

# Mathy Conquers Dirab in Novartis Hilly



Novartis Consumer Health-Riyadh Wheelers Hilly TT podium,  
LoR Alex Carinan, Thierry Mathy, Nasser Al Mutrad

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On a cold and windy day, the Novartis Consumer Health-Riyadh Wheelers 14.5km Hilly Time Trial was recently held on the Dirab Escarpment to the west of Riyadh. While all the riders found the going hard, the top four performances in particular stood out from the rest, putting minutes between themselves and the rest of the closely packed field. Of the four, Bruno Syfrig's time was most impressive as he out-paced riders more than 20 years his junior, proving there is no substitute to hard training. Top of the podium and sweeping all before him this season was

Thierry Mathy, although no lightweight, used his considerable strength to good effect on the difficult climb. Talented Saudi all-rounder Nasser Al Mutrad was second by exactly a minute from in-form Alex Carinan, followed by Syfrig, George Morete, Rob Patrick, Ian Davies, Jiri Kuba, Scott Waight and Bob Eastwood to round off the top 10. Carola Skwarczinsky rode well to finish 12th, one of the highest placings ever from a Cat B rider. Other top riders who suffered in this tough event were the familiar names of Kelvin Bowers, Charlie Ryan and Gaetan Contrino all

reporting to be running at less than 100% and admitted were reduced to using gears more suited to climbing the Alps. An unfortunate accident before the start resulted in the hospitalization of Pete Foster and Andy MacLachlan. Many thanks go to their support crew of Rob Foster, Larry Duffy and Steve Jenkins who sacrificed their own ride to ensure the injured were looked after. The next event is the inaugural Skate Shack-Trek (Bahrain) 90 km Road Race.

## RESULTS

1st T.Mathy 25:23, 2nd N.Almutrad 26:18, 3rd A.Carinan 27:18, 4th B.Syfrig 27:22, 5th G.Morete 28:20, 6th R.Patrick 28:27, 7th I.Davies 28:41, 8th J.Kuba 28:42, 9th S.Waight 28:56, 10th B.Eastwood 29:26, 11th R.Gocian 30:01, 12th C.Skwarczinsky 30:02, 13th K.Ahlin 30:15, 14th V.Engel 30:17, 15th C.Ryan 30:22, 16th K.Bowers 30:45, 17th A.Maniago 30:55, 18th A.Cabal 31:01, 19th E.Seneres 31:08, 20th P.Soycon 31:21, 21st P.McParland 31:32, 22nd J.Forrester 31:49, 23rd P.Green 32:01, 24th H.Rom 32:14, 25th J.Cordial 32:23, 26th G.Contrino 32:40, 27th R.Delos Santos 32:46, 28th D.Nichols 33:07, 29<sup>th</sup> E.Lando 33:27, 30th C.Morelos 34:08, 31st P.Wadell 34:13, 32nd K.Moolman 34:22, 33rd E.Lando 34:28, 34th R.Myers 34:31, 35th R.Bitong 34:34, 36th R.Fernandez 34:57, 37th F.Requillo 35:28, 38th F.Gocian 37:12, 39th C.Cogan 37:36, 40th T.Kiernan 38:43, 41st J.Jaruskova 40:33, 42nd E.Donnellan 42:49, 43rd R.Pedrosa 44:58. DNF A.MacLachlan, P.Foster, L.Duffy, R.Foster, Steve Jenkins.

## CATEGORIES

**OPEN** Thierry Mathy, **VETERAN** Nasser Al Mutrad, **MASTER** Rob Patrick, **SENIOR** Bruno Syfrig, **Cat B** Carola Skwarczinsky