

# WADENHOE QUADMIRE CHALLENGE

## RACE 1

### REPORT



What a cracking start to the season, we were blessed with bright clear skies and dry ground conditions. In fact too dry, I had several complaints that there was not enough mud. There was however a chilly wind just to let you know that it is a Winter series.

We had 26 athletes sign up for the Duathlon and 12 for the Quad on this first race of the series. At 10.00am sharp the horn signalled the start and the keen ones sprinted away to try and get a good position before the first obstacle [a style] 400m away. By the time the competitors had reached the river there was a distinct lack of mud and slime on the highly tuned bodies, the Quadmire was not living up to its reputation.

Matt Stephenson was the first to reach the kayak launch, after powering away from the bank he promptly capsized. Marcus Shield was the second person to launch and hoping to take the lead from the now swimming Matt, but to no avail as he too decided to go for a little dip [an exciting time for the marshals on the river bank]. The rest of the quad field followed shortly and they all fared a little better. Joe Andrews posted the fastest kayak time of 25.04, enough to put him in the lead going into the bike leg.

Back at the Duathlon Troy Garrity was the first to complete the two lap run and took a good lead going into the bike course. Ryan Andrews was the second to mount the bike. This is the second season that we have used the new bike course, even though the conditions were dry there was plenty of people looking completely exhausted trying to get up the steep slopes. The steep downhill slope claimed a number of victims, with a number of bikers taking a spill. Unfortunately one person completely buckled his front

wheel; two others also had to retire due to mechanical failure of their not so trustworthy mounts.



With the Quad athletes now back from their little paddle up the river and mixed in the throng of the bike masses it was hard to tell who was in the lead. Looking at the various split times, I believe the positions chopped and changed as much as the undulating course. I am glad to have our competent time keepers braving the cold and keeping an eye on proceedings.

After completing the six bike laps the now warm and knackered athletes headed out for the final run, the Duathlon competitors having to complete two laps and those lucky people doing the Quad only needing to complete one. With a convincing lead Troy Garrity was the first to cross the line in the Run Bike Run event, followed four minutes later by Glynn Preston. Wendy Nelson, the lone lady, posted a very respectable time of 1.36.10. Young Elliot [at a ripe old age of 15] our youngest competitor battled around the course in a time of 1.45.30; it was a family affair as dad was racing in the Quad.

Joe Andrews was the first to take a well earned win in the quad in a time of 1.24.08, with Tom Watt taking second place. Roz Giles was the first lady to complete the course.

Big thanks to all who travelled from as far afield as Manchester to take part in the event. After the race many took advantage of the hot homemade food being served in the Village Hall. I hope to see you all again at the next race in the series on the 5<sup>th</sup> December, we will try to arrange more mud this time. Professional photographer, Dean Crathorne, will be photographing the race series. The photos can be viewed at: [www.corbyphotography.co.uk](http://www.corbyphotography.co.uk). For full results please view our website [www.quadracracing.co.uk](http://www.quadracracing.co.uk).

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