

Pittville CycloCross, Western league round 8.

This year conditions in Pittville Park, Cheltenham, were relatively dry with much less risk of cloying mud. However Cheltenham and County CC laid on a stern test of stamina and power which became apparent straight from the start. The field got strung out on the tough up-slope bumpy section which will have given a new meaning to "pitch and putt" course for riders. Very soon a break of 3 formed with junior rider Joe Griffiths(Dream CC), Charles Coleman (Adeo Cadence RT), Ben Davies(Cheltenham Cycles) and they pulled out 20 seconds from Scott Chalmers(Dream CC) and as much again from the next in the field. This pattern looked set for a battle between the first three till half way through the race when Coleman attacked and got half a minute on Griiffiths and another 10 seconds on local favorite, Davies. He then powered on gradually adding to his lead each lap. Full results are attached.

Steve Brown (Dream CC) proved his staying power to come in a creditable first Veteran.

We always like to see a National Champion at Pittville trying cyclocross. Jess Stone, the 2010 English National Downhill champion was giving cyclocross a first go and was the first woman home.

In the chase for U12 prizes donated by Cheltenham Cycles Lovis Brooks (U12) and David Meyer (U10) were first in these age groups.