

# WADENHOE QUADMIRE CHALLENGE RACE 2

## [05.12.10]

### RACE REPORT



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Well it was certainly a winter race this time around but unfortunately, still none of that famous Wadenhoe mud. When we were setting up on Friday the ground was covered in snow and frozen solid [it took a long time to put the signs in], even the River Nene had a thin film of ice floating on the surface. Luckily the weather warmed up a little on Saturday and the majority of the snow and ice melted away, even though the ground was still covered in a thick perma frost.

The cold must have put a few people off, as the numbers were slightly down from the first race of the series. At 10.00 hrs, well just after as some people thought that we started at 10.30, 24 athletes started the Duathlon and 9 the Quadrathlon. Everyone sprinted away, glad of the opportunity to get warm.

The ground conditions were firm to frozen, making for some fast run times. Even the Quadmire presented little problem as whatever little mud there may have been was all frozen. In the Quad Matt Stephenson was the first to reach the kayaks and just like last time he promptly fell out of his kayak [last time it was the paddles fault, this time the seat; we eagerly await the next instalment] in to the almost frozen river [Brass Monkeys' I think]. After this little mishap, Tom Watt, took the opportunity to take the lead as he completed the fastest lap [three minutes faster than anyone else].



By this time, over in the Duathlon, Richard Douglas was the first to arrive into transition and onto the bike; he was closely followed by Steve Giles. Unfortunately Richard's chain broke on the first bike lap; just like the last race [hopefully it will be third time lucky, I have visions of some bike mechanic with a bike wrapped around his head]. This left the field open for Steve Giles and Glynn Preston to battle it out for "King of the bike". Glynn triumphed and posted a minute faster time, but he did not quite have the leg speed in the runs, allowing Steve to cross the line first in a time of 1:04:05.

In the Quad, Tom Watt still continued to maintain his lead after the kayak stage by also posting the fastest bike time. Combined with a very reasonable run time he crossed the line a clear three minutes ahead of his closest rival. He completed the course in 1:29:28 and was followed a few minutes later by Richard Staggs in a time of 1:32:59.

We are definitely lacking in female racers this season. The first and only lady to finish the Duathlon [I am sure she would still have come first what ever the numbers] was Tracey Haseldine in a time of 1:19:21. Likewise in the quad, Roz Giles [a family affair as hubby won the Duathlon] finished the race in a time of 1:52:19. We had two juniors take part in the Duathlon, 15 year old Elliot Stephenson and 13 year old Barney Carr [whose dad, Willie, also broke his bike on the demanding course].

I think that everyone was cold and tired after the race and just wanted to get home, as very few made it down to the Village Hall for our home made food. Big thanks must go to our brave marshals who stood around in the cold weather.

We hope to see you all at our next race which is on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

That just leaves me, on behalf of Quadrac Racing, to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Don't eat too many mince pies and keep up some training or else the first race in the New Year is going to be a struggle.

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