

## 2015 Southland Track Championships and UCI Para-cycling C1 Track Open

### Day 3 – Session Four Wrap

It was a heaving programme with huge entries and some record-breaking results as the 2015 Southland Track Champs unfolded at the SIT Zero Fees Velodrome over the past three days.

The event, which also played host to a UCI Para-cycling C1 Track Open for Australian and New Zealand riders to gather qualifying points for the Rio Paralympics, attracted almost 140 riders from as far as Auckland and involved 104 races totalling more than 20 hours of racing over four sessions. While there were many near-misses on the record breaking races, a cracker ride came from Neil FAMILTON in the Masters 3 2000m individual pursuit qualifiers yesterday afternoon **(NB Sunday)** when he broke his own national record by three seconds, clocking 2.26.032.

Meanwhile, Southland U19 Bradly Knipe carved his name on the velodrome boards as one to watch after smashing out 10.735 in his sprint qualifier during the Saturday afternoon session and then going on to beat Manawatu's Liam Brown for gold. This could only be relative when put in comparison against big gun sprinter Ben Stewart's 10.405 qualifier and making the two cyclists, of totally different builds, stand beside each other. It was certainly a result that drew the attention of our BikeNZ team who are currently competing at the London World Cup as they messaged through congratulations to Brad on Facebook overnight.

Stewart pulled through a tight, first-round sprint final race-off against fellow Southlander Fabian Wybrow and went to take gold in the Elite sprint, while another Southland pairing of Josh Haggerty and Josh van den Arend had two big battles with van den Arend proving to have the edge and netting the bronze. The coveted McLean Trophy for the fastest Elite man over a 1000m time trial was taken out by Wybrow, who had a fantastic weekend of racing, from Haggerty and van den Arend. Haggerty also scored gold in the 10km points and 4000m individual pursuit, with Anton O'Connell in third in the points and pursuit. A return to the track after a two-year break resulted in gold in the standing lap for Sean Fox, with silver for Stewart and bronze for Wybrow. Stewart then wrapped up the weekend with the kieran gold, Karl Watson took silver and Wybrow took bronze.

Proving her return to form on the boards in Southland's Natasha Hansen had her final run on the boards on Sunday before a move to Cambridge to work on cementing her position back in the NZ women's sprint team. Hansen proved throughout the weekend that she's still very much a class act cleanly taking out her sprint, standing lap and kieran events. Fellow Cambridge-based Southlander Kirstie James took the gold in the points before illness withdrew her from the final day of competition.

The U17 girls saw Wanaka's Ellesse Andrews sweep the events for gold, with the time trial, scratch, sprint and standing lap titles. The U17 boys was a tight tussle among many with Southland's Kain Bowles taking wins in the scratch, sprint and points, and silver in the standing lap, while his mate Mitchell Morris continued good form for gold in the time trial and standing lap, and bronze in the sprint.

Local lass Emma Cumming held her roost at the top of the U19 women, taking out gold in the scratch, sprint, kieran and standing lap and silver in the time trial, while her mates Makayla Smith

netted silver in the points and bronze in the time trial and standing lap, while Aly Doherty secured silver in the scratch and bronze in the sprint. In the U19 men Knipe scored gold in the time trial, Kieran Brayden Stephens took silver in the time trial, Hayden Stephens took gold in the 8km scratch and bronze in the standing lap, Hamish Beadle took silver in the scratch and standing lap, Hayden Strong took bronze in the kieran, and Tom Sexton took bronze in the time trial and 3000m individual pursuit and 10km points race,

The south's Emily Paterson had a dream weekend in the U15 girls winning the 3km points race, time trial and scratch, with silver in the points, Camryn Akeroyd was third in the time trial and scratch, and Lucy Dawkes third in the points. Younger Knipe brother, Keegan, continued to show he also has good sprint genes winning the U15 time trial, scratch, derby and 4km points.

The Southland-filled Masters women world champion Masters 1 titleholder Erin Criglington holding her individual pursuit reign and all other M1 titles over Nicola Stevens, along with the combined kieran gold, and Stevens in the silver. while Familton took gold in the M2 events scratch, time trial and pursuit – despite coming down in a points crash on Saturday night. Mark Day secured silver in the time trial. The combined men's kieran had Brett Roulston with gold, Jon Andrews with silver and An Leathart with bronze.

Jon Andrews took gold in the time trial, with Jerard Stock getting bronze, Andrew Lienert with bronze in the 7.5km points race

The M2 women had Sam Kopae with gold in the 5km scratch, 2000m individual pursuit, silver in the time trial, and bronze in the kieran, Jacqui Dearlove gold in time trial, silver in the individual pursuit, bronze in the scratch, Sonya Barton with silver in the scratch, bronze in time trial,

In the U13s Zoe Andrews took out the time trial and derby final from Sam Clark in second and Hannah Harvey in third. While Clark took out Andrews and Harvey in a wheel race.