

# The Soens 2017



## 56th Eddie Soens Memorial Cycle Race



Photo by Larry Hickmott

## Saturday 4th March 2017 Aintree Racecourse EVENT MANUAL

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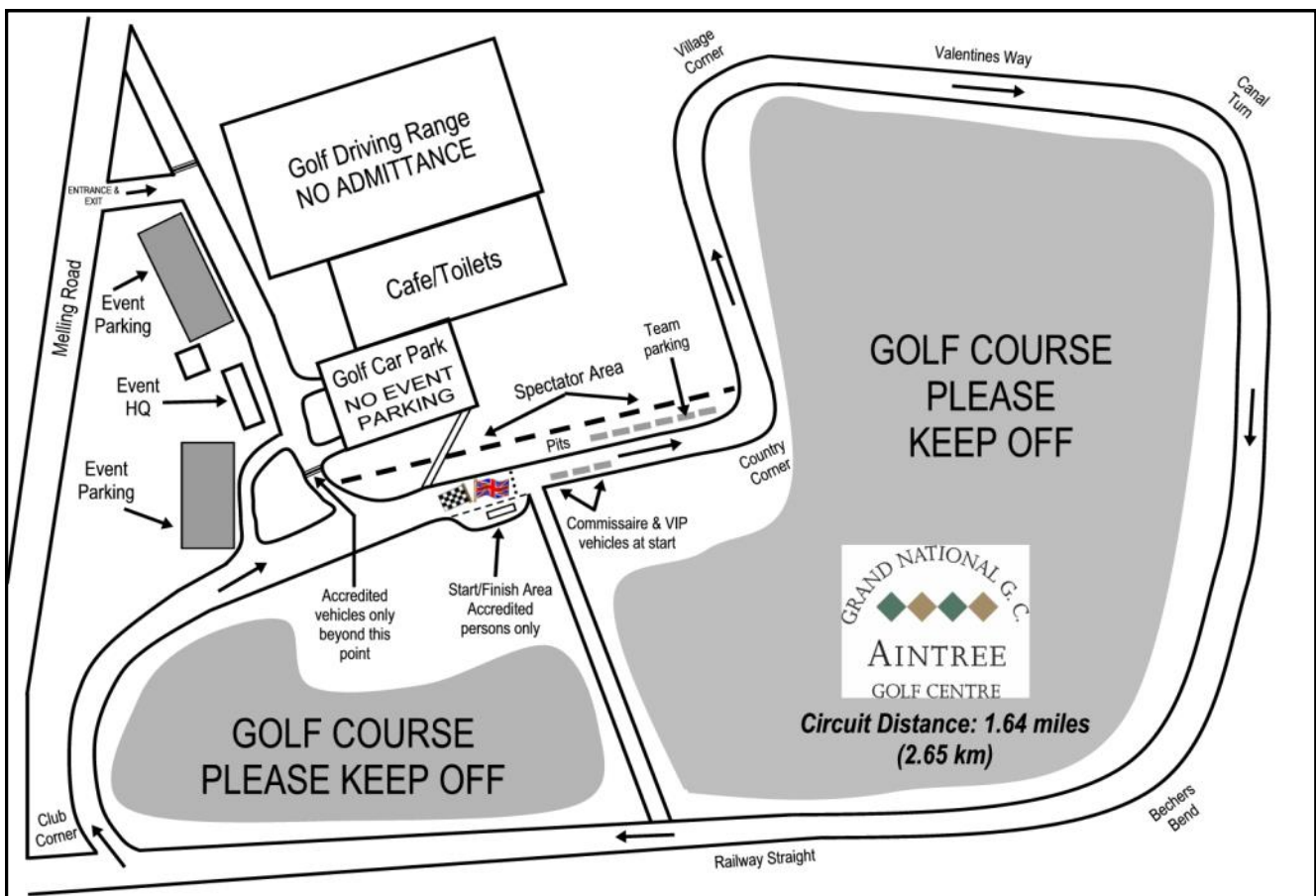
## Aintree Racecourse Club Circuit

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

**Aintree Golf Centre, Melling Road, Aintree, Merseyside L9 5AB. Tel 0151 523 5157**



### Important information for all competitors, officials & spectators

- Please park as directed by race marshals. **Parking on the Golf Centre Car Park is strictly forbidden.**
- 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 2017 - the 56th 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
<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>	Christian Braybrooke
<i>Videofinish &amp; Transponders</i>	Mark Young - myeventtiming
<i>Signing On</i>	Beryl Bowes, Fiona Gilmore
<i>Lap Scorer/Gear Checker</i>	Bob Jump
<i>Neutral Service</i>	Brother Neutral Service
<i>First Aid</i>	Mersey Medical Services
<i>Course Facilities</i>	Aintree Racecourse Co
<i>Event Facilities</i>	British Cycling, Event Solutions
<i>Marshals</i>	Ken Beck, John Gilmore, Steve Glenwright, Jon Williams Members and friends from North West cycling clubs

*Special thanks to:*

The staff at Aintree Golf Centre; James Lyon & Nicola Pye 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](http://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

131	Alan	Chell	BC PM	4M
132	Tom	Martin	Biketreks Racing	3J
133	George	Higgins	Birkenhead North End CC	3J
134	Craig	Rogers	Birkenhead North End CC	3J
135	Charlotte	Gorman	Bury Clarion Cycling Club	3W
136	David	Barker	Chorley Cycling Club	4M
137	Harry	Cain	Equiom IOM Junior CT	3J
138	Ben	Christian	Equiom IOM Junior CT	3J
139	Adam	Kelly	Equiom IOM Junior CT	3J
140	Daniel	Scarffe	Equiom IOM Junior CT	3J
141	Simon	Price	Graham Weigh Racing	3J
143	Tony	Harvey	Harry Middleton Cycling Club	4M
144	Thomas	Cornwell	In Gear Quickvit Trainsharp RT3J	
145	Max	Moss	LJMU Cycling Team	3J
146	Cory	Edmondson	Nutracker Altura Racing	3J
147	James	Coates	Otley CC	3J
148	Harry	Hunt	Otley CC	3J
149	Toby	Kitching	Otley CC	3J
150	Sam	Moses	PH-MAS/Paul Milnes ERT	4J
151	Jon	White	Pro Vision Cycle Clothing	4
152	Peter	Anderson	Seacroft Wheelers	4M
153	Samuel	Carmichael	Sportcity Velo	3J
154	Matthew	Dennis	Sportcity Velo	4J
155	Milo	Dixon	Sportcity Velo	4J
156	Jack	Smith	Sportcity Velo	3J
157	Alice	Sharpe	SunSport Velo	2W
158	Megan	Barker	Team Breeze	1W
159	Abigail	Dentus	Team Breeze	1W
160	Eleanor	Dickinson	Team Breeze	EW
161	Manon	Lloyd	Team Breeze	1W
162	Melissa	Lowther	Team Breeze	1W
163	Emily	Nelson	Team Breeze	EW
164	Annasley	Park	Team Breeze	EW
165	Rebecca	Raybould	Team Breeze	1W
166	John	Sanderson	Team RL360 Isle Of Man	4
167	Joseph	Guy	Wolverhampton Wheelers	3J
<b>Reserves</b>				
168	Chris	Loxley	BC PM	4M
169	Paul	McHugh	BC PM	4M
170	Paul	Lawton	Birkenhead North End CC	4
171	Stuart	Crawford	Chorley Cycling Club	4M
172	Edward	Baldwin	Seamons CC	4M
173	Christopher	Morgan	St Helens CRC	4
174	Gary	Lake	ABC Centreville	4M
175	David	Jackson	Simplified.uk/Racing	4M
176	Richard	Bailey	Team B38 / Underpin Racing	4
177	Paul	Basson	ABC Centreville	4M
178	Doug	Arnold	Liverpool Century RC	4
179	Thomas	Hogan	Ride 24/7	4
180	Neil	Hughes	Liverpool Phoenix CC Aintree	4
181	Steven	Swann	VELO CLUB UK	4M
184	Tony	Ryan	Chester RC	4M

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

85	Joshua	Cutler	3RT	3
86	Paul	Cutler	3RT	3M
87	Matthew	Kellett	3RT	3
88	David	Micklethwaite	3RT	3M
89	Nick	Sweeting	3RT	3M
90	Daniel	Shackleton	ABC Centreville	3M
91	Steve	Whittington	ABC Centreville	3M
92	Adam	Pinder	Adept Precision RT/NE Hcare	2J
93	Robert	Armstrong	Barrow Central Wheelers	3
94	James	Lyon	BC PM	3M
95	Richard	Sagar	BC PM	3
96	Mark	Allen	Congleton CC	3
97	Thomas	Bostock	Equiom IOM Junior CT	2J
98	Sam	Dobson	Fiftyfour Eleven RT	3M
99	Harry	Browning	Giant Store Rutland -Wattbike	3
101	Steven	Cartwright	Graham Weigh Racing	3M
102	John	Pritchard	Harry Middleton Cycling Club	3
103	Jamie	Ridehalgh	HMT with JLT Condor	2J
104	Joseph	Richards	Lakes RC	3
105	Kieran	Leach	Liverpool Phoenix CC Aintree	3M
106	Joshua	Morris	Liverpool Phoenix CC Aintree	3
107	Daniel	Salcedo	LJMU Cycling Team	2J
108	Andrew	Parker	Lune RCC	3
109	Warwick	Sanderson	Manx Viking Wheelers CC	3
110	John	Backhouse	Maxxis 4 Racing Team	3M
111	Thomas	McRoyall	North Cheshire Clarion	3
112	Tom	Cullen	Otley CC	2J
113	Robbie	Pollard	Otley CC	2J
114	Neil	Wilson	Paramount CRT	3M
115	Jim	Brown	PH-MAS/Paul Milnes ERT	2J
116	Will	King	PH-MAS/Paul Milnes ERT	2J
117	Thomas	Pidcock	PH-MAS/Paul Milnes ERT	1J
118	William	Tidball	PH-MAS/Paul Milnes ERT	2J
119	Simon	Bradeley	Pro Vision Race Team	3
120	Benjamin	Hardwick	Swinnerton Cycles	2J
122	John	Myburgh	Team Chronomaster	3
123	James	Bailey	Team Elite	3
125	Richard	Flynn	Team SB Hub	3M
126	John	Brett	University Of Manchester CC	3
127	Darran	Acton	VCUK VELOCHAMPION RT	3M
128	Adam	Robinson	Vision Racing	3
129	Paul	Gibson	Warrington RC	3M
130	Alex	Loven	Wrexham Roads Club	3
<b>Reserves</b>				
182	Matthew	Burt	University of Leeds CC	3
183	Ronnie	Coleman	TS Racing Team - OTR	3M
185	Nicholas	Whitley	Chester RC	3M
186	Peter	Oakes	Manchester Bicycle Club	3M
187	Stuart	Ream	Pro Vision Race Team	3M

## List of Competitors : Group 3 & 4

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

1	Bertie	Newey	Metaltek Kuota Racing Team	2
40	Ben	Whitehead	ABC Centreville	2M
41	Jonathan	Bridge	Acre Racing Team	2
42	Daniel	Brough	Audlem Cycling Club	2
43	Robert	Crampton	BC PM	2
44	George	Atkins	BIKE Channel Canyon	2
45	Sam	Lowe	BIKE Channel Canyon	2
46	Callum	Ferguson	Catford CC Equipe/Banks	2
47	Declan	Hudson	Clay Cross Road Team	2
48	Nicholas	Cooper	DFL In-Gear Development	2
49	James	Walker	DMW - BRIDGTOWN	2
50	Oliver	Huszar	East Lancashire RC	2
51	Calum	Johnston	Edinburgh RC	2
52	Thomas	Ford	EvoVelo Karbona	2
53	George	Nolan	Fiftyfour Eleven RT	2
54	Ross	Clark	Glasgow Ivy CC	2
55	James	Wilkinson	Vetrapo Cycling Team	2
56	Luke	Jackson	Harry Middleton Cycling Club	2
57	Richard	Taylor	Harry Middleton Cycling Club	2
58	Thomas	White	Harry Middleton Cycling Club	2
59	Charlie	Critchley	High On Bikes	2
60	Lee	Brown	Holmfirth Cycling Club	2M
61	Ben	Trotter	Macclesfield Wheelers	2
63	Kieran	Wynne-Cattanach	Maxxis 4 Racing Team	2
64	Benjamin	Manfield-Yorke	Morvelo Basso RT	2
65	Alex	Harvey	NFTO	2
66	Adam	Hall	Prima Team Racing	2
67	Mark	Hansom	Prima Team Racing	2
68	Ben	Joughin	Pro Vision Race Team	2
69	Alexander	Simmons	Pro Vision Race Team	2
70	Dylan	Flesher	Prologue Racing Team	2
72	David	Parrington	Ribble Valley CRC	2
73	Alan	Bradley	Rivet Racing	2
74	Jack	Clay	Rivet Racing	2
75	John	Johnston	Rivet Racing	2
76	Thomas	Cox	RPD Racing	2
77	Andrew	Smith	Seamons CC	2
78	Thomas	Creber	Sheffield Hallam Cycling Club	2
79	Christopher	Dredge	Spirit Tifosi Racing Team	2
80	Simon	Deplitch	Team Chronomaster	2M
81	Matthew	Draper	Team Manx Telecom	2
82	Owen	Line	VCUK VELOCHAMPION RT	2
83	Martin	Hillman	Velo - M	2
84	Aidan	Quinn	www.Dooleys-Cycles.co.uk	2

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

2	Matthew	Nowell	BIKE Channel Canyon	E
3	Jack	Pullar	BIKE Channel Canyon	E
4	Harry	Tanfield	BIKE Channel Canyon	E
5	Jake	Womersley	BIKE Channel Canyon	1
6	Cameron	Jeffers	Bill Nickson Cycles RT	1
7	William	Brown	Brother NRG Driverplan	E
8	Richard	Haughton	Brother NRG Driverplan	EM
9	Jack	Rees	Brother NRG Driverplan	E
10	Charlie	Tanfield	Brother NRG Driverplan	1
11	Thomas	Timothy	Brother NRG Driverplan	1
12	Jacob	Tipper	Brother NRG Driverplan	E
13	Simon	Wilson	Brother NRG Driverplan	E
14	Charles	Walker	Catford CC Equipe/Banks	1
15	Alex	Auty	Cycle Sport Pendle	1
16	Peter	Banham	DMW - BRIDGTOWN	1
17	Steve	Young	Giant Store Rutland -Wattbike	1
18	Graham	Briggs	JLT Condor	E
19	Edward	Clancy OBE	JLT Condor	E
20	Matthew	Gibson	JLT Condor	E
21	James	Gullen	JLT Condor	E
22	Edward	Laverack	JLT Condor	1
23	Jonathan	Mould	JLT Condor	E
24	James	Ireson	KTM Impsport RT	1
25	Chris	Fallon	Kuota - Spinergy - GSG	1
26	Dan	Fleeman	Metaltek Kuota Racing Team	1
27	Zachery	May	Metaltek Kuota Racing Team	1
28	Tom	Mazzone	Metaltek Kuota Racing Team	1
29	David	Bolland	Neon-Velo Cycling Team	1
30	Ben	Harrison	Prima Team Racing	1
31	Kieran	Brady	Richardsons-Trek RT	E
32	Frank	Longstaff	Richardsons-Trek RT	E
33	Andrew	Disley	Team KTM	E
34	Dillon	Byrne	Superano Ham-Isorex-Tartel'	1
35	Fraser	Rounds	Team KTM	1
36	Jake	Cowen	VCUK VELOCHAMPION RT	1
38	David	McGowan	VCUK VELOCHAMPION RT	1
39	Jimmy	Smith	VCUK VELOCHAMPION RT	1

# Race Information

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

## ■ Event Headquarters

**PLEASE NOTE NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR 2017**

The event headquarters are located at:

**The Pavilion, Aintree Golf Centre, Melling Road, Aintree, Merseyside L9 5AB. Tel 0151 523 5157**

Google Maps: <http://tinyurl.com/hagebwj>

It is open from 7.30am and has car parking and limited changing/shower facilities.

## ■ Signing On

The signing on control is located in the event headquarters and is open from **7.30am** to **9.00am**. See the plan on page 2 for further details. You must present your 2017 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 at the current BC rate displayed in the signing on area. Reserves must sign on but will not receive a race number and transponder until their place is allocated at the close of signing on.

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:



## ■ 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 areas indicated on the course plan on page 2. **There will be no exceptions to this.**

**Event parking in the Golf Centre Car Park (outside the café) is strictly forbidden.**



## ■ 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.** Please return your numbers and transponder and reclaim your license at the event control unit on the start/finish line 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.

## ■ 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. 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 8.30am 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 #soens2017 and Facebook [www.facebook.com/SoensRace](http://www.facebook.com/SoensRace)

## Prize List

**Winner: £150 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

### **Eddie & Mima Super Sprint (sponsored by Gordon Singleton)**

\$100 CAN to the first rider over the line at 20 laps to go

### **Ken Matthews Memorial Sprint**

£25 to the first rider over the line at 10 laps to go



## **STAR TROPHY**

This is a counting event in the 2017  
Dolan Bikes Junior & Senior Star Trophy Competition

**event website: [www.ccsdigital.org.uk](http://www.ccsdigital.org.uk)  
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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	2016	Bertie Newey	Catford CC/Equipe-Banks
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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