



GO FOR IT: A competitor in the junior race

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ASHLEY DENNIS was in omni-hour early form as 41 youngsters took part in the first meeting of the season when the Sussex Cycle Racing League returned to Brighton's Preston Park.

Under-12 riders were on fixed wheel for the first time and there were some fascinating battles among the youth races.

Fourteen-year-old Ashley Dennis (VC Jubilee), who recently picked up some top tips on sprinting from Great Britain's Peter Mitchell, powered home ahead of under-16 rider Elliot Tabraham-Dowers (In-Geart) in the four-lap scratch race in the under-14/under-16 category.

The under-14s surprisingly dominated the 18-rider category with under-14 Emily Barnes (Palmer Park Velo) having a great ride for third. She was followed in by under-14 duo Amy Jacobs (VC Jubilee) and Sara Geart (In-Geart) and Sava Geart (In-Geart) next.

Ashley Dennis came home alone in the under-14 three-lap dash, then Kim English (Palmer Park Velo) won the bunch sprint for second and Emily Barnes was third. They were followed in by Gabriel Parle (PPYCC), Sara Geart (In-Geart) and Matthew Hill (VC Jubilee).

Tabraham-Dowers took no prizes in the under-16 dash, sprinting to the line in front of fast-improving Jack Oliver-Blaney (PPYCC), with Milo Burdeau (In-Geart) and Sam Maloney (VC Jubilee) next in line.

The two age groups were mixed for a three-lap points race, Tabraham-Dowers secured two sprint wins and also the under-16 contest, while Maloney won the other sprint and gained second place. Burdeau was third and Oliver-Blaney fourth in the under-16 event.

In the under-18s, Dennis emerged victorious, ahead of Barnes, English and Jacobs.

In the under-12 races, David Barnes (Palmer Park Velo), who was reconnoitering Preston Park for this Saturday's regional omnium, stormed to victory with two wins and a third.

In both the scratch race and the dash he was followed to the line by

# Dennis has a great start to new season

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UNICYCLE: A rider checks out his bike before a race

Amy Barnes (VC Jubilee) and Spencer Thomas (PPYCC). The block handikap was won by Luke Will Parrie (VC Jubilee) but up a great ride for second.

Unusually for Preston Park, there was only one under-eight rider, Evelyn Parle, so the amalgamated with the under-10s.

Douglas McCauley (PPYCC) made no mistake to win the scratch race sprint ahead of Harry Stanov (PPYCC) and Joe Hill

(PPYCC). In the individual handicap race, Thomas Burnett (PPYCC) took the honours in front of Cory Anderson (PPYCC) and Lois Parle.

Parle made excellent use of her allowance in the block handikap race to win, with McCauley and Stanov just behind.

Riders represented several clubs, but VC Jubilee in particular, as no fewer than 19 of the riders were wearing their distinctive blue-and-yellow jerseys.

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Older (R): A rider puts in the work

PUSH START: All set for the under-10s race

