

Swinburne pedals to victory

ARAB NEWS

RIYADH: Another exciting weekend of road racing was held in perfect conditions to the north of Riyadh. The event was the Novartis Consumer Health 50km Road Race with 46 riders signing on.

With the absence of some of the top names, the smart money was on Liam Bek to pull off his first win. But when interviewed before the start he admitted of still feeling the effects of taking second place in the Ras Tanura Half Iron Man the week before. This left the race wide open and encouraged an attacking style of racing not seen in Wheelers events for some time.

In the thick of the action was Steve Tomlinson, riding for the first time that tried to break-up the large bunch with some aggressive riding, the ever-active Charlie Ryan, Ian Davies, George Morete and Alex Carinan.

Despite all this effort, a group of 20 were still together as they turned the corner into the finishing straight, with the sprinters now winding up the pace. Most eyes were on the Pinoy's, feared for their explosive finishes, but out of nowhere and turning a massive gear came first time winner, Gary Swinburne, who after 12 years of trying finally reached the top step of the podium.

Swinburne admitted to a new training regime this year, which

involves gym work and dietary supplements, a combination, which obviously works for him. Ryan put in another good performance to take second ahead of first Filipino, Art Cabel. Just edging out fast finishing Cat B winner Carola Skwarczinsky. Scott Waight was disappointed with his performance and felt he could have done better. Jeff Forrester put in another top performance and is riding stronger than ever, beating relative youngster John Hymns who admitted to riding with only a couple of hours sleep. An accident required John Garbutt to be taken to hospital for treatment, which marred an otherwise excellent day. While all this was going on in Riyadh, Rob Patrick was holding up RW honors by taking second place in the Udhailiyah 3 Peaks Road Race, won by Jeff Roetter.

Results:

1) G. Swinburne, 2) C. Ryan, 3) A. Cabal, 4) L. Bek, 5) J. Forrester, 6) J. Cordial, 7) A. Carinan, 8) J. Hymns, 9) G. Morete, 10) S. Tomlinson, 11) E. Seneres, 12) B. Syfrig, 13) R. Gocian, 14) S. Waight, 15) C. Skwarczinsky, 16) I. Davies, 17) V. Engel, 18) P. Soycon, 19) A. Maniago, 20) K. Bowers, 21) R. Fernandez, 22) P. Green, 23) M. Alswaylim, 24) E. Lando, 25) E. Lando, 26) D. Rosario, 27) F. Requillo, 28) A. Garcia, 29) C. Morelos, 30) C. Laoagan, 31) C. Rillera, 32) T. Kiernan, 33) R. Bitong, 34) Z. Hymns, 35) E. Donnellan, 36) A. Al Sarhani, 37) L. Duffy, 38) C.

Cogan, DNF J. Garbutt, P. McParland, D. Aubrey, F. Al Hammoud, M. Hesketh, R. Myers, K. Ahlin, D. Hogden.

Categories:

Open: Art Cabel, Veterans: Gary Swinburne, Master: Charlie Ryan, Senior: Bruno Syfrig, Cat B: Carola Skwarczinsky

Ten Mile TT Results

1 T. Mathy 22:15, 2 L. Bek 23:40, 3 B. Syfrig 23:48, 4 J. Kuba 24:25, 5 A. Carinan 24:42, 6 S. Jenkins 24:53, 7 G. Morete 24:56, 8 C. Ryan 24:57, 9 A. Cabal 25:24, 10 P. Soycon 25:32, 11 J. Forrester 25:48, 12 I. Davies 25:50, 13 G. Laurie 26:06, 14 H. Rom 26:44, 15 R. Gocian 26:45, 16 J. Hymns 26:47, 17 L. Philips 26:49, 18 D. Wright 27:10, 19 J. Cordial 27:16, 20 H. Kilpatrick 27:35, 21 J. Studley 27:52, 22 A. Maniago 27:56, 23 P. McParland 27:56, 24 P. Wadell 27:57, 25 R. Bowes 28:17, 26 D. Nichols 28:22, 27 P. Foster 28:22, 28 E. Seneres 28:46, 29 D. Respecki 29:00, 30 F. Requillo 29:12, 31 R. Myers 29:14, 32 E. Gocian 29:42, 33 R. Bitong 29:43, 34 Kath Cogan 30:05, 35 R. Fernandez 30:14, 36 C. Skwarczinsky 30:19, 37 J. Garbutt 30:21, 38 V. Lasperes 30:43, 39 D. Rosario 31:21, 40 A. Garcia 31:48, 41 Z. Hymns 32:06, 42 M. Hesketh 32:10, 43 S. Whitfield 32:15, 44 T. Kiernan 32:18, 45 D. Aubrey 33:11, 46 R. Pedrosa 33:36, 47 E. Donnellan 34:00, 48 A. Respecki 34:14, 49 L. Duffy 36:50.



From left, Gary Swinburne, Art Cabel, Carola Skwarczinsky and Charlie Ryan. (AN photo)