

# Beyers rules inaugural Skate Shack-TREK 90km road race

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RIYADH: The inaugural Skate Shack-TREK (Bahrain) 90km road race was held at the weekend under the auspicious of the Novartis Consumer Health-Riyadh Wheelers.

This gruelling event as expected, attracted riders from all over the country and hopefully will grow in stature and replace the 100km Milk Race after long time sponsors Almarai announced they were ceasing their support.

An impressive field of 58 registered and with a generous prize list on offer, the action started as soon as the flag dropped. With speeds topping 60kph, the large bunch was soon reduced to around 20 riders, containing all the top names including a strong Saudi squad and teams from Udhailiyah and Dhahran.

With the strengthening wind, the stronger riders came into their own, non more so than Christian Beyers who chose a particularly tough section to launch his attack and with help from teammate Barry Davitt, soon put daylight between himself and the chasers. All eyes were on strongman Thierry Mathy to do the chasing, but it became clear Mathy was not at his best, and who later explained after virtually wrapping up the RW championship he had reduced his training. The race was now full-on for second place and after a succession of unsuccessful attacks, Davitt and Mathy broke away, closely followed by Nasser Al Mutrad, Abdullah Aldyabi and Rob Patrick, all coming together and forming a big enough group to hold off the chasers.

Into the final kilometers, Al Mutrad launched his now signature attack to take a good second

from Mathy, Davitt, Patrick and Aldyabi.

Winning the bunch sprint was Saad Marzog, from Alex Carinan and Steve Jenkins, with other top names complaining of cramps and exhaustion. The remnants of the field struggled in up to 2 hours after the winner, but all finished and should be congratulated on such a hard day. It was also good to see former Filipino champion Jaime Sunga back in the saddle after injury. Prizes were awarded by Scott Waight and all agreed it had been a great event. To interested parties or prospective sponsors, the Novartis Consumer Health-Riyadh Wheelers web site can be found at [www.riyadhwheelers.com](http://www.riyadhwheelers.com).

## Results:

1. C Beyers, 2. N Almutrad, 3. T Mathy, 4. B Davitt, 5. R Patrick, 6. A Aldyabi, 7. S Marzog, 8. A Carinan, 9. S Jenkins, 10. S Waight, 11. C Ryan, 12. T Green, 13. J Kuba, 14. G Morete, 15. S Alketeri, 16. P Soycon, 17. J Cordial, 18. B Syfrig, 19. B Eastwood, 20. B Remsburg, 21. C von Skwarczinsky, 22. D Wright, 23. P McParland, 24. A Fabular, 25. J Hymns, 26. J Forrester, 27. H Rom, 28. R Delos Santos, 29. I Davies, 30. P Foster, 31. P Waddell, 32. J Sunga, 33. E Lando, 34. D Respecki, 35. D Nichols, 36. C Morelos, 37. E Lando, 38. R Myers, 39. Z Hymns, 40. F Requillo, 41. R Gocian, 42. M Hesketh, 43. F Gocian, 44. C Cogan, 45. R Flores, 46. J Jaruskova, 47. E Donnellan, 48. T Kiernan, 49. A Respecki, 50. JP Lagadec. DNF C Albury, L Duffy, F Gregorio, R Pedrosa, D Aubrey, R Foster, F Nichol, G Collins

Categories (outside top 3)  
Open A Aldyabi, Veteran S Waight, Master B Davitt, Senior B Syfrig, Cat B C von Skwarczinsky



Christian Beyers and the rest of the top 6 and category winners. (AN photo)