

Hot summer Nights Race Report—week two



Next Week at MTV

Weather

Looking Clear

Race Card

Racers will Battle it out in the Individual TT Events!

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SPARKS WERE FLYING!

Kelly Sparks made his not-so-tentative return to racing action after a horrific crash in the Tour of Gila. "Sparky" has been laying in the base miles while healing, with epic fixed gear rides (back-to-back centuries every weekend). When asked what he was doing at the track, he replied, "Well, I paid an entry fee, so I guess you can call that racing." Kelly displayed his usual, aggressive, attacking style, driving the break to lapping the field in the points race .

FRANK'S FIFTY

Damn. So, not only did he win his first Cat.1/2 points race last week, but this week he turned fifty. The family of track racers celebrated with cake and song. Frank was seen stuffing three or four pieces into his face shortly after the conclusion of the racing. And he has a long way to go to catch up with Redbeard, easily the smoothest spinning, hardest riding "senior citizen" at MTV.

OFFICIALS STEP IN & STEP UP

Without Hanley and Hart on hand, the officiating crew initially appeared short handed, but the crew performed up to par. Led by Boris DeCourt, Jacob, Matt and our favorite Zipp Speed Weaponry employee, Nathan, things ran smoothly and with nary a hitch. There seemed to be an unusual amount of dead-time between races from time to time. This may have been due to Dr. Knows-a lot-ski manning the mic instead of riding general herd on things. Who knows, but all-n-all, not bad! Know this: As racers, we REALLY APPRECIATE the time and attention our officiating crew bring to Friday Night racing. THANKS one and all!

"Holy Cow, Weir Did HE Come From!?!"

He came over the top, exploding out of turn four, moving from mid-pack to a comfortable victory in the kieran. Yes, indeed; Josh Weir had returned to MTV. There was more of the same in the points race, where Josh bridged up to the winning break Sparky had instigated over the course of about one straight-away. Naturally, once in the break, he handily took every sprint. The white Tiemeyer with blue trim was certainly flying! Rumor has it that he trained the winter in Trinidad...I've already purchased my ticket for November.

Indiana Hand Center (sans Virgil), Nuvo/Cultural Trail, and Delta Faucet/Hendricks Regional Health were well-represented. In fact, Delta/HRH was at nearly full strength, with Redbeard, Sparky, Moso and Prof. Smurphy contesting the Cat.1/2 field, Wuntun holding down in Cat. 3 and "Lisa will be out of the office" in the Women's field. Heck, who knows; maybe The Legend will show up next week, and keep Hum-V company with stories of racing in the area over the past 30 years.

Nevertheless, El Presidente, Supreme Commandeer, Field Marshall and Uberleadersocialschollessen Virgil was absent for MTV #2. He complained of lasting effects from a severe bout with stomach flu, although IndyYogi mentioned something about receiving a case of wine from Base and Meesh that may have been tainted. Virg evidently went through 3 bottles in quick succession just to make sure it was alright for consumption. If you see him in the next day or two, you might want to keep your voice down.

LITTLE 500 CHAMP ON THE BOARDS

Sasha Land joined in the Cat. 3 fun, winning the Miss-n-Out and the Points Race. May he be destined for a quick, mid-season upgrade ala Harry Clark? Stay tuned – the kid is fit, and the kid is fast! Wonder where those Team Major Taylor guys are this summer?

CLOSING REMARKS

It Don't Rain in Indianapolis in the Summertime. So far....and looking good for next week, too. Hey, in case of inclement weather, maybe we should all bring our cross bikes and just have a cyclo-cross race across the parking lot, through the bmx track, onto the skatepark, around the new Marian football field and back?