

Revolutions Racing 2-Up

Bryn Davies took two wins in two days as he made a fabulous 2016 debut in the Coaching Revolutions 2-Up Series. First off the line with Hafren CC partner Pete Thomas the pair made no mistake, charging around the Montford Bridge - Nesscliffe 10 mile circuit in a superb 21 minutes 34 seconds, making the most of the superb smooth road surface to surprise reigning Champions Ed Middleton and Scott Harris with their form. A delighted Davies commented: *"I was pleased with the result, we worked well together despite doing minimal training together beforehand. A really good course for a fast time, I enjoyed that, thanks to all involved"*. Davies' increased fitness level did however surprise partner Thomas who added wryly: *"I did the best I could to hang onto Bryn who is on form! Last year it was me in form! A very good course, an excellent surface"*.

2015 Champions Ed Middleton and Scott 'Bomber' Harris found themselves in an unaccustomed runner-up spot despite an excellent 22:21 in what is already shaping up to be a fabulous head-to-head battle in this best 5 from 8 Series - with Harris sure to improve and racing despite carrying a cold. He explained: *"I felt rough before the start, but my legs have been good in training. Not as fast as we were aiming for. Well done to the Hafren boys, we just need to train even harder! I'm looking forward to the next round"*. Middleton added: *"It's always fun riding with 'Bomber'. A top ride by the Hafren boys who are showing good form. Lastly thanks to the organisers and marshals"*. Despite Davies and Thomas closing the gap Middleton and Harris hold an eight point lead in the defence of their Championship and will be going all out to hold onto it for a third year in a row.

The fine surface of the rarely used Montford Bridge - Nesscliffe 10 attracted 15 teams, with some very fast times registered on a calm if chilly morning. It was a first-time pairing for Nick Pavard and Andy Rose, the latter riding his first ever race in this format. Despite that unfamiliarity the Nova Raiders pair finished in 3rd spot with a 22:52 effort, just seven seconds ahead of Revolutions Racing's Dan Lamsdell and Steve Elcocks, who moved up to overall runner-up spot thanks to the 14 points added to their tally.

The 2015 Mixed-pair Champions are already setting out their stall for 2016 with a commanding lead that sees them move up to joint 3rd spot overall in a tie with Davies and Thomas. Wrekinsport's Amanda Witty and Delwyn Jones registered a 2-Up Personal Best of 23:56 - good enough for 8th spot overall on the day despite an excellent effort from Steve and Jane Chapman who were runners-up in 24:57. A delighted Witty commented: *"It was the first time for both of us on that course. We were really pleased with that time. Thanks to all the helpers making it a great event"*.

The only all-female team in competition were Rachel Storey and Jo Coombes, who ended the morning on 30:45.

Result:

Pos'n	No.	Name	Club	Time	Points
1	1	Peter Thomas	Hafren CC	21:34	20
	2	Bryn Davies	Hafren CC		

2	9	Ed Middleton	Nova Raiders	22:21	18
	10	Scott Harris	Nova Raiders		
3	7	Nick Pavard	Nova Raiders	22:52	16
	8	Andy Rose	Nova Raiders		
4	25	Steve Elcocks	Revolutions Racing	22:59	14
	26	Daniel Lamsdell	Revolutions Racing		
5	21	Chris Horsfield	Revolutions Racing	23:09	12
	22	Tom Byatt	Revolutions Racing		
6	5	Chris Hill	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	23:14	10
	6	Dilwyn Griffiths	Hafren CC		
7	17	Ian Coe	Hafren CC	23:40	8
	18	Paul Bufton	Hafren CC		
8	11	Amanda Witty	Wrekinsport CC	23:56	6
	12	Delwyn Jones	Wrekinsport CC		
9	19	Andrew Hellowell	Revolutions Racing	24:04	4
	20	Pete Craddock	Revolutions Racing		
10	29	John Robertson	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	24:08	2
	30	Andy Hazell	Mid Shropshire Wheelers		
11	3	Andy Griffiths	Hafren CC	24:15	2
	4	Mark Hill	Hafren CC		
12	23	Steve Chapman	Nova Raiders	24:57	2
	24	Jane Chapman	Nova Raiders		
13	15	Rob Finch	Arctic Tacx	25:00	
	16	Lucy Davies	Hafren CC		
14	13	Craig Howells	Nova Raiders	25:46	2
	14	Jonathan Howells	Nova Raiders		
15	27	Jo Coombes	Nova Raiders	30:45	2
	28	Rachel Storey	Nova Raiders		

Cumulative Top 10 after two rounds:

Position	Team	Club(s)	Best 5
1	Scott Harris & Ed Middleton	Nova Raiders	38
2	Steve Elcocks & Daniel Lamsdell	Revolutions Racing	30
=3	Amanda Witty & Delwyn Jones	Wrekinsport CC	20
=3	Pete Thomas & Bryn Davies	Hafren CC	20
5	Nick Pavard & Mark Harrison	Nova Raiders	18
6	Nick Pavard & Andy Rose	Nova Raiders	16
=7	Chris Horsfield & Tom Byatt	Revolutions Racing	12
=7	Richard Cordova & Matt Harrison	North Shropshire Wheelers	12
=9	Chris Hill & Dilwyn Griffiths	Mid Shropshire Wheelers & Hafren CC	10
=9	James Greehalgh & James Handley	North Shropshire Wheelers	10

- Round 3 of the Coaching Revolutions 2-Up Series takes place on Friday, 20th May when Oswestry Paragon CC promote their 10 mile event on the D10/5c Queens Head - Gobowen course.