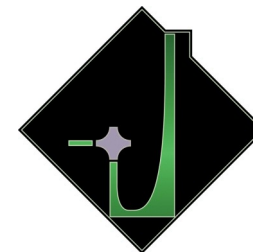


THE 2023 CYCLING TIME TRAILS 'THE ICE BREAKER RACES' 4TH MARCH

VTTA Solo -TT Race Preview



27.2.23—Weather for the event looks reasonable with a mild Northerly breeze forecast in dry conditions. This should make the outward leg a little quicker than the return and will test early season form on the 'Red Wall' drag on the return leg.



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The event sees some of the fastest TT riders over the last decade locking horns with a few new faces throwing their names into the mix. The *2022 BBAR Marcel Schubert* (photo left) is off as the top seed with the *2016 RTTC BBAR Richard Bideau* (photo right) seeded second which will see these two legends go 'bare knuckle' against each other over this ten miles course. Returning from a year off and local VTTA favourite is *Richard Sharp* part of the Addform race team based in Yorkshire who is expected to be in the challenge for the top spots.

Favourite for the Team Award is Pendle Forest CC with Bideau teamed up with Braithwaite and Harvey, who themselves should be in the top part of the field and even push for the win.



Patrick Casey (picture right) is the top seeded junior and could push the BBAR legends all the way in this short distance test having clocked 18:47 on the E2/10 in 2022 on a not particularly fast day. Casey is an Irish International and will represent his country later in 2023 off the back of the Ice Breaker TT.



Ben Pease off with bib 85 can push a TT field having clocked 48:34 in a '25' on the T252/3 last season, showing great speed on the lumpy course in Teesside and also has a sub 19 minute 10 to his name.

David Ashton comes in off the back of a 19:02 PB so may want to show a few riders what the Army can offer as he represents the Army Cycling Team.

Bevan Jones (picture left) bib 60 recorded six open 10 TT wins in 2022 and four in 2023, so will be looking to keep up this record as he takes to the tarmac for the first of the season in Yorkshire.