



Western Time Trials Association 100 mile time trial U86/100

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Prizes

First Overall	£40	Matt Burden	Severn RC	3:57:50
Second Overall		Gregory Woodford	Reading CC	4:15:22
Third Overall	£20	Alex Kirk	Dulwich Paragon CC	4:16:07
First Vet	£30	Gregory Woodford	Reading CC	+45:35
First Woman	£25	Hannah Ricketts	Bristol South CC	4:51:30
First Trike	Not Awarded			
First Team of 3	£20 each	Matt Burden Tom Bertenshaw Jarek Turif	Severn RC	12:52:27

Commentary

Thank you all for entering this event. This was something like the 5th year I've organised the WTTA 100, and for me I think its been the most relaxed event so far. No hassles with changing loops, no worries about riders on the DC.

However being easy for me, does not mean it was easy for you. The undulations that the course has, are tiring when done once, but to do 5 laps – and I take my hat off to you all. All that completed the event, have completed a highly challenging 100.

That the undulations took their toll, can be seen clearly on the results on the next page, many riders slowed horribly on the later loops – very few riders maintained a constant pace.

Matt Burden I only talked into entering close to the closing date, and he encouraged 4 other Severn riders to join in. Aim was to encourage Matt to get some rides in, if thinking for a BBAR challenge – but it was good to see them take the team prize (only really a question of which Severn riders would count towards the team). As a team Matt Burden, Tom

Berenhsam and Jarek Turif won out, they were only 6 seconds outside taking the long standing Severn RC 100m Team record (dating from 1955) – this is all the more impressive as Jarek had to stop for 8 minutes on lap 2 to repair a puncture.

Of the other riders, Gregory Woodford and Alex Kirk (not to mention Mark Saunders who DNS) had very strong line 4 times (do we count in lines any more?), so these riders were expected to do well. So Matt winning by 17+ minutes shows how good his ride was; this left Gregory and Alex to fight it out for second, and it was close between them. So in the end, good that Gregory's time was fast enough to take the first prize on standard, and 2nd prize flowed down to Alex.

Whilst talking about the prizes on standard, whilst Gregory won, it was good to see Richard Turpin coming so close to taking the prize on standard, maybe the rumours that he is a man too fast to be caught are true? A fine ride though for Richard by any counts, and that he improved his line 4 – and on such a rolling course.

The women's race was always going to be interesting, with two experienced riders entered, and an almost complete novice in Hannah Ricketts. Hannah though has been going well this season, but with no prior experience at 100m, could only go off on a #9. When setting out the field, I did half wonder if Hannah could catch the other women in front, and on the day that is exactly what Hannah did at the beginning of the 3rd lap – which meant she won on the day.

Turning to trikes, I was glad to be asked by the Tricycle Association to host their Trike Trophy. However by their rules, it could only be the Trophy race if 4 trike riders entered. So it was a pity that just Jim Hopper entered. However without being able to award Trophy, Jim was still happy to ride – it is a pity though that we was not able to finish, I think the chill in the air first thing in the morning, made it hard for him to get going. I'm still glad though that he entered.

Turning to marshals, I should thank the people, and clubs that contributed. Without these people we would not be able to put on a race, so they are the people keeping the 100mile TT going:

Mike Halgarth, Phillipa Corker, Tony Emery – Dursley RC
Bernie Brown – WTTA & West Vets
Mary Jane and Rob Hutchinson – Bristol South CC
Brian Griffiths – Clevedon & District RC (& also VTTA)
The Edwards – Chippenham & District Wheelers
Chris Broad-Drake – Swindon RC
Steve Cook – Cheltenham & County CC
The Boons – Severn RC

Finally I should thank the relatives and partners that helped out with the drinks start, Edward Kirk (Alex's brother), Jarek Turif's partner, and Hannah Ricketts' partner.

