

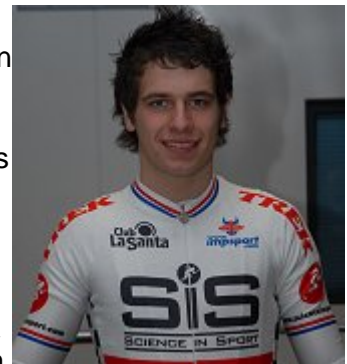
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### **Adam Blythe 6th in Famous Cobble Classic**

SiS/Trek rider Adam Blythe, took 6th place from 192 starters in the Junior International version of the Paris Roubaix pro classic representing Great Britain on Sunday. The race was won by in form Frenchman Fabien Taillefer finishing on his own after over 3hrs racing in temperatures soaring above 28 degrees. The junior version of the race covered 17 sections and 28km of classic cobbles within the total distance of 125k and was completed at an average speed a shade over 39km per hour.



The first 40km were ridden at a frantic pace and the GB team were very active at the head of affairs as they hit the first cobble section. From then on, it was a race for survival with many top international riders coming to grief through both fatigue and failure of equipment on what was a relentless and unforgiving course.

Adam said afterwards “the course was brutal. I hit a bad patch on the third to last section of cobbles and wasn’t sure which bit of me hurt the most! I managed to get it together and chased and regained the group which splintered as I got there. The run into the finish was quick and it was great to get onto the smooth concrete track after the battering on the course. I was well placed in the small chasing group and took my moment to win the final sprint only seconds behind the few riders who had managed to stay up the road. I’d like to thank Darren Tudor and the GB back up team for the great support which meant I only had to worry about riding the bike”.

#### **Results**

1. Fabien Taillefer (Fra) French National Team 3.09.30 (39,293 km/h)
2. Jens Debusschere (Bel) Balen BC 1.19
3. Paolo Locatelli (Ita) For 3 Milram
4. Mikkel Schioler (Den) Roskilde CR 1.38
5. Mattia Cattaneo (Ita) For 3 Milram 1.40
6. **Adam Blythe** (GBr) Scienceinsport-Trek 1.48

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