Fulton Flyers Development Cycling Team Race Report Georgia Cross Series Race #4–Monroe, GA 5 November 2006

Results

Pro-Elite (Men A) - 26 riders 4th Oscar Clark 7th Ty Magner

Men B – 32 riders 20th Kyle Cochran

Juniors A – 7 riders 1st Kyle Cochran

Masters 45+ - 16 riders 3rd Lamar Mauney

Race Summary:

A beautiful fall day greeted round four of the Georgia Cross Series in Monroe, GA. Criswell Park was transformed into a very fast course perfect for larger groups, and inspiring confidence in the roadies and providing just a bit of dirt for the mountain bike crowd. The northern Georgia location attracted a significant number of talented NC and SC riders.

The Fulton Flyers entered four riders over four events on their Blue Competition Cycles CX bikes, Panaracer Cross Blaster tires & Neuvation wheels. All equipment performed to perfection and the hard core crossers on the team are showing good form.

Oscar "The O.C." Clark and Ty "Tiger" Magner finished with the front group, which had seen former National Collegiate champion Jed Schneider solo off as in Augusta two weeks prior. The field diced and sliced, shedding riders as small attack groups formed and dissipated. As the group took the bell, former MTB National Champion Michael Cumming attacked hard, forcing gaps in the group as it become every man for themselves.

Oscar and Ty hit the last grass section in good position, and were able to sprint in for 4th and 7th place respectively on the paved finishing straight. Oscar is showing great form, and will race Elite Juniors at the upcoming Cyclo-Cross Nationals – the first Devo Flyer to do so.

Kyle Cochran won Juniors A with a strong attack mid-race. After taking a 10 minute rest he was back on course for Men B, which was quickly ravaged by Georgia mountain bike legend Greg Turner (who arrived late and missed the Masters 45+ race). With the Junior race still in his legs, Kyle could not react to fast start, but recovered to leave the second group for a solid 20th place.

Coach Lamar Mauney took third in Masters 45+, and thanked Greg Turner for arriving late (Greg is father to Fulton Flyer Devo and U23 Road Nationals Silver Medalist, Ann Turner).

Technical Notes:

Another typical north Georgia course with lots of grass on clay (meaning very hard and bumpy) mixed with pavement and loose dirt covered in pine straw. The team rode Panaracer Cross Blasters at 40 pounds front, and 40 to 45 pounds rear depending on rider weight - a good compromise and choice for the course.

Round 5 is Marietta, northwest of Atlanta on November 12. This course will feature limited pavement, a significant amount of dirt road, and the now famous trademark loamy ravine plunge followed by the pure red clay run up (if you slip near the top, you slid to the bottom).



Oscar Clark & Casey Magner take a flyer in the Elite race.



The barrier says it all...Kyle Cochran on the move



Ty Magner takes on Eric Murphy in the Elite race



The O.C. and the Tiger in Elite Men's late action – go Devo!



Coach Lamar Mauney on Podium for Masters 45+ - note PowerBar & Verge