

Crawley's second in Masters

COMMENT
By **LEN CAPELING**

DAVID CRAWLEY of Alf Jones Cycles was second in the Masters A British Time Trial Championship near Gloucester on Sunday.

Crawley was beaten over the 18-mile course by Danny Axford (Arctic-Premier Racing Team).

Matt Limacher (Onimpex-BioRacer) and Anthony Farrell (Alf Jones Cycles) won the Rhyd CC and Rhos-On-Sea CC hill climbs at Rhuallt and Llanrwst respectively, both achieving personal bests.

Alan Overson, a powerhouse on the flat normally, won VC Melyd's hill climb, again on Rhuallt.

St Asaph's Kerfoot-Robson family (Rhos-On-Sea CC) finished off the CDNW Youth League in the NW of England with the R6 cyclo-cross at Lancaster, all taking the overall victories in one of the toughest youth leagues in the UK.

Sol won convincingly in the under-eights race, while Deeside Olympic/Veeboard/GWR rider Ben Matthews was fourth in the U14 race.

ATHLETICS: Mike James of Shrewsbury won the Nesscliffe Nasty, the final race in the Pentathlon series, finishing over two minutes clear of Wales international fell-runner Harry Matthews.

NESSCLIFFE NASTY RESULTS: 1 M James (Shrews) 27.36, 2 H Matthews (Myynydd Du) 29.39, 3 A Birch (Oswestry) 31.32, 4 J Sanders (Telford, M40) 31.32, 5 A Walling (Menai) 31.55, 6 D Kirby (Shrews) 32.08. **M17:** 1 J Jones (ua) 34.01. **M40:** 2 J Williams (Barnsley) 32.50, 3 G Jones (Malodwyn) 36.21. **M45:** 1 H Jones (Malodwyn) 32.58, 2 M Paviour (Presteigne) 33.05, 3 S Hutton (Shrews) 33.11. **M50:** 1 E Davies (Mald) 32.39, 2 S Roberts (Osw) 35.16, 3 F Vaughan (Meirionnydd) 37.00. **M55:** 1 G Richards (Wrex) 35.33, 2 G Manson (Osw) 37.17, 3 D Owen (Shrews) 37.59. **M60:** 1 C Williamson (Sh Sh) 37.22, 2 J Morris (Buckley) 38.29, 3 M Poyner (Rugby) 40.55. **M65:** 1 B Jackson (Bro Dyfynni) 42.37, 2 D Davies (ua) 43.51, 3 K Matthews (Osw) 51.11. **Ladies:** 1 J Stokes (Osw) 35.58, 2 N Lowe (South Ches, L35) 37.03, 3 D Sanders (Tel, L40) 37.11, 4 Y Hill (Osw, L45) 37.21, 5 A Vaughan (Meirionnydd, L35) 38.38, 6 R Pryce (South Ches, L35) 39.42. **L40:** 2 M Shelton (ua) 40.54, 3 H Bramwell (Sh Sh) 41.32. **L45:** 2 B Tiedtke (Prestatyn) 41.02, 3 B Morris (Osw) 44.02. **L50:** 1 S Greaves (Osw) 39.43, 2 A Whitelaw (Wrex) 39.57, 3 S Whittingham (Sh Sh) 40.54. **L55:** 1 S Richards (Shrews) 55.28, 2 L Case (ua) 57.59, 3 C Lewis (Tel H) 63.01. **L65:** B Jones (Bro Dys) 46.42.



Riders in yesterday's stage three of the Tour of Britain and (inset) Britain's Olympic team pursuit gold medalists including Geraint Thomas (third left)

Olympics seem long way off for Geraint

CYCLING: TOUR OF BRITAIN

By **TOM REYNOLDS**

CARDIFF'S Geraint Thomas insists the Olympics now seem like a walk in the park compared to the demands of the Tour of Britain after a gruelling stage three.

The Chard to Burnham-on-Sea course was dominated by the climbers with Thomas only able to come 78th - a far cry from his gold in the team pursuit at the Laoshan Velodrome last month.

And from the highs of topping the Olympic podium, the 22-year-old admitted he was brought back down to earth as he went through the pain barrier in the 185km stage.

He said: "I didn't feel too bad early on today but it was just the climbs that were killing me."

"I had a look on the race profile and I knew there was going to be quite a few but there was even more than I was expecting."

"Coming back from Beijing and going

straight into this race it's so difficult to get used to these climbs but I know I just have to tough it out.

"But I enjoyed the day today and it was a good day's racing. I'm still sweating the last few weeks out but it needs to be done."

Thomas is now 56th in the general classification and although he struggled, fellow Barloworld rider Steve Cummings was able to manage a credible seventh place to leave the team in the top five.

And after struggling on the inclines, Thomas is now targeting a flat track to success with stage four, taking place between Worcester and Stoke, more to his tastes.

He added: "It was all about getting through today and I've managed to do that - it was the toughest stage of the week."

"And hopefully now I'm through the worst of it and I think I will have enough left to push up the field towards the end of week."

"I'm just not used to this kind of terrain after the last three weeks.

"But we had Steve Cummings up there and he was doing us all proud."

"It looks like tomorrow is going to be a lot flatter - that will really suit me and my style down to the ground."

Agritubel's Emilien Berge took the stage honours and in the process snatched the yellow jersey from Alessandro Petacchi.

The 25-year-old Frenchman took the lead eight kilometres from the finish in Burnham-on-Sea before breaking clear and crossed the line 30 seconds ahead of team-mate Geofroy Lequarte and LPR Brakes' Gabriele Bosio.

Ian Stannard was the leading Brit in sixth while it was also

another good day for Roger Hammond as he took the lead in the points competition from Petacchi with a 12th place finish and fellow Brit Kristian House kept hold of the polka-dot jersey.

But Berge admitted he faces a battle to keep hold of the yellow jersey as the Tour heads north for the fourth stage.

"It was a really good day - I went off well and I was able to work well with my teammate (Lequarte)," Berge said.

Meanwhile, Welsh national road race champion Rob Partridge fared little better, finishing two places above Thomas in 76th. Partridge, who celebrates his 22nd birthday on Thursday, is now 73rd overall.

See the race every evening on ITV4 between 8 and 9 - or for all the latest information on the Tour head to www.tourofbrampton.co.uk



Rob Partridge

6.20 MIX BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE HANDICAP (CLASS 6)
71 3yo plus £2,047

1	92096	MOVERRA	J30 (V) M Gingell 4-9-0	Holly Hall (7)	8
2	22990	TENANCY	25 (E) R C Guest 4-9-0	T McLaughlin	4
3	83705	DJALALABAD	17 (T) Mrs C Dunnett 4-9-0	J Egan	11
4	89552	MEGALO MANIAC	26 (P/D) R Fahy 5-9-0	J Moriarty	13
5	63228	RAZZANO	22 (BF/D) A Hales 4-8-13	A Atzeni (7)	6
6	06368	DR SYNN	18 (P/D) M Atwater 7-8-13	D Probert (5)	7
7	77854	ROSIE CROSS	9 (C) Eve J Houghton 4-8-12	D Blackett (7)	5
8	90776	ZAZOUS	18 (D) J Bridger 7-8-12	M Halford (3)	12
9	54930	STARGAZY	23 (D) W G M Turner 4-8-12	M Davies (7)	14
10	88590	MARBERRY LAD	111 (C/D) S Curran 6-8-12	J Doyle	10
11	00084	TADLIL	23 (V) J Bradley 6-8-11	T Block	2
12	00006	EMPIRE DANCER	23 (P/D) I McInnes 5-8-11	P Mathers	9
13	74777	WADNAGIN	23 (D) I Wood 4-8-11	J Crowley	1
14	-6588	FOLLOW YOUR SPIRIT	92 B Palling 3-8-10	Cathy Gannon	3

BETTING: 7-2 Megalo Maniac, 6 Dr Synn, 7 Razzano, 8 Rosie Cross, Djalalabad, 10 Moverra, 12 Stargazy, Tadlil, 14 Others.

6.50 PANORAMIC BAR & RESTAURANT MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 5)
71 2yo Only £2,590

1	DR VALENTINE	S Kirk 9-3	A Kirby	1
2	DUKE'S EMERALD	J Toller 9-3	R Havlin	14
3	EVASIVE	Sir M Stoute 9-3	R L Moore	11
4	HIT THE SWITCH	R Fahy 9-3	J Moriarty	2
5	LEND A LIGHT	I McInnes 9-3	P Mathers	3
6	MAFAAZ	J Gosden 9-3	S Drowne	8
7	NOORDHOEK KID	C Egerton 9-3	S W Kelly	9
8	ROYAL SOCIETY	M Johnston 9-3	J Fanning	12
9	SATURN WAY	P Charnings 9-3	J Crowley	4
10	3 SAYYAAF	12 B Hills 9-3	R Hills	10
11	SEEK THE FAIR LAND	J Boyle 9-3	D Sweeney	6
12	WINTERBROOK KING	J Best 9-3	L Keniry	13
13	NEVER LOSE	21 (BF) C Brittain 8-12	Doubtful	5
14	QUEEN OF BURLESQUE	B Meehan 8-12	E Ahern	7

BETTING: 11-4 Sayyaf, 5 Evasive, 11-2 Mafaaz, 6 Royal Society, 8 Never Lose, 10 Queen Of Burlesque, 14 Hit The Switch, 16 Dr Valentine, 20 Others.

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MERCURY	Tadlil	6.20	Megalo Maniac
	Sayyaf	6.50	Evasive
	Pop Music	7.20	Cathedral Walk
	Blow Hole	7.50	Murrin
	Scuba	8.20	Al Gillani
	Soviet Sceptre	8.50	Josr's Magic
	Tamdiid	9.20	Dancing Dik

7.50 DIGIBET CASINO HANDICAP (CLASS 5)
1m 3yo plus £2,590

1	11478	DANIEL THOMAS	47 (D) Mrs A King 6-9-7	J Crowley	3
2	34715	MURRIN	16 (D) T Mills 4-9-7	J Mitchell (3)	7
3	04739	MAN OF GWENT	18 P Evans 4-9-6	R Evans (5)	14
4	7446	AMBROSIANO	J325 (D) Miss E Lavelle 4-9-5	D Probert (5)	1
5	52108	MILLFIELD	16 (CD) P Charnings 5-9-5	G Baker (1)	6
6	41111	OGRE	35 (CD) P Evans 3-9-2	T McLaughlin	11
7	18460	MY SHADOW	63 (CD) S Dow 3-9-2	I Mongan	9
8	28942	MAGROOM	11 (D) R Hodges 4-9-1	S Drowne	12
9	61663	LEKITA	23 (P-BF) W Swinburn 3-9-0	A Kirby	10
10	-4365	HALLINGDAL	5 Ms J Doyle 3-9-0	J Doyle	4
11	4365	GAME PARK	75 J Fanshawe 3-9-0	E Ahern	2
12	76730	BLUE CHARM	26 (C) S Kirk 4-9-0	L Keniry	8
13	4943	BLOW HOLE	16 J Nosedda 3-8-13	S W Kelly	13
14	88096	DALKEY GIRL	18 M Botti 3-8-13	J Egan	5

BETTING: 11-4 Ogre, 9-2 Magroom, 6 Lekita, 7 Murrin, 8 Blow Hole, 10 Game Park, 16 Millfield, Daniel Thomas, 20 Others.

7.20 DIGIBET CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS 6)
1m 3yo plus £2,047

1	73289	BLACKTOFT	17 (E/CD) S C Williams 5-9-12	J-P Guillambert	5
2	34208	CATHEDRAL WALK	20 (V) K Burke 3-9-7	D Williams	13
3	41201	PARTY IN THE PARK	42 Miss J Camacho 3-9-7	A Mullin (3)	1
4	23830	TEASING	23 (P) J Pearce 4-9-7	R Havlin	6
5	91000	SUN CATCHER	47 (P/D) P Murphy 5-9-4	S Drowne	3
6	34316	PAB SPECIAL	94 (D) B Johnson 5-9-2	J Egan	14
7	28074	POP MUSIC	13 (V) Ms J Doyle 5-9-0	J Doyle	4
8	41476	MOUNTAIN PASS	32 (P/D) B J Llewellyn 6-8-13	D Probert (5)	12
9	84870	YES EIGHTEEN	25 J Hills 3-8-13	T Quinn	9
10	34000	WAHOO SAM	4 (B/D) P Evans 8-8-10	T McLaughlin	10
11	00	DAGUA BRIZA	33 J W Mullins 3-8-8	L Keniry	11
12	75	DIKTAT TEMPO	15 (P) J Wood 3-8-8	Cathy Gannon	6
13	01551	LE CHIFFRE	4 (P/CD) J Harris 6-8-8	M Fenton	7
14	11060	THE HOOVER	7 (D) I Wood 3-8-4	J Fanning	2

BETTING: 9-2 Party In The Park, 6 Cathedral Walk, Mountain Pass, Blacktoft, 8 Pop Music, 10 Pab Special, Le Chiffre, 14 Teasing, 16 Others.

8.50 TOPNAPS.CO.UK HANDICAP (CLASS 6)
1m 4f 3yo plus £2,047

1	72563	EAGLE NEBULA	19 B Johnson 4-9-11	J Egan	11
2	06756	FATEFUL ATTRACTION	35 (T/C) I Wood 5-9-10	G Baker	6
3	52425	COMPTON CHARLIE	30 (BF/D) J Portman 4-9-9	T Dean (5)	12
4	4970	TOWEROFCHARLEMAGNE	12 (V) Miss E Lavelle 5-9-8	M Fenton	5
5	20977	NATIONAL DAY	23 D Elsworth 4-9-7	S Donohoe	4
6	00453	JOSR'S MAGIC	14 (BF) H Collingridge 4-9-7	J Quinn	14
7	22060	MEDIAVAL MAIDEN	7 (CD) Mrs L Mongan 5-9-7	I Mongan	13
8	53241	MIXING	7 (CD) M Atwater 6-9-7	D Probert (5)	10
9	00249	MIX N MATCH	39 R Stronge 4-9-5	J Crowley	7
10	0-193	SOVIET SCEPTRE	20 (P/D) T Vaughan 7-9-5	D Sweeney	3
11	10670	JARVO	34 I McInnes 7-9-4	P Mathers	9
12	08359	FORMIDABLE GUEST	25 J Pearce 4-9-3	R Havlin	1
13	46000	PEARL	7 (V/C) I Wood 4-9-3	E Ahern	8
14	55-00	GOVERNOR ELLIOTT	14 M Johnston 3-9-2	J Fanning	2

BETTING: 7-2 Mixing, 5 Josr's Magic, 11-2 Eagle Nebula, 8 Compton Charlie, Soviet Sceptre, 12 Others.

9.20 DAY TIME, NIGHT TIME, GREAT TIME HANDICAP (CLASS 6)
1m 3f 3yo Only £2,047

1	-6021	BOSAMCLIFF	14 A Haynes 9-4	G Baker	13
2	65830	EUREKA MOMENT	11 E Dunlop 9-4	E Ahern	3
3	63633	DUSK	33 (B/BF) J Dunlop 9-3	A Kirby	14
4	0-64	BET NOIR	19 W Swinburn 9-3	A Kirby	1
5	-5049	DUBAI SAMURAI	33 (B) J Hills 9-2	T Quinn	11
6	05090	PRINCESS INDIA	18 P Winkworth 9-2	S Carson	10
7	790	CIVITAS FILIUS	37 D Simcock 9-2	R Mullin	7
8	95542	DANCING DIK	10 Mrs A Perrett 9-1	J Crowley	2
9	04-4	TAMDIID	12 C Brittain 8-13	L Jones	8
10	35-00	SOUTHERN MISTRAL	15 M Wigham 8-13	N Mackay	5
11	0-070	SIENA	9 Mrs C Dunnett 8-12	T McLaughlin	6
12	7842	ANGELS QUEST	18 A Carroll 8-12	Doubtful	4
13	08703	TRINKLA	7 P Cole 8-12	J Fanning	9
14	-8575	SHRAAYEF	34 M Botti 8-10	J Egan	12

BETTING: 3 Bosamcliff, 5 Dusk, 11-2 Others.