

K.F.S. SPECIAL VEHICLES/SUNDAY BICYCLES CYCLING TEAM

Beaumont Trophy Road Race, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne – 17th June 2007

5th Place for Robin Sharman

After a disastrous start to the weekend with a very wet Circuit at the Leazes Park Criteriums, in Newcastle on Friday evening, Sunday's Beaumont Trophy Road Race was run of in dull, but dry conditions.

This event is the 8th Counting Event towards the 2007 Premier Calendar Series – 85 riders started the event, 5 from KFS Special Vehicles/Sunday Bicycles. Greg Roche did not start and is recovering from Shingles.

Dafydd Dylan covered the first break of the day – a 7 man group containing one of the Premier Calendar favourites Gordon Macauley (Plowman Craven). This break stayed in front for 60 miles and gained a maximum lead of 2 minutes. Gareth Hewitt covered group of chasing riders for 20 miles, before both groups were finally caught by the peloton after 70 miles.

Gary Hand was then in a 5 man break at 75 miles, which gained a 1 minute lead and set up the platform for the race winning break of 7 riders to come across to, containing Robin Sharman. 12 riders in front.

On the last lap of 13 miles, the group split in two, leaving at the front, Robin Sharman, Russell Downing, Malcolm Elliott, Dean Downing, Chris Newton and Matthew Stephens.

Another fierce attack with 6 miles to go left Sharman and Stephens trailing the leading 4 riders at 200 metres – a gap they could only close down inside the last Kilometre, when all the “cat and mouse” tactics began for the final sprint to the finish line. Coming off Stephens wheel as they caught the front four, Sharman launched a counter attack, which very nearly succeeded, but he was caught inside the last 200 metres and finished in 5th place.

Gary Hand finished in a season's best 10th place, with Hewitt, Dylan and James Stewart all finishing in the main peloton.

Robin Sharman is now in 3rd place in the Premier Calendar Overall series rankings, behind Chris Newton and Dean Downing, with 4 events still remaining.

The next round of the series is the Ryedale Grand Prix, at Dunscombe Park, Helmsley, North Yorkshire, on Sunday 24th June.

Beaumont Trophy Result

1 st	Russell Downing	Team Healthnet/Maxxis
2 nd	Malcolm Elliott	Pinarello RT
3 rd	Chris Newton	Recycling.co.uk RT
4 th	Dean Downing	Rapha Condor RT
5 th	Robin Sharman	KFS Special Vehicles/Sunday Bicycles
6 th	Matthew Stephens	Sigma Sport RT
7 th	James Williamson	Wills Wheels CC
8 th	Neil Swithenbank	ABC Centreville
9 th	Alex Dowsett	100% ME
10 th	Gary Hand	KFS Special Vehicles/Sunday Bicycles
31 st	James Stewart	KFS Special Vehicles/Sunday Bicycles
51 st	Dafydd Dylan	KFS Special Vehicles/Sunday Bicycles
55 th	Gareth Hewitt	KFS Special Vehicles/Sunday Bicycles

Premier Calendar Standings after 8 Events

1 st	Chris Newton	Recycling.co.uk RT	530 Points
2 nd	Dean Downing	Rapha Condor RT	521
3 rd	Robin Sharman	KFS Special Vehicles/Sunday Bicycles	476
4 th	Malcolm Elliott	Pinarello RT	465
5 th	Gordon Macauley	Plowman Craven RT	464
6 th	Ian Wilkinson	Science in Sport – Trek	449
7 th	Russell Downing	Team Healthnet/Maxxis	320
8 th	Andrew Roche	Pinarello RT	250
9 th	Richard Wilkinson	Rapha Condor RT	218
10 th	Alex Dowsett	Team 100% ME	184
41 st	Gary Hand	KFS Special Vehicles/Sunday Bicycles	35
61 st	James Stewart	KFS Special Vehicles/Sunday Bicycles	9