

# The Soens 2015



## 54th Eddie Soens Memorial Cycle Race



Photo by Larry Hickmott

## Saturday 7th March 2015 Aintree Racecourse EVENT MANUAL

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9.30am Saturday 7th March 2015

## Aintree Racecourse Club Circuit

A Regional C+ handicap event for categories: Elite, 1, 2, 3, 4, Juniors & Women

30 laps of 1.64 miles/2.65 km. Total race distance: 49.2 miles/81 km

Event Headquarters

**Kirkby Leisure Centre, Cherryfield Drive, Kirkby, Merseyside L32 8SA. Tel: 0151 443 2200**



### Important information for all spectators

- Please park as directed by race marshals.
- Vehicular access to the circuit is for accredited vehicles only.
- Spectators are only permitted in the area shown on the course plan above. **All other areas, including the whole of the Golf Course are strictly out of bounds.** Any violation could jeopardise our future use of the circuit.
- Only persons with the appropriate accreditation are permitted in the start/finish area.

**Your co-operation is appreciated**

**Welcome to The Soens 2015 - the 54th edition of Merseyside cycling's very own 'spring classic'.**

**This year we again have a massive entry, proving the popularity of the race and its unique location.**

**As well as Eddie Soens, this event also stands as a memorial to Ken Matthews, president of Kirkby Cycling Club and organiser of the race for 40 years.**

**Whether you are riding, spectating or officiating we hope that you have a great day here at Aintree.**

## **Race Officials**

<i>Organiser</i>	Carl Lawrenson
<i>Assistant Organiser</i>	Steve Matthews
<i>Chief Commissaire</i>	Rob Finegan
<i>Assistant Commissaires</i>	Frank Daniels, Peter Deary, Gordon Harling
<i>Moto Commissaire</i>	Malcolm Dixon
<i>Chief Judge</i>	Carole Leigh
<i>Chief Timekeeper/Judge</i>	Tom Greep
<i>Assistant Judges</i>	Patrick Nestor, George Rose
<i>Results</i>	Carl Lawrenson
<i>Race Announcer</i>	Matthew Payne
<i>Videofinish</i>	BC North West Region
<i>Transponders</i>	Mark Young - myeventtiming
<i>Signing On</i>	Beryl Bowes, Ken Beck, Liz Cockram
<i>Lap Scorer/Gear Checker</i>	Bob Jump
<i>Neutral Service</i>	Tony Barry, Phil Leigh - Brother Neutral Service
<i>First Aid</i>	Manchester Medical Services
<i>Course Facilities</i>	Aintree Racecourse Co
<i>Event Facilities</i>	British Cycling, Eve Trackway North
<i>Marshals</i>	Members and friends from North West cycling clubs

*Special thanks to:*

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**... and everyone who has helped with this event!**

Any complaints regarding this event should be sent within 24 hours, to:  
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## List of Competitors : Group 1 & 2

### GROUP 1 : 4th, Junior 3rd & 4th, Youth A, Women @ 0 minutes

131	Luis	Alcantarilla	3RT	4
132	Paul	Cutler	3RT	4M
133	Brendan	Devlin	3RT	4M
134	Chris	Iredale	3RT	4M
135	Matthew	Kellett	3RT	4
136	Harry	Myers	3RT	4J
137	John	Shinwell	3RT	4M
138	Michael	Stocchero	3RT	4
139	Nick	Sweeting	3RT	4M
140	James	Allenby	BC PM	4
141	Michael	Buckley	BC PM	4
142	Ian	Hodson	BC PM	4
143	Louise	Hogg	BC PM	4WM
144	Chris	Loxley	BC PM	4M
145	Ryan	McGillick	BC PM	3J
146	Stephen	O'Rourke	BC PM	4
147	Lewis	Ball	Birkenhead North End CC	3J
148	Thomas	Pidcock	Chevin Cycles.com Trek	YA
149	David	Ogg	Clay Cross Road Team	4
150	Pierre	Vernie	Clay Cross Road Team	4
151	Ben	Whitehead	East Lancashire RC	4M
152	Justin	Collacott	Frodsham Whls/Twelve50 Bikes	4M
153	David	McCarthy	JLT Condor	4
154	Martyn	Haynes	Lichfield City CC	4
155	Jonathan	Freeman	Liverpool Century RC	4
156	Chris	Fallon	Liverpool Mercury (Dolan) CC	3J
157	Samuel	Bennett	Liverpool Phoenix CC Aintree	4
158	Peter	Johnson	Liverpool Phoenix CC Aintree	4M
159	Derrick	Watson	Manchester Whlrs Club	4M
160	David	Tudor	Marsh Tracks Race Team	3J
161	Harry	Hardcastle	Marton Race Team	YA
162	Jake	Dobson	Newcastle Phoenix Cycling Club	3J
163	Martin	Jalowiec	North Cheshire Clarion	4
164	Carl	Watson	North Cheshire Clarion	4M
165	Tomos	Owens	Paramount CRT	YA
166	Ben	Joughin	Pro Vision Cycle Clothing	4
167	Andrew	Mounsey	Ribble Valley CRC	4M
168	Ryan	Coulton	Salt Ayre Cog Set	3J
169	Daniel	Salcedo	Southport CC	YA
170	John	MacLeod	Spokes Racing Team	3J
171	Ross	Miller	The Nab Racing	4
172	Ryan	Vickers	Trent Valley Road Club	4
173	Jack	Gilbert	Warrington RC	4

### GROUP 2 : 3rd, Junior 1st & 2nd @ + 1 minute

78	James	Dyson	3RT	3M
79	Mitchell	Jones	3RT	3M
80	David	Micklethwaite	3RT	3M
81	Antonio	Nardone	3RT	3
82	Stephen	Robinson	3RT	3M
83	Daniel	Stocchero	3RT	3M
84	Jake	Whitwam	3RT	3
85	Daniel	Fox	Airedale Chemical RT	3
86	Jeremy	Copland	All Terrain Cycles	3M
87	Edward	McParland	All Terrain Cycles	3
88	Matt	Chester	BC PM	3M
89	David	Hunt	BC PM	3
90	Anthony	Orrell	BC PM	3M
91	Darren	Perry	Beeston RC	3M
92	Adrian	Hatton	Cadence Sport	3
93	Darren	Howitt	Clay Cross Road Team	3M
94	Conor	Palliser	East Bradford CC	3
95	Rhys	Donnelly	Edinburgh RC	2J
96	Andrew	Hicklin	Fusion Cycling Club Dronfield	3M
97	Steven	Cartwright	Graham Weigh Racing	3M
98	Joseph	Moses	JLT Condor	3
99	Calvert	Churchill	KWC Heist Zuiderkempen VZW	3
101	Mark	Tickle	Leigh Premier RC	3
102	Declan	Hudson	Liverpool Century RC	3
103	Christopher	Quin	Macclesfield Wheelers	3M
104	Simon	Winstone	Manchester Whlrs Club	3
105	Mark	Dawes	Mapperley CC	3M
106	Alex	Harvey	Marsh Tracks Race Team	2J
107	Oscar	Williamson	Marsh Tracks Race Team	2J
108	Marcus	Willday	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	3
109	Thomas	McRoyall	North Cheshire Clarion	3
110	Fabian	Brennan	North City Velo Cycling Team	2J
111	Adam	Hall	North City Velo Cycling Team	2J
112	Ellis	Kirkbride	North City Velo Cycling Team	2J
113	Paul	Lally	Onimpex Bio Racer RT	3
114	Thomas	Wood	Paul Milnes-Bradford Olympic RC	3
115	Richard	Line	Pro Vision Cycle Clothing	3M
116	David	Cockram	Southport CC	3M
117	Ivan	Boyes	Team Cystic Fibrosis	3M
118	Martin	Dainty	Team Cystic Fibrosis	3M
119	Lee	Cairns	Team Swift	3M
120	Neil	Higgins	The Nab Racing	3M
122	Adam	Baines	THR Racing	3
123	Samuel	Pickering	THR Racing	3
125	Hannah	Barnes	Unitedhealthcare Professional CT EW	
126	Darran	Acton	Velo Club UK	3M
127	Rhodri	Owen	Velo Club UK	3
128	Matthew	Draper	Velocity Globalbike	2J
129	Gary	Scott	Warrington RC	3M
130	Paul	Kay	Weaver Valley CC	3

## List of Competitors : Group 3 & 4

### GROUP 3 : 2nd @ + 1 minute 30 seconds

47	Joshua	Cutler	3RT	2
48	Peter	Barusevicus	All Terrain Cycles	2
49	James	Claydon	Bill Nickson Cycles RT	2
50	Giles	Pidcock	Chevin Cycles.com Trek	2M
51	Sam	Dobson	Fiftyfour Eleven RT	2M
52	Nathan	Edmondson	Giordana-Mitsubishi Electric RT	2
53	Richard	Hughes	Graham Weigh Racing	2M
54	Hamish	Graham	Green Jersey RT	2
55	Matthew	Nowell	Hallam Cycling	2
56	Dante	Carpenter	JLT Condor	2
57	Michael	Cuming	JLT Condor	2
58	Luke	Grivell-Mellor	JLT Condor	2
59	Philip	Gray	Kuota - Spinergy - GSG	2
60	David	Reece	Liverpool Mercury (Dolan) CC	2
61	Kirk	Vickers	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	2
63	George	Richardson	NFTO Race Club	2M
64	Paul	Wilkinson	North Cheshire Clarion	2
65	David	Allonby	Overplay.net Racing Team	2
66	Wayne	Lacey	Pro Vision Cycle Clothing	2M
67	Hamish	Carrick	Project 51	2
68	Aidan	Quinn	Project 51	2
69	Mathew	Lythgoe	Ribble Valley CRC	2M
70	Christian	Ellis	Team Wheelguru	2M
71	Karl	Freeman	Team Wheelguru	2
72	Jake	Cowen	The Nab Racing	2
73	Matt	Hallam	The Nab Racing	2
74	Neil	Kenny	The Nab Racing	2
75	Justin	Harcourt	Urban Cyclery	2
76	Tom	Smith	Velosure Starley Primal	2
77	Joseph	Robinson	Wills Wheels Cycling Club	2

### GROUP 4 : Elite, 1st @ + 3 minutes

1	Ian	Wilkinson	Raleigh GAC	E
2	Calvin	Beneke	Raleigh GAC	E
3	Karol	Domagalski	Raleigh GAC	E
4	Andrew	Hawdon	Raleigh GAC	E
5	Morgan	Kneisky	Raleigh GAC	E
6	Steve	Lamplier	Raleigh GAC	E
7	Matti	Manninen	Raleigh GAC	E
8	Evan	Oliphant	Raleigh GAC	E
9	Sam	Lowe	Raleigh GAC	1
10	Brad	Morgan	Raleigh GAC	1
11	George	Pym	Raleigh GAC	1
12	Liam	Stones	Raleigh GAC	1
13	Ryan	Perry	Army Cycling Union	1
14	Michael	Ashurst	Champion System VCUK RT	E
15	Dillon	Byrne	Champion System VCUK RT	E
16	Anthony	Gibb	CSE Racing	E
17	Charlie	Tanfield	Easton Ritte	1
18	Richard	Hepworth	Giordana Racing Team	E
19	Thomas	Bustard	Giordana-Mitsubishi Electric RT	E
20	Ryan	Pike	High On Bikes	1
21	Graham	Briggs	JLT Condor	E
22	Felix	English	JLT Condor	E
23	Richard	Handley	JLT Condor	E
24	Kristian	House	JLT Condor	E
25	Richard	Lang	JLT Condor	1
26	Edward	Laverack	JLT Condor	1
27	Thomas	Moses	JLT Condor	E
28	Harry	Tanfield	JLT Condor	E
29	Oliver	Maxwell	Metaltek KUOTA RT	E
30	George	Atkins	One Pro Cycling	E
31	George	Harper	One Pro Cycling	E
32	Joshua	Hunt	One Pro Cycling	1
33	Jonathan	Mould	One Pro Cycling	E
34	Peter	Williams	One Pro Cycling	1
35	Samuel	Williams	One Pro Cycling	E
36	Simon	Wilson	Polypipe Cycling Team	E
37	William	Bjergfelt	SportGrub KUOTA Cycling Team	E
38	Ryan	Davis	SportGrub KUOTA Cycling Team	1
39	Adam	Duggleby	SportGrub KUOTA Cycling Team	E
40	Dan	Fleeman	SportGrub KUOTA Cycling Team	E
41	Jonathan	Gildea	SportGrub KUOTA Cycling Team	1
42	Adam	Martin	SportGrub KUOTA Cycling Team	1
43	Henry	Hunter	Team Moda-Anon	1
44	Alistair	Rutherford	The Nab Racing	E
45	James	Gullen	Velosure Starley Primal	E
46	Jack	Pullar	Velosure Starley Primal	E

# Race Information

**This section details important race procedures and regulations, so please take the time to read the following information carefully.**

## ■ Event Headquarters

The event headquarters are located at:

**Kirkby Leisure Centre, Cherryfield Drive, Westvale, Kirkby, Merseyside L32 8SA Tel: 0151 443 2200**

This is located off Junction 6 of the M57 motorway and is approximately 1 mile from the site of the former Kirkby Sports Centre: **GPS: 53° 28' 45.4" N; 2° 53' 02.6" W** Google Maps: <http://tinyurl.com/2h6nrg>

It is open from 7.30am and has car parking and limited changing/shower facilities. **Bikes are NOT allowed inside the Leisure Centre building.**

## ■ Signing On

The signing on control is at the event headquarters and is open from **7.30am to 8.55am**. You must present your 2015 racing licence which will be retained until the finish of the event and returned upon receipt of your race numbers and transponder. **Youth A riders must also present a valid dispensation card.** British Cycling members and non members may purchase a single event licence if required (cost £10 Ride/non BC member, £10 BC Bronze member, £5 BC Gold & Silver members). If you have not pre-entered you may do so at a cost of £23.00 (subject to availability).

Junior & Youth A competitors must have their gear checked **before signing on** (Junior: 7.93m, Youth A: 6.93m).

## ■ Race Numbers

You will be issued with two body numbers **which must be worn unfolded** and a shoulder number which must be worn on the **RIGHT** shoulder as shown below:



## ■ Transponder

You will be issued with a transponder which must be fitted using the cable ties provided. Fit it as low down as possible to the front fork of your bicycle opposite the quick release, as show in the picture below:



## ■ Getting to the course

The Aintree Club Circuit is approximately 3 miles from the event headquarters. Follow the green 'To the course' arrows which mark the route. **You must arrive at the course no later than 9.15am** to allow the race to begin on time at 9.30am, therefore we recommend that you leave the event headquarters no later than 9.00am.

## ■ Access and parking

Enter the circuit via The Aintree Golf Centre entrance gate in Melling Road (arrowed). **The only vehicles permitted on the circuit are those whose drivers have appropriate accreditation.** All other vehicles - including those of riders and spectators - must park as directed in the area indicated on the course plan on page 2. **There will be no exceptions to this.**

## ■ Spectators

Spectators are only permitted in the area shown on the course plan on page 2. **All other areas, including the whole of the Golf Course are strictly out of bounds.** Any violation could jeopardise our future use of the circuit. Only persons with the appropriate accreditation are permitted in the start/finish area shown on the course plan.

## ■ Race Regulations

The race will be run under the technical regulations of the British Cycling Federation. Please note the following regulations which are specific to this event.

## ■ Training/Warming Up

Competitors may ride on the circuit between 8.30am and 9.15am. **After this time riding around the circuit is not permitted.** This is to allow the circuit to be secured and competitors to be formed into their appropriate starting groups so that the race can start on time. Riders found riding on the circuit after 9.15am may be subject to disciplinary action.

## ■ The Start

The race will cover 30 laps (49.2 miles/81 km). Each lap is 1.64 miles/2.65 km and the course profile is flat.

The race is run on a handicap basis and riders should assemble at the start in the appropriate group according to their category, as shown below.

<i>Group</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Start time</i>	<i>Handicap</i>
1	4th, Women, Junior 3 & 4, Youth A	09:30:00	
2	3rd, Junior 1 & 2	09:31:00	+ 1 minute
3	2nd	09:31:30	+ 1 minute 30 seconds
4	Elite, 1st	09:33:00	+ 3 minutes

## ■ Lapped riders

Except for women, **individual lapped riders must retire and remove their race numbers.** In the event of a leading group of riders lapping the main field, **the riders being lapped must follow the commissaires instructions.** During this time, racing in the main group will be neutralised and the riders moved to the side to allow free passage of the leading group and associated race vehicles. Riders lapped in this way may continue in the race but must not aid the leading group in any way.

## ■ Retired riders

If you retire from the race before the finish, please report to the race officials in the finish area. The race headquarters at Kirkby Leisure Centre will not be open whilst the race is on. If you do not intend to return there after the race you **must** return your numbers and transponder and reclaim your license before you leave the course. Please note that financial penalties will be imposed for any numbers or transponders that are not returned.

## ■ Race Service

The race organisation will provide two neutral service vehicles whose position in the race will be under the control of the Chief Commissaire. Riders may also receive service in the pits area located beyond the start/finish area. There are no laps out allowed on this circuit unless, at the Chief Commissaire's discretion, it is deemed that the surface is affected due to extreme weather conditions (BC TR 20.3.3).

## ■ Podium Presentation

There will be a presentation to the first three finishers **immediately** after the finish of the race and confirmation of the result. Riders required for the presentations must report to the race organiser in the start/finish area without delay. Riders appearing on the podium must wear their appropriate club/team colours and without sunglasses and/or baseball-type caps. The winning rider must wear the Impsort race winners jersey provided by the race organisation which will be presented on the podium. Junior & Youth A riders who complete the event must report immediately after the finish for a gear check or be subject to disqualification.

All other prizes will be forwarded to the recipients by post following confirmation of the full result.

## ■ Result

A full result will be published on the official event website at [www.ccsdigital.org.uk](http://www.ccsdigital.org.uk) as soon as possible after it is confirmed.

## ■ Licence/Number Return

Licences will be returned on receipt of race numbers and transponder at the event headquarters following the finish of the event. Unreturned numbers will be charged to the competitor at the rate of £10.00 per body number and £8.00 per shoulder number. Unreturned transponders will be charged to the competitor at the rate of £100.

## ■ Officials Briefing

There will be a briefing for all race commissaires and drivers at 8.45am at the event headquarters.

## ■ Communications

All race communication will be by means of UHF Radio. Channels to be used will be advised at the Officials Briefing..

## ■ Social Media

Follow the race on Twitter @SoensRace and Facebook [www.facebook.com/SoensRace](http://www.facebook.com/SoensRace)

## Prize List

**Winner: £150, Impsport winners jersey and commemorative trophy**

**2nd: £75 and commemorative trophy**

**3rd: £50 and commemorative trophy**

4th: £40; 5th: £30; 6th: £25; 7th: £20; 8th: £20; 9th: £20; 10th: £20

Category Awards (highest placed rider in each category: 2/3/4/Junior/Youth A/Woman/Master C+): £20

### **Ken Matthews Memorial Sprint**

£25 to the first rider over the line at 12 laps to go



**STAR TROPHY**

This is a counting event in the 2015  
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## Previous Winners

1962	Bruce O'Prey	Liverpool Premier	1991	Julie Hill	Liverpool Mercury RC
1963	Doug Dailey	Kirkby CC	1992	Matt Illingworth	GS Strada
1964	Doug Dailey	Kirkby CC	1993	Simon Lillistone	North Wirral Velo
1965	Ken Hill	Liverpool Mercury RC	1994	Matt Illingworth	North Wirral Velo
1966	Billy Whiteside	Kirkby CC	1995	Dave Williams	RT Italia
1967	Pete Matthews	Liverpool Mercury RC	1996	Dave Williams	Team Ambrosia
1968	Les West	Tunstall Wheelers	1997	Glen Holmes	Adidas Sci-con
1969	Billy Whiteside	Kirkby CC	1998	Matt Bottrill	North Wirral Velo
1970	Doug Dailey	Kirkby CC	1999	Steve Cummings	Birkenhead North End CC
1971	John Clewarth	Kirkby CC	2000	Julian Ramsbottom	Scunthorpe Poly CC
1972	Andy Whitehead	Deeside Olympic	2001	Tony Gibb	Team Quest
1973	Willi Moore	Merseyside Wheelers	2002	Tony Gibb	Team PCA - Orbea
1974	Brian Rourke	Tunstall Wheelers	2003	Chris Newton	Corima RT
1975	Kevin Apter	Kirkby CC	2004	Tony Gibb	Plowman Craven Assoc.
1976	Ian Hallam	Beeston RC	2005	Rob Hayles	Recycling.co.uk
1977	Doug Dailey	Kirkby CC	2006	<i>Event cancelled due to snow</i>	
1978	Terry Dolan	Liverpool Mercury RC	2007	Ian Stannard	Team 100% Me
1979	Alan Nichols	East Bradford CC	2008	Tony Gibb	Plowman Craven
1980	Bob Barlow	Manchester Police CC	2009	Ed Clancy	Halfords-Bikehut
1981	Phil Thomas	Liverpool Mercury RC	2010	Joshua Edmonson	Motorpoint Marshalls Pasta
1982	Gary Sadler	GS Strada	2011	James Stewart	Team UK Youth
1983	Neil Mitchell	Kirkby CC	2012	Russell Downing	Endura Racing
1984	Dennis Lightfoot	Manchester Wheelers	2013	Ed Clancy	Rapha Condor JLT
1985	Eamonn Rooney	VC Slough	2014	Ian Wilkinson	Team Raleigh
1986	Karl Smith	Clayton Velo			
1987	Eamonn Rooney	Alpha CC			
1988	Bernie Burns	Bradford Wheelers			
1989	Pete Maxwell	Kirkby CC			
1990	Mark Gornall	Manchester Wheelers			



*This event remembers two great names in Merseyside Cycling  
Eddie Soens & Ken Matthews*



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