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Fantastic Results for ScienceinSport-Trek Mountain Bikers

The multi-talented ScienceinSport-Trek team focused on mountain biking this weekend at the third round of the Freerange Sports Optics British XC Series at Margam Park in South Wales. Three of the team; Ian Bibby, Ian Wilkinson and Dave Collins, took the start in the scorching heat of the midday sun for five laps of the testing course. There were three main hills and a river crossing in each lap, and with the ground dry and the mud baked it was bound to be a speedy affair.



The pace was blistering from the start as straight from the gun there was a high speed charge along the grass and up onto the road. The main selection of the race had taken place by the top of the first hill and by the time the riders headed back to the arena after the first lap Paul Oldham of Hope Factory Racing had built a decent lead over the chasers including Burry Stander, Gareth Montgomerie, Adrian Lansley, and the three ScienceinSport-Trek riders.

Bibby, Collins and Wilkinson stuck together in the chase for Oldham, whilst the others eventually dropped back. At one point Oldham had a gap of almost a minute and Bibby decided decisive action was required. He got his head down and attacked Oldham's lead, catching Oldham on the boardwalk

section and passing him in the last half a lap. He stayed just ahead all the way to the finish and was ecstatic as he crossed the line ahead of Oldham for the win, his first ever in a National Series event. Collins got away from Wilkinson to claim 3rd leaving Wilkinson to complete the ScienceinSport-Trek domination of the event in 4th.

Collins and Bibby were left to do the business in the Trek Marathon Series (50km event.) on Sunday as Wilkinson travelled north to Sue Thomas and Barrie Clarke's wedding. At Margam, Collins got away with Gareth Montgomerie early on and the duo stayed together for the majority of the race, Collins overtaking Montgomerie on the final hill of the day to take victory, whilst Bibby comfortably took 3rd.

The team were thrilled afterwards with their collective performance over the weekend, and are now looking forward to the National Championships in Plymouth at the end of July. Bibby's performance makes him a favourite for the under 23 title, whilst Wilkinson and Collins are definitely strong contenders in the senior event.

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