

27 July 2021 — Practice Crit Report

Submitted by André Sturm, Race Director

This was the first practice crit after an almost two years hiatus due to the pandemic.

First I would like to thank our volunteers for the race, Dorothy Pumo as referee, Sharon Sturm for registration, and Brian Howard and Zach Levy for marshalling. Without volunteers these events could not happen.

The forecast called for rain showers, but after having been criticized for many years of cancelling the race when it is raining Dorothy and I decided that we are game, since no lightening was predicted, and there are only 3 races planned this year. Unfortunately, after such a long absence only 8 racers showed up. It turned out to be an actually decent evening, with the misty rain stopping around 6pm just in time for the races. While the pavement was wet nobody got soaked or constantly sprayed on, and it was a nice opportunity to practice racing on a wet surface.

Dorothy came up with a creative solution to provide racing opportunities for all groups while keeping the volunteers not longer then necessary. All riders started together. After a 5 minute tutoring session for our sole C rider, B and C got to race for 30 minutes, while the A's rode along without getting involved at the front. After 30 minutes the B's had their finish sprint, and the A's continued on racing for another 20 minutes. I think everyone got a good workout, some actually got more then what they asked for.

The next practice crit is Tuesday 8/10. Registration opens 5:30, C-race starts at 6pm, B-race 6:25, A-race at 7pm.

C/B-race (30 min)

1. Douglas Coker
2. Jacob Steinfeld
3. Lukas DeSchepper
4. Graydon Vigneau (C)
5. Brook Anderson

A-race (50min)

1. Josh Saxe
2. Jared Katz
3. Douglas Coker