

# Beyers powers home in Novartis 25-mile Time Trial in Riyadh

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RIYADH: Using the Novartis Consumer Health-Riyadh Wheelers 25-mile Time Trial as an indicator to his fitness before a big race in South Africa, Christiaan Beyers blew away the field in a superb exhibition of strength and speed on a particularly hard day that saw most cyclists minutes off their best.

One of the biggest fields in recent times signed on for the event, with the early conditions suggesting a fast day was dawning. Unfortunately, a rising breeze made fast times impossible and the less fit were left contemplating a long hot day in the saddle.

Thierry Mathy was an agonizing 9 seconds over the magic hour, with Kelvin Bowers putting in another strong performance a few seconds further back to complete the podium finish. Cycling rookie, Liam Bek, continues to master all aspects of his sport to come in just ahead of Bruno Syfrig, who has returned very quickly to the top flight after breaking his leg last season. A great performance was put on by all-rounder George Morete to take 6th, ahead of a closely packed group separated by seconds, headed by Rob Patrick.



Top three finishers in the Novartis Consumer Health-Riyadh Wheelers 25-mile Time Trial, from left, Kelvin Bowers, Christiaan Beyers and Thierry Mathy. (AN photo)

#### Results:

1 Christiaan Beyers 00:57:13; 2 Thierry Mathy 01:00:09; 3 Kelvin Bowers 01:00:34; 4 Liam Bek 01:02:54; 5 Bruno Syfrig 01:03:30; 6 George Morete 01:04:12; 7 Rob Patrick 01:05:16; 8 Alex Carinan 01:05:19; 9 Steve Jenkins 01:05:24; 10 Jiri Kuba 01:05:58; 11 Gary Swinburne 01:07:13; 12 Charlie Ryan 01:07:14; 13 Scott Waight

01:07:35; 14 Jeff Forrester 01:08:02; 15 Art Cabal 01:08:27; 16 Paul Soycon 01:09:05; 17 Gordon Laurie 01:09:30; 18 Paul McParland 01:09:59; 19 Peter Foster 01:11:17; 20 Reiner Gocian 01:11:34; 21 Anthony Williams 01:11:36; 22 Ian Davies 01:12:19; 23 Edwin Seneres 01:12:57; 24 Patrick Casey 01:13:08; 25 Vincent Engel 01:13:08; 26 Arnel Maniago 01:14:05; 27 Lee Philips

01:14:05; 28 Dennis Respecki 01:14:29; 29 Peter Waddell 01:14:29; 30 Jun Cordial 01:14:49; 31 Fernando Requillo 01:14:54; 32 Moath Saad Alswaylim 01:14:59; 33 Philip Green 01:15:32; 34 Francis Gregorio 01:15:46; 35 Freda Gocian 01:15:56; 36 Rex Fernandez 01:15:59; 37 Lee Davis 01:16:19; 38 Robert Bowes 01:16:36; 39 Kobus Moolman 01:17:05; 40 David Nichols 01:17:34; 41 Oscar Tuazon 01:18:07; 42 Kath Cogan 01:18:19; 43 Catalino Laoagan 01:18:30; 44 James Studley 01:19:52; 45 Rene Bitong 01:20:01; 46 Cris Morelos 01:20:42; 47 Tony Kiernan 01:22:42; 48 Rod Pedrosa 01:22:49; 49 Koenraad De Bruyne 01:23:50; 50 Robert Ketawer 01:24:01; 51 Angela Respecki 01:24:23; 52 John Garbutt 01:25:07; 53 Carlo Rillera 01:26:25; 54 Jana Jaruskova 01:28:28; 55 Alan Garcia 01:30:53; 56 Shaun Whitfield 01:31:23; 57 Fiona Nichol 01:37:3; 58 Jean-Pierre Lagadec 01:38:00; 59 Cor Hulbers 01:58:14. OTHERS DNF Daan van Haasteren, Koos van Haasteren, Jolien van Haasteren, Herbert Rom, Akihiko Suzuki, Larry Duffy

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