

## Quadracracracing – Wadennhoe – Race 4 – Competitor Profiles

### ANDY KEMP



Bedfords fittest man Andy Kemp was ready to set out on his second Wadenhoe race of the year, he competed in the last event fresh back from training camp, but was let down by a bad choice of bike, slick tyres apparently being his downfall,, nothing to do with his camp running style. Today he was hoping to make amends with the loan of Richard Pirons bike, of the mountain variety with at least some tread, so no excuses today then.

Before the race I had a quick chat with Andy, and he confirmed this was his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of doing these events, having been 'forced' into taking part by the fore mentioned Richard, and Andy who likes a challenge (having done the ride across America amongst one of his conquests) doesn't like to say no (unless that's a request to work – Andy is available for employment at the moment, hence he's able to train loads (and by loads he currently puts in 20 hours a week) and should be in the form of his life – maybe he is – all will be revealed from his time !!). If he wasn't taking part in this event he would rather be in bed or at least having a beer. When quizzed about what he enjoys most at Wadenhoe, Andy laughing said the food after, he good one Andy – an athlete like you get tempted by the cakes and bacon butties !!!

I then asked his what he would like to get most out of the event, I was expecting an answer referring to his improved time with the better bike he now had at his disposal, but ever the optimist Andy replied simply to finish, oh how he jests!!



During the race Andy was subject to numerous abusive comments from those that know him well, we know how to motivate, favourite shout was a confusing lap one each time he came by on the bike, oh to have friends. Andy did do ok, and eventually finished 7 mins up on his previous time, and after collecting a token couple of signs out on the course he proceeded head held high to the Village Hall for 3 bacon and egg butties, 2 bowls of soup, 5 slices of bread pudding and a mars bar, when people weren't looking. Well done Andy, keep up the good work.