

2023 Green Mountain Bicycle Club Practice Criterium Competition

Course: Colchester Watertower Circle

Date: 5/9/2023

A perfect evening for a bike race, sunny, although a bit on the cool side. The volunteers ended up wearing every piece of clothing they could find.

A special thanks to our volunteers Sharon Sturm (registration), Pier Briley (marshaling), Dorothy Pumo as referee, and Jared Katz for setup & sweeping.

Fortunately, at this early date we had a nice number of UVM racers coming fresh from Collegiate Nationals in Albuquerque last weekend, and it certainly showed. Also, nobody heckles better than these collgiate racers.

I'm very excited to report that we had 4 ladies, and two true newbies to crit racing toeing the start line.

The winners of the B and C race get to enjoy a nice bag of BREAKAWAY coffee from Paradiso Farm Coffee in Charlotte, VT. That's the one with the Jackalope racer on the front face.

The next GMBC Practice Crit is scheduled in two weeks, Tuesday May 23rd.

>>> C-Race Results (3 racers)

1. 382 Jane Vigneau
2. 286 Edward Esepppi
3. 387 Kate Barash-Engel

Time: 20 minutes

Notes: 2 newcomers (Edward and Kate)! Jane and Edward broke away, and battled it out in a sprint, while Kate got to enjoy the undivided attention of the mentors.

>>> B-Race Results (10 racers)

1. 446 Bradley Gordon
2. 447 Flynn Opatz
3. 445 Auden Carpenter
4. 451 Graydon Vigneau
5. 449 David Crelling
6. 450 Mark Hammond
7. 382 Jane Vigneau
7. 452 Andy Hardy
7. 448 Tora Brickley
7. 444 Talia Loiter

Time: 30 minutes

Notes: Spirited race with many attacks. Bradley Gordon and Flynn Opatz broke eventually away from the field, and for a while it looked as if Bradley might even drop Flynn, but then it came to a two-up sprint. The four remaining riders in the "field" treated us to a nice sprint finish as well. It was a very tough race for the ladies who stuck it out till the finish.

>>> A-Race Results (9 racers)

1. 475 Patrick Frank
2. 478 Ethan Turner
3. 480 Hudson Marks
4. 474 Cooper Eastridge
5. 476 Alexander Warner
6. 479 Bennett Gamber
- DNF 481 Josh Saxe

DNF 490 Jared Katz
DNF 477 Sean Hurley

Time: 40 minutes

Notes: Again, a spirited race with many attacks but nothing stuck, so eventually it came down to an exciting field sprint. Coming fresh from Collegiate Nationals in Albuquerque last weekend, the UVM kids didn't need much recovery time to put down the hammer on everybody else.