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### 3 Podiums in One Week for Wilkinson

Following on from his recent victory in the Marathon National Champs and not having fully recovered from his the MTB World Cup race at Fort William on the 7<sup>th</sup> June, Ian Wilkinson took to the start line in the latest round of the National Road Circuit Series at Brighthouse on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

This was Wilks first criterium outing of the season and he did not have high hopes going into the event, but ever the competitor he got stuck into the action immediately and got in the race winning break. Going into the last corner on the final lap Wilks led out the sprint for the line only to be overtaken with a handful of metres to go and had to settle for a creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> place. This was an excellent result bearing in mind his recent MTB race schedule and gives him confidence for the remaining rounds of the Criterium Series. After the race Wilks commented "Superb, it was good to be racing well at night fairly close to home. It is a hard circuit and I didn't know how I was going to go after the World Cup. I hung in well during the race and came through at the end. Malcolm has such a fast turn of speed – I felt quite good and I got the last corner right but ran out of steam coming down that finish straight and he just came flying past me with his mate, fairplay to him."



On Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> June it was back on the MTB again at the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the British NPS series at Grizedale Forest. SiS- Trek had three riders on the start line, Wilks, Collins and Creber. Bibby and Fletcher were absent as they were flying out to Italy for the MTB World Championships.

It was another excellent result for the team with Wilkinson coming home in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Collins in 4<sup>th</sup> and Creber in 10<sup>th</sup>. Going into lap 4 of 5 Wilks was in a lead group of 3 riders that included Paul Oldham and Gareth Montgomerie and was feeling

confident of the win. Fortunately for Montgomerie first Oldham punctured and then Wilks immediately followed thereby giving the win to Montgomerie. After repairing his tyre Wilks turned in the fastest last lap which goes to show that his confidence was well placed.



In the 75k enduro on Sunday Wilks made some sort of amends going one place better with a win.

This coming weekend sees the team going all out for the Mountain Mayhem 24hr MTB team title with a team of Wilks, Bibs, Collins & Sue Clarke. Bibs fly's back from the Worlds on Saturday to join his team mates in what should be a very interesting race.

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