spinning well and pushing hard I took us to the 4 mile marked, Tony found a last turn of speed to take us to the last 3 miles, P3C on the front again I pushed the pace up again and with the final turn in sight and less than a mile to go Tony got back on the front to take us off the A3 and to the finish line. A slight climb up over the A3 found me flying back past Tony (think he's going off hills) on the nearside (I still can't take corners properly) who had started to run out of steam. I slowed down but obviously not enough as I thought he'd got back on my wheel for the sprint to the line. I dropped the hammer and flew towards the finish line, glanced over my shoulder but Tony had dropped back a tad. I coasted to the line and Mr W followed a few seconds behind.

Our time was 1 hour 3mins dead.

Could we have gone faster? Yes, now we know the route. Tony needs to find a tad more speed and I need to learn how to pass and pick him up as I go by.

We both thoroughly enjoyed the TT and will do more for sure.

Thanks to Tony for the ride and to Andy for the photos.

PS. I heard a rumour that Derek Dowden got lost on this course, he tried to miss out the middle of the course and cut a good ten miles off the ride...

Some say Derek got lost because he rides so low on that TT bike he can't actually see over the front wheel to read the signs!



**Tony & David above ready to ride and on the course looking good**

Link to Full Result:

<http://www.a3crg.co.uk/eventresult2.php?&eventid=257>