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Science in Sport-Trek End the 2007/08 Cyclo Cross Season In Fine Form

At the recent British Cyclo Cross National Championships Ian Bibby successfully defended his Under 23 title. In what was the most exciting race of the weekend Ian outsprinted Ian Field to win the title for the second year running. Having only done two cross races prior to the Championships Ian has not specifically targeted cross this season. He came 4th at a round of the National Trophy in December at Bradford after having started at the back of the grid and over the Christmas break he came 2nd by a tyre's width to Liam Killeen at the Macclesfield Supacross. Although he had only done these two races he knew that he had the form to take the win in the National Championships.

As soon as the race got underway it was clear that there were only 3 riders who were going to contest the medals, Ian, Ian Field and newly signed Scienceinsport-Trek rider David Fletcher. In his first year as an Under 23 David rode an excellent race and although he was off the back of the two Ians for the



majority of the race he kept coming back to them and eventually took a fantastic Bronze medal. Ian was confident that if it came to a sprint that he had the ability to take the victory and so he did. As they two Ians came onto the uphill tarmac finish Ian Bibby came round Ian Field with ease and had time to acknowledge the crowd before crossing the line.

Commenting on his win Ian said "It was pretty hard out there today on this course and very windy. It was very hard to get away. I knew Ian was going to be my main rival, him and Fletcher were the riders I was most worried about. Field took it out quite hard so I went with him and had a few goes at getting away but it was so windy, it was hard to stay away so it ended up being quite tactical. I was pretty confident if it was a sprint. It's really good to retain the title."

In the senior race SiS-Trek had Ian Wilkinson and Dave Collins take to the start line. Dave has had a fantastic Cross season but a nasty accident with a vehicle saw him laid up over the Christmas holidays and he was not confident going into the championships. Wilks having only done one other cross race this season was using the championship as a fitness guide for this coming Road & MTB campaign. They both rode a good race with Wilks finishing in a great 6th place and Dave finishing 8th which was a fantastic result considering the seriousness of his accident.

See BC Web report

http://www.britishcycling.org.uk/web/site/BC/cyx/EventReports2008/20080105_Day_1_Cross_Champs.asp

The following week all four riders took to the start line at the final round of the National Trophy Series at Derby. Dave Collins was in yellow going into this final round with Paul Oldham in 2nd place and Rob Jebb in 3rd. These three were separated by only a handful of points.

As the race got underway Ian Bibby put the hammer down and only Paul Oldham (Bronze medallist at the Senior National Championship) was able to go with him. These two battled away on their own for the whole of the race and on the last lap Ian managed to drop Paul to take a well deserved victory. Dave was still feeling the after effects of his accident and unfortunately couldn't compete at the head of the race and eventually finished down in 11th place which meant that he slipped down to 3rd overall in the series.

After the race Ian was as expected, all smiles at winning the race. "That was a right battle. I had a plan at the start to go out really hard and see what happened and if I blew, then I blew. Paul was the only rider to come with me and we opened up a gap. Then we kept dropping each other as I had a problem and he had a problem."

"The mud was so sticky and clogging the bike up and making it so heavy, changes had to be made every lap. And at the pits, the actual race track was a lot boggier than the pits so you didn't lose much time and ended up with a fresh bike." Ian now looks ahead to the mountain bike season which he says is really important in Olympic year.

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http://www.britishcycling.org.uk/web/site/BC/cyx/EventReports2008/20080113_Derby_Cross.asp

Although the 2007/08 cross season didn't match up to the 2006/07 season due to illness and other commitments, our achievements are the envy of many a team, One National Championship win, holding the yellow jersey for two rounds, a 3rd place overall in the National Trophy series and a win in the final round of the series.

The team are now off on a number of training camps to prepare for the coming Road & MTB season.

Watch this space for details of sponsors and riders for the coming season, these will be notified ASAP.

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