



Nomads News

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The news letter of the Hitchin Nomads Cycling Club

The season has started in earnest, and I'm writing this while recovering from the Interclub 10. This issue is brought to you by race reports, cycling games and me getting my legs ripped off at various intervals. Scott.

Cycling Games: Part-The End.

Cycling Manager series (PC) -

<http://www.cycling-manager.com/>

As in the popular football manager games, the player chooses a team and manages it through a season. In the cycling game, the manager can set tactics in individual races. Also as in the football games, playing through a season can take quite a while, and I have not found the time to do the game justice. For the cycling enthusiast, this should be a good game. I suspect however that it is sufficiently realistic to be incomprehensible to the non-cyclist, and hence its UK following is limited.

Several editions of this game have come out in recent years, with increasing features each time; in early versions, the races did not even go round any corners!

Tour de France (Playstation 2 and Xbox)

This is much more a race game than *Cycling Manager*. Think of it as like an I-Magic simulator/turbo-trainer, but with none of the unpleasant hard work bit. The game turns on use of slipstreaming, taking adequate and well-timed drinks from your bottle, and of course using your limited available effort at the right moments.

You can build up to a Tour, but we have tended just to do single races.

Lest there be any doubt, I have tried most of these games a few times, but I don't spend all my evenings on them and I am no expert. If you know of more or better games, please tell the rest of us!
By David Rossall.

Open Event Report.

On Easter Sunday Steve Robinson and Paul King ventured into deepest Norfolk to ride the CC Breckland 2-up 26. Held on quiet rural roads the course is based on 2 laps of a 13 mile circuit, and despite the 6 degree temperatures was a great event to ride.

Paul had been suffering from a chest infection all week and began to struggle at the end of the first lap, we therefore had a chat and agreed that he would stop before he did himself any damage and I would ride the second lap solo. I put my head down and carried on thinking that Paul had backed off, next thing I know about a mile later he came tearing past me saying that he suddenly felt OK again! For the next 3 miles he then ripped my legs off before fading enough for me to get on level terms and we then shared the work to the finish.

Despite these little chats and changes in pace the result was a respectable 1:11:20 which looked to be good enough to get us in the top half of a field that included the likes of Zak Carr. Overall it's an event I would recommend to you all for next year as it is held on really quiet and challenging roads and is a more interesting course than the usual dual carriageways.

By Steve Robinson.

Results 03/04/05.

Three pairs of riders made it out to the start of the Club's Two-up TT on a breezy Sunday morning. They were joined by late-comer Nick Senechal, who had ridden out from Hitchin in a short-sleeved jersey, brave man.

The winning pair decided to handicap themselves by riding the event without the aid of Tri-bars or any other aero assistance. Not to mention, pairing the heaviest rider with the lightest rider. Which just goes to show, there's no substitute for lunacy.

Full results are-

Neil Fraser & Scott Edwards	01:06:56
Nigel Tooke & Steve Robinson	01:08:08
Dave Ledgerton & Julian Siedlecki	01:08:28
Nick Senechal Solo	01:14:59

Time keeping was by Richard Bland, and pushing off were Geoff Denny and Clive Collins.

I have only two things to say about this result, thanks for the tow Neil, and can you put on a bit of weight for next year.
Scott.

Results 05/04/05.

Tuesday saw the first of the Briercliffe 10's, and seven riders turned up to contest the event. David Ledgerton set the standard, just pipping ex-member Jeremy Prodger by one second.

Full results are-

David Ledgerton	26:02
Jeremy Prodger (FVS Tri)	26:03
Andrew Herbert	26:38
Andrew Saunders	27:32
Julian Siedlecki	28:12
Nigel Tooke	28:36
David Summerell	29:16

Time keeping was by Richard Bland, and pushing off was Tony Furby.

Interclub 10.

The Interclub 10 was run in sunny, though cool conditions, with a brisk westerly breeze not helping the riders in either direction.

Our riders gave a good account of themselves, and their times are as follows-

Mike Webb	24:38
Andy Herbert	25:58
Neil Fraser	26:01
David Ledgerton	26:07
Steve Robinson	26:17
Scott Edwards	26:26
Paul Kelley	26:46
Andy Saunders	26:54
Nick Senechal	27:02
Julian Siedlecki	27:32
Nigel Tooke	27:36
Clive Collins	29:14
Richard Bland	32:37

The full results sheet will be published when it's available. Let's hope we have given ourselves a good springboard for the rest of the competition.

Thanks to all the riders and all those that came to support us.