

The Soens 2016



55th Eddie Soens Memorial Cycle Race



Photo by Larry Hickmott

Saturday 12th March 2016 Aintree Racecourse **EVENT MANUAL**

The 55th Eddie Soens Memorial Cycle Race

9.30am Saturday 12th March 2016

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 2016 - the 55th 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, Patrick Nestor
<i>Moto Commissaire</i>	Malcolm Dixon
<i>Chief Judge</i>	Carole Leigh
<i>Chief Timekeeper/Judge</i>	Tom Greep
<i>Assistant Judge</i>	George Rose
<i>Race Announcer</i>	Matt Payne
<i>Videofinish & Transponders</i>	Mark Young - myeventtiming
<i>Signing On</i>	Beryl Bowes, John Beattie, Fiona Gilmore
<i>Lap Scorer/Gear Checker</i>	Bob Jump
<i>Neutral Service</i>	Brother Neutral Service
<i>First Aid</i>	Manchester Medical Services
<i>Course Facilities</i>	Aintree Racecourse Co
<i>Event Facilities</i>	British Cycling, Event Solutions
<i>Marshals</i>	Members and friends from North West cycling clubs

Special thanks to:

Impsport; the staff at Aintree Racecourse Golf Centre; James Lyon at British Cycling; Merseyside Cycling Development Group; Mark Young at myeventtiming; British Cycling North West Region race officials (what a team!); Larry Hickmott at VeloUK; British Cycling; Cycling Weekly and Liverpool Echo for media coverage.

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

Any complaints regarding this event should be sent within 24 hours, to:
events@ccsdigital.org.uk

**event website: www.ccsdigital.org.uk
twitter: @SoensRace facebook: SoensRace**

List of Competitors : Group 1 & 2

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

91	Luis	Alcantarilla	3RT	4
92	Anthony	Barrett	3RT	4M
93	Paul	Cutler	3RT	4M
94	George	Boardman	Birkenhead North End CC	4
95	Phil	Pearce	Coveryourcar.co.uk RT	4M
96	Joseph	Clifford	Dulwich Paragon CC	4
97	Peter	Anderson	Elite CC	4M
98	Aidan	Warder	Frodsham Wheelers/T 50	4M
99	Thomas	Hanlon	Harry Middleton Cycling Club	4
100	David	Murphy	Liverpool Mercury (Dolan) CC	4
101	Joshua	Morris	Liverpool Phoenix CC Aintree	4
102	Philip	Williams	Liverpool Phoenix CC Aintree	4
103	Steven	Howe	Rutland CC	4
104	Andrew	Smith	Seamons CC	4
105	Nicholas	Pilling	Team Chronomaster	4
106	Alice	Barnes	100% ME	EW
107	Ffion	James	100% ME	EW
108	Evie	Richards	100% ME	EW
109	Lauren	Creamer	Podium Ambition/C La Santa	2W
110	Grace	Garnier	Podium Ambition/C La Santa	EW
111	Amy	Gornall	Podium Ambition/C La Santa	2W
112	Elizabeth-Jane	Harris	Podium Ambition/C La Santa	1W
113	Bethany	Hayward	Podium Ambition/C La Santa	2W
114	Sara	Headley	Podium Ambition/C La Santa	EW
115	Claire	Rose	Podium Ambition/C La Santa	3W
116	Gabriella	Shaw	Podium Ambition/C La Santa	EW
117	Megan	Barker	Team Breeze	1W
118	Abigail	Dentus	Team Breeze	1W
119	Emily	Key	Team Breeze	EW
120	Danielle	Khan	Team Breeze	3W
122	Manon	Lloyd	Team Breeze	2W
123	Melissa	Lowther	Team Breeze	2W
125	Emily	Nelson	Team Breeze	1W
126	Annasley	Park	Team Breeze	1W
127	Harrison	Cooper-Oldroyd	3RT	3J
128	Harry	Myers	3RT	3J
129	Isaac	Appleby	BC PM	3J
130	Thomas	Humphrey	Carnac-Planet X	J
131	Mark	Allen	Congleton CC	3J
132	Danny	Harrison	Frodsham Wheelers/T 50	3J
133	Simon	Price	Graham Weigh Racing	3J
134	Will	King	Prologue Racing Team	3J
135	James	Helsby	Sportcity Velo	3J
136	Ross	Prescott	Wigan Wheelers CC	4J

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

43	Chris	Fallon	Kuota - Spinergy - GSG	1J
44	Liam	Gilpin	Bike Box Alan	2J
45	Charlie	Critchley	High On Bikes	2J
46	James	Farrington	Sportcity Velo	2J
47	Benjamin	Hardwick	Swinnerton Cycles	2J
48	Harry	Hardcastle	VCUK PH-MAS Cycling Team	2J
50	Joshua	Cutler	3RT	3
51	James	Dyson	3RT	3M
52	Matthew	Kellett	3RT	3
53	Ben	Manning	3RT	3
54	David	Micklethwaite	3RT	3M
55	Daniel	Stocchero	3RT	3M
56	Nick	Sweeting	3RT	3M
57	Steve	Whittington	ABC Centreville	3M
58	Paul	Bridgen	Albarosa Cycling Club	3
59	Fraser	Rounds	BC PM	3
60	Karl	Smith	Bott Cycle Team	3M
61	Stephen	Stoneman	Bott Cycle Team	3M
63	Bertie	Newey	Catford CC Equipe/Banks	3
64	Craig	Eden	Coveryourcar.co.uk RT	3
65	Samuel	Wilson	East Lancashire RC	3
66	Sam	Dobson	Fiftyfour Eleven RT	3M
67	Barry	James	Frodsham Wheelers/T 50	3M
68	William	Fotheringham	Halesowen A	3M
69	Gary	Brooks	Kenilworth Wheelers CC	3M
70	Calvert	Churchill	KWC Heist Zuiderkempem VZW	3
72	David	McKay	L'Equipe	3M
73	Timothy	Jones	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	3M
74	Matthew	Mildon	Mud, Sweat n Gears CC	3
75	Thomas	McRoyall	North Cheshire Clarion	3
76	Adam	Wilkinson	North Cheshire Clarion	3
77	Brett	Lowndes	Pro Vision Cycle Clothing	3M
78	David	Parrington	Ribble Valley CRC	3
79	Julian	Vescovi	Ribble Valley CRC	3M
80	Christopher	Siepen	Seamons CC	3
81	Tim	Tharratt	Squadra RT	3M
82	Adam	Baines	Team Chronomaster	3
83	Martin	Dainty	Team Cystic Fibrosis	3M
84	Richard	Dobson	Team Cystic Fibrosis	3M
85	Christian	Ellis	Team Wheelguru	3M
86	Ian	Lawton	THR Racing	3M
87	Aaron	Tonks	THR Racing	3M
88	Ronnie	Coleman	TS Racing Team - OTR	3
89	Christopher	Williams	Velo Club Melyd	3
90	Darran	Acton	VELO CLUB UK	3M

List of Competitors : Group 3 & 4

GROUP 3 : 2nd @ + 1 minute 30 seconds
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GROUP 4 : Elite, 1st @ + 3 minutes

14	Frazer	Clacherty	100% ME	2	1	Anthony	Gibb	Full Gas Racing Team	EM
15	Iain	Paton	100% ME	2	2	Jack	Barrett	Bikehaus by Ridley	E
16	Ben	Whitehead	ABC Centreville	2M	3	James	Gullen	Pedal Heaven	E
17	Tom	Lowe	BC PM	2	4	David	McGowan	Pedal Heaven	E
18	Jacob	Booth	Bikehaus by Ridley	2	5	Harry	Tanfield	Pedal Heaven	E
19	Lewis	Ball	Birkenhead North End CC	2	6	Jacob	Tipper	Pedal Heaven	E
20	Patrick	Fotheringham	Halesowen A	2	7	David	Brearley	The Nab Racing	E
21	Richard	Taylor	Harry Middleton Cycling Club	2	8	Simon	Wilson	The Nab Racing	E
22	Matt	Limacher	KTM Impsport RT	2	9	Jack	Pullar	Pedal Heaven	1
23	Joseph	Elwood	Langsett Cycles RT	2	10	Ian	Wilkinson	Pedal Heaven	1
24	Declan	Hudson	Liverpool Century RC	2	11	James	Ireson	The Nab Racing	1
25	Christopher	Quin	Macclesfield Wheelers	2M	12	Ashley	Marshall	Wheelbase Altura MGD	1
26	Fabian	Brennan	North City Velo Cycling Team	2	13	Matthew	Nowell	Wheelbase Altura MGD	1
27	Jake	Womersley	Pedal Heaven	2					
28	Tom	Mazzone	Pedal Heaven Excel Academy	2					
29	Ben	Joughin	Pro Vision Cycle Clothing	2					
30	Danny	Smith	Pro Vision Cycle Clothing	2					
31	Richard	Moore	Squadra RT	2M					
32	Simon	Deplitch	Team Chronomaster	2M					
33	Mark	Davies	Team Cystic Fibrosis	2M					
34	Karl	Freeman	Team Wheelguru	2					
35	Mathew	Lythgoe	The Nab Racing	2M					
36	Benjamin	Manfield-Yorke	The Nab Racing	2					
38	Chris	Southworth	The Nab Racing	2M					
39	Samuel	Pickering	THR Racing	2					
40	Peter	Boyes	TS Racing Team - OTR	2					
41	Daniel	Smith	TS Racing Team - OTR	2					
42	David	Reece	Xeltextiel-VDBG Steenhouwerij	2					

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 2016 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 £25.00 (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 neutral service vehicle(s) 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 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 8.30am 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

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



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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	2015	Peter Williams	One Pro Cycling
1987	Eamonn Rooney	Alpha CC			
1988	Bernie Burns	Bradford Wheelers			
1989	Pete Maxwell	Kirkby CC			
1990	Mark Gornall	Manchester Wheelers			



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Eddie Soens & Ken Matthews



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