

King's Lynn MTB Club



Thetford MTB Winter Series

Round 1 Fire Road 24, Santon Downham

2nd November 2015

The first round of the 2014/15 Thetford MTB winter series started at the relatively flat course of Santon Downham, near Brandon.

The course was just over 6 miles a lap. There were a couple of technical sections, with pits and bomb holes with the remainder of the course consisting of fire roads and single track.

This area of the Thetford Forest is notorious for the endless undulations or “whoops” this calls for strong legs and the best way to travel through these is to stand and push a big gear, or otherwise it's a very bumpy ride!!.

The rain also added to the mix, as almost 400 competitors were waiting on the start line when the heavens opened, this lasted for about an hour into the race, resulting in the trails being extremely slippery and muddy. As the rain stopped and the trails started to dry it then became very tacky, your bike did not seem as though it would roll, thus making the riding very tough.



The start of the 2 hour race with from left to right in view, Simon Light, Sean Rayment and Steve Munden in KLMTB colours.

King's Lynn MTB Club were well represented for the first round, twelve of our members entered various categories with mixed results.

2 hour Junior Male

8th Sam Pepper

2 hour Male 19-39

3rd Sean Rayment

7th James Murphy

9th Rob Smithers

32nd Simon Light

35th Richard Hallet

2 hour Veterans Male 40+

10th Steve Munden

18th Adie Harris

28th Kevin Beales

47th Steve Collins

58th Lee Broadhurst

4 hour Veterans Male 40+

22nd Richard Pepper.

4 hour Male - 11th Jimmy Hupton

The ride of the day was by Sean Rayment (24) who battled to an excellent 3rd place, being one of only 9 riders from 87 in his category who managed 5 laps in the allocated time.



Sean Rayment.



Richard "Scratch" Hallet



Lee Broadhurst

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