

Ballarat Road Racing Championships Saturday 19 June 2010

In vastly improved conditions, compared to 2009, a large field filed took off in cool, overcast conditions, having earlier been sunny during the running of the junior races. There was a cold wind blowing when the sun disappeared, but fortunately no ran.

The race course, the same as for 2010, had a shorter introductory section, an out and back loop, followed by two complete laps of Lake Wendouree. Lake Wendouree is slightly more than 6 K around. Unfortunately, at the time of writing, many athletes' result were unknown because strong underground electro-magnetic radiation interfered with the timing equipment, meaning that many results weren't recorded. So the results below were a mixture of official times and hand held running watch time.

The men's field reduced to a leading bunch of seven by the end of the out and back loop. Steve Kelly was lying seventh in this group which included Liam Adams (Ess), Steve Moneghetti (Ball YCW), Shaun Krawitz (GH), Nathan Hartigan (Ball Harr) and Scott Rantall (Gel). Toby Rayner (GH) was running by himself off the pace. Shortly after another smaller group appeared with Daniel Clark prominent in 13th position. Matt Coloe was running in a third group another 30 seconds behind the second grouping, probably in around 30th position. Box Hill's Division 1 team was completed by David Jimenez, Steve Griffin and Bert Pelgrim.

The women's race was run at the same time as the men's race, and it was a little harder to identify the leading women, because they were a little way back in the field, surrounded by numerous male athletes. However, it was clear that Kathryn Ewels (Tra) was in the lead and that Brook Condon had got off to a great start and appeared to be in a medal position. Bev Thomas (Ess) was also prominent early. Rachel Johnson was also well up, in the top ten, and looked comfortable at the pace she was running. Julie Norney also looked good, completing the loop not long after Rachel had run past the finish. Jess Eels, who later was unable to complete the course was four seconds behind Julie, and June Petrie was our next best-placed female athlete about 20 second in arrears.

The men's race, meanwhile, had become a race between two with a surging duel between Steve Moneghetti and Liam Adams, and these two athletes had broken away from Nathan Hartigan, followed by Shaun Krawitz, who in turn was ahead of Steve Kelly. Daniel Clark was 52 seconds behind Steve Kelly, running in 9th position. Toby Rayner dropped out of contention having been overtaken by Daniel and the group around him. Matt Coloe was slowly making progress with the group he had been running with and was in 25th position going into the final circuit. A bit further back, in 58th position was David Jimenez, with Steve Griffin in 61st position.

Brook Condon cemented her relative position in the women's race, still in medal contention, just ahead of Bert Pelgrim, and then, in 8th position, Rachel Johnson came through, just ahead of Chris O'Connor. Julie Norney was in 16th position and Jess Eels was holding 21st spot. June Petrie kept plugging away, 55 seconds behind Jess.

At the conclusion of the race, Liam Adams opened up a five metre break on Steve Moneghetti, to claim the title with a gap of a littl5 over a second. Nathan Hartigan maintained his position to claim the bronze medal. Shaun Krawitz placed fourth from Steve

Kelly, fifth. Daniel Clark placed 10th, Matt Coloe, 22nd, picking up a few more runners in the final lap and Dave Jiminez held it together well in his last lap to record 53rd position. Steve Griffin, running in the best recent form of his time representing Box Hill, crossed the line in 65th position with Bert Pelgrim completing the Box Hill Division 1 team. Our Division 1 team appears to have placed 5th, Behind Geelong, Glenhuntly, Essendon and Ballarat YCW.

Kathryn Ewels maintained her dominance over the field to win the women's section, from Bev Thomas, with an excellent performance from Brook Condon who claimed the bronze medal. Rachel Johnson appears to have placed seventh, in another excellent effort. With Julie Norney, 16th and June Petrie, 23rd completing the Box Hill Division 1 team. The women's team appears to have placed second, behind Glenhuntly.

In the underage divisions, the races were held over 5 K. Michael Dowel crossed the lie in 6th position, but we are unclear about his race placing as at least one of the runners was competing by invitation. Michael dipped under the 16 m. barrier recording 15:56 in coming fourth. Daniel Balassone also performed very well, placing 5th in the Under 20 race, recording the time of 16:23. Dylan Eels was 17th in the Under 18 race in 18:01. Our two female competitors were Amy Carrig (19:00) who finished 3rd in the Under 20 race and Natalie Ambrose (19:29) who was fourth in the Under 18 race.

Men's Results

| Athlete | Club | Place | Lap 1 | Lap 2 | Finish |
|------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Liam Adams | Ess | 1 | 7:46 | 26:53 | 46:05 |
| Steve Moneghetti | B YCW | 2 | 7:46 | 26:53 | 46:07 |
| Nathan Hartigan | Ball H | 3 | 7:46 | 26:57 | 46:27 |
| Shaun Krawitz | GH | 4 | 7:46 | 27:10 | 46:32 |
| Steve Kelly | ВН | 5 | 7:46 | 27:13 | 46:59 |
| Daniel Clark | ВН | 10 | 8:08 | 28:05 | 47:57 |
| Matt Coloe | BH | 22 | 8:40 | 29:15 | 49:14 |
| David Jimenez | BH | 53 | 8:49 | 30:06 | 51:58 |
| Steve Griffin | BH | 65 | 8:52 | 30:32 | 52:40 |
| Bert Pelgrim | ВН | 94 | 9:05 | 31:43 | 54:42 |
| Chris O'Connor | ВН | 138 | 9:53 | 33:18 | 56:32 |
| Marcus Hanley | ВН | 210 | 10:27 | 35:58 | 60:43 |
| Peter Stefanos | ВН | 257 | 10:49 | 37:55 | 64:53 |
| Andrew Tunne | ВН | 301 | ? | 40:08 | 68:51 |

Women's results

| Athlete | Club | Place | Lap 1 | Lap 2 | Finish |
|-------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Kathryn Ewels | Tra | 1 | | | 54:12 |
| Bev Thomas | Ess | 2 | | | 54:18 |
| Brook Condon | ВН | 3 | 9:19 | 31:41 | 54:33 |
| Ellie O'Kane | Bord | 4 | | | 54:38 |
| Kylie Dick | GH | 5 | | | 54:46 |
| Rachel Johnson | ВН | 8 | 9:35 | 33:19 | 56:57 |
| Julie Norney | ВН | 16 | 10:01 | 34:48 | 59:47 |
| June Petrie | ВН | 23 | 10:26 | 36:01 | 61:15 |
| Rebecca Law | ВН | 67 | 11:16 | 39:11 | 67:14 |
| Megan Sloane | ВН | 68 | 11:21 | 39:07 | 67:27 |
| Charmaine McNally | ВН | 76 | 11:51 | 40:42 | 69:00 |
| Hannah Deal | ВН | 86 | ? | 40:57 | 70:21 |

Junior Results

| Junior Results | | | |
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| Athlete | Club | Place | Finish |
| Michael Dowel | ВН | 4 (U20) | 15:56 |
| Daniel Balassone | ВН | 5 (U20) | 16:23 |
| Dylan Eels | ВН | 17 (U18) | 18:01 |
| Amy Carrig | ВН | 3 (U20) | 19:00 |
| Natalie Ambrose | ВН | 4 (U18) | 19:29 |