

Lets have fun...at the Park.

The Hanes Park Criterium was this past Sunday and The Cycles De Oro Master's were well represented with the following: Matt Mason, Rodney Simpson, David Petree, Terry Lanier, Mark Griffin, Scott Hill, and Blair Palmer. The field was stacked with talent including likes of, David LeDuc, Randy Parker, Rick Creed, John Patterson, Pat Raines, and Roger Friend. The race started in somewhat wet conditions, but eventually dried out.... thankfully. There was terrible accident the Mens Cat 4 race, which led to serious head trauma. The rider's name is Mark Ornitz and was in critical condition last night. Prayers and thoughts go out to him.

As always the race started off fast, with multiple attacks. Early on there was a break of... with??? I covered some early attacks by Mac Cannon to bridge up to the group that contained the riders, and then Roger Friend launched a counter attack, which Rodney tactfully followed and latched on to. Mac attacked again to bridge across and I followed, but I didn't work with Mac, since Rodney was in the break. In hindsight I probably should have worked with Mac, so we would have two riders in the break. Anyways, there was group of ~10 riders, which stayed away a few hundred yards away for about five laps or so, until Mark bridged with Kelly Holmes, which eventually made ~ a 15 man break, which included Mark and Rodney. David patrolled the front numerous times and Matt around 15 laps to go went with a move comprised of Kurt Massey and Bob Wright, and gained 20 seconds on the remnants of the field. The remaining 15 laps from my standpoint were some cat and mouse, till the last lap when LeDuc and few others us lapped us. Thinking the whole group was together, I took Rick Creed's wheel to help lead-out Mark for good finish, but the break had splintered.

Mark finished 8th 14th, respectively for the day, with Matt finishing strong and followed by Blair, David, Scott, and Terry. Next up is the Giordana Crossroads Classic.

Blair