

Team Report

Fulton Flyers Development Team Update / Dedicated to Young Cyclists in Georgia

Georgia Cross Series Rounds 7 & 8 and 'Cross Nationals 2008

13-14 December – 'Cross Nationals – Kansas City, MO

It was déjà vu all over again as the saying goes. One guess as to who won the Collegiate Women's National 'Cross Championships...yep, Carla Swart. She now holds every major collegiate title – Road Race, Road Omnium, Track Pursuit, Track Sprints, Track Omnium, MTB Cross Country, MTB Short Track, MTB Omnium and Cyclo-Cross. Whew...most of us would retire after just one National title (but not all of us are 21 year old college students either...).



She is now off to two pro contracts – one with U.S. domestic team Lip Smacker – America's Dairyland and one with the South African Pro National Team. As a South African native and bundle of talent she plans to race in Europe in 2009, as well as the Commonwealth Games and possibly B Worlds. As folks that have been reading our reports know, she has been attending school at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, NC. Her home base has been Duluth, GA, though her folks just moved to Texas. She will take next semester out of college to pursue cycling at a world class level for a while.



Oscar Clark had an okay day (for Oscar) in U23 Elite, finishing 24th. The next day dawned with a firmer course and faster conditions, and he sailed to 11th in Division 1 Collegiate Men – more to his liking and reflective of this young man's ability. This has been a good year for Oscar in road and 'cross, and his talent will be further distinguished next year as our Elite U23 team merges with the now-amateur Jittery Joes squad. Oscar races collegiate for Georgia State University located in Atlanta, his hometown.

30 November 2008 – Conyers Elks Aidmore Georgia Cross Series #7

Mud! This pretty well sums up the day. More mud than I have ever seen at any cross race. What were originally assumed to be “dry” creek beds were...well, “my creek runeth over” would aptly describe what they became after two days of constant rain.

So, out came the Panaracer CrossBlasters for the rear to cut through the mud and increase the rear stay clearance a bit, with Panaracer Cinder X up front in the hope they would “float” across the soup-like conditions on the second half of the course. The team met with mixed success – not as good of a day as normal, but we held our own.

Joey Schoenfeld and Oscar Clark defended their Series Points jerseys, while the “old man” Lamar Mauney slipped (literally) to second overall after a hard fought 4th in Masters 45+. Elizabeth continued to battle health issues as well as weather to hold her 3rd overall in Women Elite.

The team also fell a mere 6 points back in the Overall Team Competition due to riders not taking on two races as in recent weeks due to the difficult conditions. Shey Lindner sliced a tire and was not able to take big points in 35+. So, off to the Series Finale and double points in Dallas (GA) on what will be a fast course if the rain doesn't return.

7 December 2008 – Paulding Meadows Park Georgia Cross Series #8

SNADU – okay, Situation Normal All Dried Up – except for a few areas of deep frost at the barriers. Paulding Meadows Park near Dallas, GA has not been used for a cross race for a few years, but on this day yielded one of the best courses ever. Designed by hard core ‘crosser Daryl Sawyer the course had great flow with fast turns and variety of terrain, and paved climbs for the roadies to make up ground lost in the sand. Panaracer Cinder X all-around was a good choice.

Fulton Flyers once again showed they are the dominant team in Georgia Cross! Oscar rode an outstanding race to win the day and Series in Elite Men, Joey Schoenfeld battled teammates Everett Lindner (1st) and Cameron Kennington (2nd) to take 3rd in the race and win the Junior 15-18 Series. Matt Lipscomb was hammering on the B men but a late mishap moved him back. Elizabeth battled a freshly diagnosed case of mono and is heading for tonsil extraction next, but held onto 4th overall. Lamar climbed onto the podium again (3rd) and held tight to 2nd in the Series.

It was a bit of old-timers and parents day as well for the Flyers, with Shey Lindner, Jake Kennington, Russell Lipscomb and Dub Smith all throwing down to be sure we took both Team Competitions – which we did! See photos of both trophies below.

The Series Awards were held indoors due to the inclement weather – only problem encountered was a low ceiling for our taller riders. Joey and Oscar – both are a few inches north of six feet tall - had to lean in order to stand on the top podium step.

Whew! Another fun but tough ‘cross season put to bed – and already thinking about next year...but first, some rest and the 2009 road season.

2008 Fulton Flyers Cyclo-Cross & Georgia Cross Series Highlights:

Winners of Total Points Team Competition and Combined Team Competition

Oscar Clark – 1st Series Elite Men, State Champion, 11th Collegiate & 24th U23 Nationals

Carla Swart – Collegiate D1 Women National Champion

Joey Schoenfeld – 1st Series Junior Men 15-18

Elizabeth Lee – 4th Series Elite Women

Everett Lindner – Junior Men 15-18 State Champion, 2nd Series Junior Men 15-18

Jansen Lindner – Junior Men 10-14 State Champion

Shey Lindner – Single Speed State Champion & 2nd State Championships Masters 35+

Lamar Mauney – 2nd Series Masters 45+

15 Riders Competed in 82 Total Events in Cross Season!

Fulton Flyers Won 17 Cross Races in 2008 and Stepped onto 37 Podiums (Top 3)!

<u>Georgia Cross Series Results</u>	<u>5-Oct</u>	<u>19-Oct</u>	<u>2-Nov</u>	<u>9-Nov</u>	<u>16-Nov</u>	<u>23-Nov</u>	<u>30-Nov</u>	<u>7-Dec</u>
Elizabeth Lee	2	4	5	4	4	7	4	8
Jansen Lindner	-	2	5	-	-	1	-	-
Everette Lindner - Jr	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	1
Everette Lindner - Men C	-	17	4	-	7	-	7	21
Joey Schoenfeld - Jr	2	-	-	1	2	2	-	3
Joey Schoenfeld - Men C	33	-	36	22	26	-	31	39
Matt Lipscomb - Jr	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Matt Lipscomb - Men C	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Matt Lipscomb - Men B	-	-	-	-	6	-	5	14
Cameron Kennington - Jr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Cameron Kennington-Men C	-	-	43	37	-	34	-	-
Oscar Clark	2	1	2	3	2	1	3	1
Lamar Mauney - 45+	5	3	3	2	3	5	4	3
Lamar Mauney - Men B	7	9	14	11	9	-	-	17
Shey Lindner - SingleSpeed	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-
Shey Lindner - Masters 35+	-	-	-	-	2	2	14	7
Shey Lindner - Elite Men	-	9	-	15	-	-	-	-
Russell Lipscomb	-	-	-	-	22	-	27	12
Michael Cummings	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jake Kennington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Dub Smith	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jeff Field	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36

A special thanks to Blue Competition Cycles and PowerBar for sponsoring the 2008 Georgia Cross Series. We made good use of the Blue CX 6.5 SRAM equipped demo bikes, and these bikes were ridden to two victories!

SEE PHOTOS OF LAST TWO RACES & AWARDS CEREMONY BELOW – INCLUDING PHOTOS OF TEAM TROPHIES!

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Clockwise from top: Elizabeth Lee all smiles before taking the mud bath – she kept feeling under the weather – final diagnosis – mono and tonsils have to go; Elizabeth’s bike after one warm-up lap at Conyers – we begged off about 20 people to jump her bike into the bike wash right before her start – and laid down some serious lube on the chain ; Oscar slogging through the grass finish area in the Series Leader jersey – he finished third, and this race really didn’t fit his high jinx – high speed style; Joey (in blue helmet) aka “Junior Giant” at 6’4” jumping one of the several “dry creek beds” full of mud during the Men C race. A mis-step here later left him with a pretty bruised calf muscle.



Everett Lindner riding the slick mud off-camber at Conyers; more Conyers grass & mud; Paulding Meadows Series Podium Jr 15-18 (Joey's head on the ceiling!) and the Total Points Team Competition Trophy awarded – see trophy photos below.



Oscar Clark on the Elite Men Podium – his head on the ceiling. Nate in 3rd & Tim 2nd.



Combined Team Points Trophy



Total Points Team Trophy

Thanks to all of the riders and sponsors for a very successful Fulton Flyers 'cross season!
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