

News and Events Release:



cirque du vélos

2008 Intra-Team Points Series Stage 1 and Stage 2

Memphis, Tennessee – May 10, 2008 – Members of cirque du vélos gathered on a slightly overcast but dry morning for Stage 1 of the cirque du vélos 2008 Intra-Team Points Series. The cirque du vélos 2008 Intra-Team Points Series is a team only, member against member competition comprised of ten separate events beginning in March and ending in December of each year. The events include individual time trials, two man team time trials, road races and criteriums in and around the Memphis area. In addition to being awarded points for placed finishes, members are also awarded prime points within certain events for designated climb and sprint sections. Awards are presented at the annual cirque du vélos membership meeting in January of each year based on member results throughout the year.

Stage 1 and Stage 2 were a Criterium format held in East Memphis. This event was preceded by the Prologue 4.8 mile Individual Time Trial in March. The Stage 1 Criterium consisted of two separate races, each having a 20 minute timed portion and a three lap finish with multiple surprise prime laps during the timed portions. The race was held at the Ridgeway Loop beginning on Ridgelake Boulevard. The .9 mile loop began on a straight made a sharp right hand turn approximately 75 meters in and headed down a slight but fast downhill that wound around to a quick uphill which required a sharp right to head into a fast 200 meter slightly curved run to the line.

The members of cirque du vélos demonstrated the depth of their team by placing a number of different team members in the primes and placed finishes between the two races. For many, this was the first criterium race format they had experienced.

The second race was suspended when Rob Shuster tangled with others in a prime lap sprint and crashed sustaining a broken collar bone and some pretty bad road rash. But vowing to be back on the bike and rejoining the team as soon as possible.

It was an exciting event. For results on this event and the overall 2008 cirque du vélos 2008 Intra-Team Points Series, go to News and Events at cirquevelosmemphis.com.

Be on the look for members of cirque du vélos!

About cirque du vélos

cirque du vélos, *French for Circus of Bicycles*, is a Memphis, Tennessee based cycling club and amateur race team sponsored by Peddler Bike Shop. Formed in late 2007, our members share a common interest in riding competitively in local and regional organized rides and races. Membership is intentionally limited to a smaller, cohesive group of cyclists who share similar objectives and who see cycling not only as a competitive sport, but also as a means of sustaining excellent health and as a platform for benefiting the communities where we live, work and ride. cirque du vélos is a member of USA Cycling (USAC) and the Tennessee Bicycle Racing Association (TBRA). For more information visit cirquevelosmemphis.com.