

Little success for local cyclists

Last weekend's cycling action saw two events take place with race at Coagh and Coalisland.

Ballymena Road Club – Northstone – riders are still searching for their first win of the season and even the “former” BRC racers haven't had much success either.

No locals made it into the top six in Saturday's Cicli Sport GP events which were promoted by East Tyrone CC.

The PJ Logan cup races took place at Coalisland on Sunday where there were three separate events.

Philip Bremner, who now has an unattached licence, finished third in the “A” race while Colin Scullion wasn't far behind the winner in the “B” race which resulted in a big bunch sprint finish, Colin was twelfth.

Dermot Hughes continues to perform well in the over 50's race where he took third place this time out.

Weekend results:

Saturday Results CicliSport GP – A Race

1. Sean Downey (Côtes d'Amour)
2. Thomas Martin (Eurocycles)
3. Fraser Duncan (Eurocycles)
4. Sam Craig (Curran Racing)
5. John Madden (Curran Racing)

Results CicliSport GP – B Race

1. Cathal Doyle (Carn Wheelers)
 2. Mark Alexander (West Down)
 3. Tony McPeake (U/A)
 4. Barry McKenna (West Tyrone)
 5. Kevin McAlinden (Banbridge)
- First Woman Ciara Mac Manus (U/A)

Sunday Results PJ Logan A Race

1. Conor Murphy (Eurocycles)
2. Thomas Martin (Eurocycles)
3. Phillip Bremner (Unattached)
4. Glen Kinning (East Antrim)
5. Tim O'Regan (Clonee CC)

Results PJ Logan B Race

1. Neil McEvoy (Team Vision Racing)
2. Shane Ferran (North Down)
3. Paul Quinn (Island Wheelers)
4. Andrew Crothers (Phoenix)
5. Kyle Cole (Roe Valley)

Results PJ Logan Masters Race

1. John Hunter (North Down)
2. Shay Giles (North Pole CC)
3. Dermot Hughes (Phoenix)
4. Ian Blayney (North Down)
5. Robert McGarry (North Down)

Calendar

This Saturday 2nd April one of NI's most popular and long running road race events "The Tour of the Ards Peninsula" takes place around one of the most scenic areas of Co. Down. The riders won't have much time to look around them though as the 62 miles race is also one of the fastest on the local calendar.

The event is promoted by Ards cycling club and is open to A1 A2 and A3 seniors and juniors starts in Newtownards at 12noon. It then follows a mainly coastal route to Bangor Donaghadee and down the Eastern side of the Peninsula to Portavogie before heading across to Portaferry and back up the other side of the Peninsula to finish back in Newtownards. This event has a full entry of 80 riders and also a full reserve entry list, the only Ballymena Road Club cyclist on the entry list is Portglenone's Mark McCullough. Bronagh Kirk is the organiser, her contact details are: 028 9146 8990 or email bronaghkirk@gmail.com

Sunday 3rd April. Clann Eireann cycling club promote their Aghagallon Cup road races for senior A4, youths and ladies. This event is the second round of the Ulster women's association road racing league series.

Contact details for the organiser John News are 07899 666 062 or email johnn193@gmail.com

Countdown to BRC Club Races.

Ballymena RC's first club race of the season is scheduled to take place at Broughshane on Wednesday 13th April when an 11 miles Australian pursuit race takes place over the Buckna, Braid Sheddings circuit at 7pm. The youth section open their programme at the same venue on the same night.

The first big Ballymena Road Club – Northstone – promotion of the 2011 season will be held on Saturday 16th April when the Wallace Caldwell memorial road race takes place from Galgorm. If you are available to help at this event then please offer your services to BRC race secretary Hugh McCullough asap.

Touring

The road club's tourists will miss both of these events as they will be taking part in their annual "Sunshine tour" in Majorca from 9th April until 16th April.

They will, however, in theory, be home on time to take part in the River Bann charity ride which takes place on Sunday 17th April at 10.30 am from Bank Square in Portglenone. This tour will follow a 45 miles route along side the river Bann to Coleraine and back.