



NAS-TRACK Team Racing – Detroit 6 Day – Day 4

Friday August 13, 2010

International Velodrome at Bloomer Park



Detroit 6 Day - Day 4 Winners
Brendon Benson & Nick Laughton

Overall Evening Results

Rochester Hills, MI – Something was different on Day 4 of the NAS-TRACK Detroit 6 Day. Was it because the fabulous NAS-TRACK Pit Crew Band was playing? Because it was Friday the 13th? Perhaps it was because there were six teams racing? Regardless of the reason, the 120 Lap Madison would be punishing fast.

A pair of hot 8 Lap Scratch Races opened up the racing action. It was Team Black's Brendon Benson and Team Pink's Luke Cavender battling to line to take the top spot. At the line Brendon took the 10 points followed by Cavender and Team Blue's Tom Elias. The second race was a pack sprint coming out of turn 4. Team White's Martin Verrchio held the pole line coming to the finish but it was Team Black's Nick

Laughton, on the high side, who won the sprint by half a wheel over Verrchio.

Team Black, with 20 points, held a 10 point advantage over Team White, Team Pink – 9 points, Team Green – 7, Team Blue – 6 and Team Silver – 4. With their early display of power, would Team Black be able to hold this edge to the last sprint of the night?

The Miss & Out is often more about tactics than it is about speed and this was true tonight as some of the stronger riders had an early exit. In the end it was Team Black's Brendon Benson and Team Pink's Luke Cavender who put on a great matched sprint finish for the appreciative NAS-TRACK fans. The duo, after playing a little "cat & mouse" game at the top of the 44° banking, tried to improve their tactical advantage with a long track stand on the back straight in front NAS-TRACK play by play announcer Chris Hughes. Slowly they progressed around the velodrome carefully eyeing each other looking for the muscle twitch that would give away the jump for the sprint. With less than a lap to go, the sprint was engaged but it was not until turn 4 that Cavender would gain the advantage he would need to secure the victory.

Heading into the evening's premier event, 120 Lap Madison, Team Black, with 28 points, held a 6 point advantage over Team Pink. Team White was still close with 21 points, Team Green – 14, Team Silver –

10 and Team Blue – 7 points.

As usual the 120 Lap Madison started under a few “controlled” laps but once the “control” was removed the teams wasted no time make the pace hot. The first sprint at 100 laps to go, was won by Team Black just edging Team White followed by Team Pink. The second sprint was also won by Team Black followed by Team White and Team Pink.

Heading to the third sprint of the Madison the pace was fast and the teams began to get strung out. By winning their third straight sprint of the Madison, Team Black was proving they were the team to beat. Team Pink gathered the second place points followed by Teams White, Blue, Silver and Green. Half way through the 120 Madison Team Black had 58 points, Team White – 40, Team Pink – 39, Team Green – 20, Team Silver – 16 and Team Blue – 13.

It was the pairing of Teams White and Black fighting to the line for the 4th sprint that would define the battle for the overall win. Team White pushed the pace to the line while Team Black covered every move by Team White but it was Team White to take the first place points.

The high speed pace of the evening began to take its toll on the riders and the field pack was often splitting apart. Leading up to the 5th sprint, it was Team White’s Martin Verrchio chasing Team Pink’s Blaine Benson with Team Black’s Brendon Benson on Verrchio’s wheel. It was just 150 meters to the line when Team White did an exchange when Team Black’s Brendon Benson attacked coming over the top. Coming out of turn 4 Teams Pink, White and Black were 3 wide. It was a photo finish at the line and the sprint won by Team Black over Team White and Pink.

With just one sprint remaining Team Black had a commanding lead with 75 points, Team White – 57, Team Pink – 49, Team Green – 22, Team Silver – 19, Team Blue - 14. Team White, hoping to get a lap on the field and gain 15 points, made a jump with 14 laps to go. Team Black responded to the jump and went with Team White. Both teams took the speed to a higher level and worked together rotating pulls with the precision of a finely tune team sprint. In the final lap Team White broke away and took the sprint worth double points but it was not enough to overcome Team Black’s winning point total.

Tom Elias rode in his first Madison in a year due to attending dental school. It was good to have Tom back on the track and he managed his pair of senior “AA” riders wonderfully.

Special Thanks to the Pit Crew Band who sported a full complement of talented musicians to entertain the NAS-TRACK fans.

Congratulations to Team Black, Brendon Benson and Nick Laughton for their NAS-TRACK Detroit 6 Day – Day 4 Victory.

Race report by: Bruce I. Carlson

Final Standings – August 13, 2010 -- Detroit 6 Day – Day 4

1. Team Black	Brendon Benson & Nick Laughton.....	89	points
2. Team White	Nick Console & Martin Verrchio.....	77	points
3. Team Pink	Blaine Benson & Luke Cavender.....	63	points
4. Team Green	Tim Campbell & Brent Del Rosario.....	31	points
5. Team Silver	Dave Hicken & Nick Raiti.....	30	points
6. Team Blue	Tom Elias & Larry Garstick & Bruce Carlson.....	18	points

Overall Standings through Day 4

1.	Luke Cavender	37	Points
2.	Tim Campbell	31	Points
2.	Nick Console	31	Points
2.	Nick Laughton	31	Points
5.	Blaine Benson	30	Points
6.	Dave Hicken	22	Points
7.	Nick Raiti	21	Points
7.	Martin Verrchio	21	Points
9.	Brendon Benson	16	Points
10.	Brent Del Rosario	12	Points
11.	Bruce Carlson	10	Points
11.	Larry Garstick	10	Points
13.	Tom Elias	4	Points

The sprint with 20 Laps to go. Team Black's Brendon Benson edges Team White's Nick Console and Team Pink's Blaine Benson at the line.



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Points for places are 10, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Finishing position in the evening's final race is used as a points tie breaker.

	8 Lap Scratch	Miss & Out	4 Lap Scratch	24 Lap Scratch	Overall Points
1. Daniell Mullis	10	7		5	22
2. Cale Denison	8	10		4	22
3. Dante Gomez	5	5	10		20
4. Luke Mullis	6	8		3	17
5. Brandon Noonan	3	4	8		15
6. Douglas Wells	4	2	7		13
7. Cody Denison	7	6			13
8. Emma Fickel	2	3	6		11
9. Matthew Wells	1	1	5		7
10. Phillip Lalone	0		5		5
11. Blake Noonan	0		3		3



Dante Gomez reaches the line first followed by Brandon Noonan and Douglas Wells in a three up finish in the Youth "AA" 4 Lap Scratch Race. Three bikes, three different wheel sizes with all racing together at the finish. Douglas on 24" wheels, Brandon on 650c and Dante on 700c.

AA Races

Points for places are 10, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Finishing position in the evening's final race is used as a points tie breaker.

	16 Lap Scratch	Miss & Out	24 Lap Scratch	Overall Points
1. Bernie Clincke	7	6	10	23
2. Dave Irwin	4	10	8	22
3. Vern Green	10	1	7	18
4. Charles Hailey	0	8	4	12
5. Nigel Mullis	2	7	3	12
6. Larry Garstick	5	5		10
7. Rick Noonan	1	2	6	9
8. Karl Nielsen	6	3		8
9. Bruce Carlson	8	0		8
10. Debbie Cavender	3	4		7
11. Colleen Brown	0	0	2	2

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