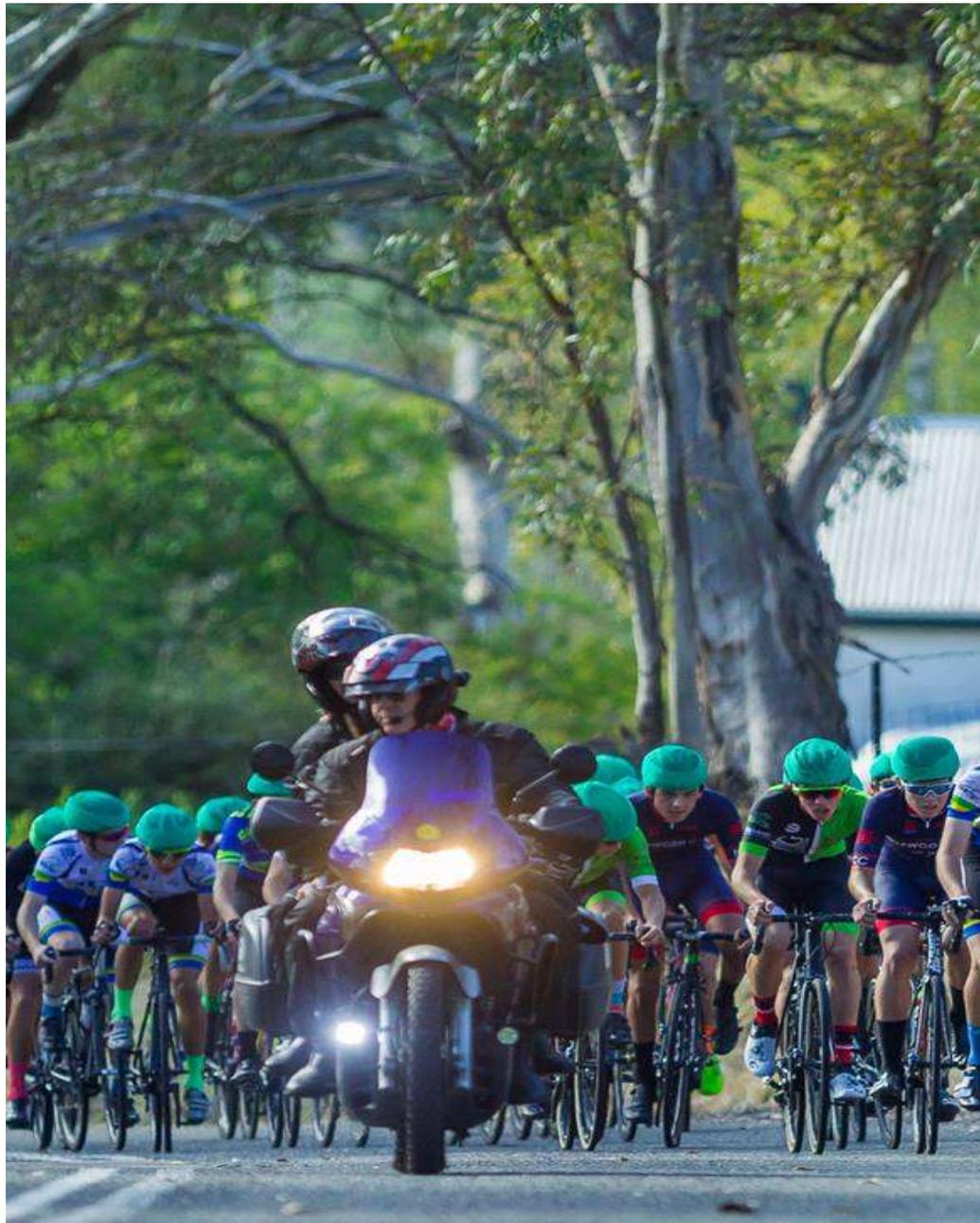

2018 CDCC Junior Tour Report R2 NJRS



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2018 Centrals Junior Tour - R2 NJRS

National Junior Road Series 21-22nd April

It was the 51st edition of the Centrals Junior Tour and round 2 of the inaugural Cycling Australia 'National Junior Road Series' – NJRS.

With a rich history of past winners such as Patrick Jonker winner of Santos Tour Down Under, Alexander Edmondson current Australian Road Champion, Callum Scotson (Mitchelton-BikeExchange) Alexandra Manly (Mitchelton-SCOTT) Annette Edmondson (Wiggle High5) Carlee Taylor (Ale Cipolini) and many many more graduating to international professional cycling careers.

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The 2 day 4 stage event featured 3 road races and 1 Individual Time Trial. The Juniors race for time and real time bonuses making it a real tour experience racing for GC and the coveted Yellow Jersey. Just like a real tour there is the race within the race, the highly prized Polka dot Jersey is a points competition decided over 5 key locations for King & Queen of the Mountain. The signature climbs over Mengler Hill, made famous by the UCI Santos TDU and UCI 2.1 Santos Women's Tour Down Under, rate this tour a must-do for the dedicated climber. The final stage was an ITT with potential to create a sudden twist to the final standings. A thrilling drawcard & compelling viewing with the highest ranked GC rider scheduled to start last.

66 x U15-17 Riders listed in the program 'age' grouped providing separate Men's & Women's racing. (10 x U13 combined Boys/Girls racing 2 Stages Sunday only. Refer to CDCC Race Report for details & results.)

CDCC's aim is to create a 'real' tour experience

A Podium compete with Stage Winners, Polka dotted Jerseys and the ultimate prize- the coveted Yellow Leaders Jersey. Central Districts Cycling Club has a long history of Junior racing and dream building, history also shows a pedigree of riders that have claimed fame on the World Cycling Stage. CDCC aim is to provide an experience creating memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

'Tour Village' located at 'The South Australian Company Store' provided base for the Fourth consecutive year. The facility has an amazing atmosphere and postcard setting amongst the vines with abundant parking, permanent shelter, toilets and of course food – lots and lots of great food from the dedicated tour café to the licensed restaurant it was a perfect setting and backdrop for the annual presentation dinner.

'Support Vehicle Convoys' create a safe zone for the riders and valuable mechanical & spare wheel support. It also puts on a show to spectators and engages with the townships and local community creating an exciting atmosphere. Race support provided a visual safety zone for each age group with a support vehicle convoy. CDCC seeks and organizes parent volunteers with vehicles into a driver & navigator/mechanical assistant combination. Each volunteer must pass through scrutineering & sign on. Volunteers are briefed and provided with an instruction pack & essential contacts list. Each vehicle is then fitted with repeater assisted radio for full course communication. The race convoy for the largest group included 1 moto Commissaire, 1 lead car, 1 Commissaire car 3 spare wheel/support vehicles, 1 medical and 1 course sweep ensuring all riders are serviced.

'Traffic Management' All Corners were marked with directional arrows whilst the major intersections were manned by radio equipped and accredited corner marshals. Traffic management signage ensured rider & public safety. A first aid base was also provided at the Tour Village. The Tour is just moments away from emergency services providing ultimate piece of mind in safety.

Day 1

Riders were treated to a perfect Barossa autumn day complete with blue skies, sunshine and a slight crosswind in the afternoon. Hot coffee, fresh fruit, assorted healthy treats together with bacon & egg sandwiches made a perfect start for riders & parents alike.

Stage 1 (a snap shot of the U17 Men's race)

33 x U17 Men - 2 x laps - 2 x KOM opportunities - distance 48.9kms – start time 10:00am.

A race neutral zone provided a brief opportunity to settle nerves and pace into a working bunch ahead of the first KOM which saw Patrick Eddy(Vic) claim 5 points, Henry Dietz(Vic) 3 points, Saxon Adams(WA) 2 points & Thomas Michalanney(SA) 1 point. The pace quickened into Tanunda Creek Road where a large bunch swapped off turns as the strongest riders assumed control over the peloton. A short pinch at the end of Tanunda Creek Road bites hard before turning left onto Flaxman's Valley Road where another short climb crests to a super quick descent, the bunch achieved speeds at 72kph here. The race continued largely together passing Wilton Hall where it flattens enough for recovery and take a drink.

The race continued into Eden Valley Road and left to Valley Road. Riders received the bell into lap 2 in front of applauding spectators, kept up to date and entertained by race commentator Graeme Zucker.

A series of flat short straights and fast crit style corners take riders through the streets of Angaston before heading back out toward KOM 2. The bunch stretches here as Blake Agnoletto(Vic) punches out to claim 5 points, Patrick Eddy 3 points, Travis Stewart(WA) 2 points, Henry Dietz(Vic) 1 point - Patrick Eddy now leads the KOM competition. The race had split over the climb and as this section flattens it dips slightly to climb again with no respite further stretching the field into fragments ultimately ending in a 7 up bunch finish for stage medals. Henry Dietz(Vic) out sprinted Joshua Commons(WA), Patrick Eddy(Vic) and Blake Agnoletto(Vic). Bunch time included our South Australians Thomas Michalanney in 5th and Angus Miller in 7th. Time bonuses of 5sec, 3sec, 2sec, 1sec were awarded to determine GC. The Interstate Visitors were dominant in securing the lead across all stages.

Day 1 continued

After recovery, rest, hydration and a fantastic lunch with choices of pasta, butter chicken with rice or beef stroganoff with mash finished with fresh fruits, sweet treats and an array of refreshing drinks it was on to more racing.

Stage 2 (a snap shot of the U17 Women)

10 x U17 Women - 1 x Lap – 1 x QOM opportunity - distance 28.1km – start time 1:35pm
A race 'neutral zone' provided a controlled warm up guiding racers to the flag drop and race start to Stage 2. Chelsea Symons(Vic) was a 'stand out' and the most watched rider ahead of stage 1 coming into the competition. The start line was a-buzz with admiring whispers noting the former CSA now CV athlete was wearing 'Green & Gold' over her new CCCC kit as the NJRS leader from Victoria - however - the attention soon turned to Ali Anderson(NT) an unmarked rider from the flats of the red center of Australia.

Anderson soon dominated the results exploding into stage 1 by taking the trifecta in stage win, QOM, and GC completing the 28.1km course in the fastest time. Ali Anderson was now wearing the prized leader's Yellow Jersey and became the 'marked' rider. The afternoon cross winds, northerly breezes & rising heat of the weekend suited the Alice Springs rider, now with 1m.57+5sec time bonus from stage 1, Anderson was just getting warmed up. The women's peloton worked well 'swapping off' from race start along the relatively flat Stockwell Road before descending at speed onto Vine Vale Road and a notoriously fast left hander into Light Pass with cornering speeds of around 50kph. The race slips past tourists as they sip up local grape juice at Artisans of Barossa whilst locals cheer our girls on to the approach.

The road rises slightly into the left hander onto the legendary Mengler Hill as seen in the 2018 Santos Women's TDU in January, Anderson has a 4-point advantage here with 10 points into QOM, 3 ahead of Chelsea Symons on 6 points and 'top' age U17 Ella Sibley(SA) with 4 points, which is outstanding considering she rates herself a 'track' specialist. Kat Chung Orr and Alyssa Polites are equal 4th subject to a count back.

At the base of the climb it was a very determined Anderson who pressured the bunch and split the field. Ali was away well before the Sculpture Park and stretched to a lead

Stage 3 continued

over QOM for max. points, ahead of 'track' rider Sibley(SA), then Symons(Vic) and a surprise from newcomer and 'Tour' debutant Eloise Sandow(SA), impressive here in 4th over the climb. After the climb offers no respite until race turns right onto Tanunda Creek Road where heart rate and breathing can recover.

Anderson still leads along Tanunda Creek until the race turns onto Flaxman's where Sibley and Symons work together to catch Anderson however the race splits again ultimately resulting in a solo win with Anderson(NT) 1st GC now almost 2mins ahead of Symons then to Sibley(SA) and Isla Carr(WA) earning a 1 sec time bonus some 4mins 40sec down the road in the race for Yellow.

Official Function

A sumptuous Barossa Buffet provided by Chris and his crew of The South Australian Company Kitchen. The official Presentation Dinner included an inspirational talk with guest speaker Carlee Taylor of Ale Cipolini(retired), 2018 Santos Women's TDU Holden Team Gusto(retired), the 2 x U23 National Road Champion, 2 x Australian Representative at Worlds and back-to-back National Tri champion featured in 7 UCI teams in her amazing career starting at just 14 years of age as a cyclist & triathlete coached by her Dad.

Stage medals were presented together with GC & KOM/QOM recognizing Day 1 leaders:

U17M: 1. Patrick Eddy(Vic) 2. Henry Dietz(Vic) 3. Blake Agnoletto(Vic)

U17W: 1. Ali Anderson(NT) 2. Chelsea Symons(Vic) 3. Ella Sibley(SA)

U15M: 1. Max Frost(SA) 2. Harvey Protheroe(WA) 3. Ronan Baker(SA)

U15W: 1. Lucinda Stewart(Vic) 2. Jasmine Eddy(Vic) 3. Tess Wight(SA)

QOM: 1. Ali Anderson(NT) 2. Ella Sibley(SA) 3. Chelsea Symons(Vic)

KOM: 1. Patrick Eddy(Vic) 2. Blake Agnoletto(Vic) 3. Henry Dietz(Vic)

Some 140 guests were in attendance, dinner was served in a timely manner some even had a second pass through the generous buffet. The evening concluded shortly after 8pm just as promised by organizers. Lots of new friends were made whilst others strengthened networks of valuable interstate contacts before parents with athletes retired for a well-earned sleep.

Day 2

The 2018 CDCC Junior Tour continues, weather conditions predict 32 degrees C and dry in the Valley today. An early sign on from 7:30-8:30am welcomes U13 riders to the competition. Breakfast offerings are widely accepted by an eager audience including some extra hot coffee and delicious treats. <http://www.sacompanystore.com.au/>

Stage 3 (a snap shot of the U15 Men & Women)

11 x U15 Men - 1 x Lap - distance 29.8km - start time 9:30am

10 x U15 Women - 1 x lap - same distance - start time 9:35am

The U15 Women were impressive hosting some of the strongest fields in both quality & quantity in the events history. The U15 Men were just a little lower in entry volume highlighting a gap in the recruitment market however the racing was super keen and delivered some exciting racing. All age groups from U15-17 rolled out to stage 3 under 'race neutral' providing a controlled warm up in a protected group behind the commissaire's vehicle.

I am reporting now from the U15 Women's convoy and was directly behind the flag drop for race start as the radio chirped the U15 Men were well underway some 5 minutes earlier. Race radio reports U17 Men & Women had already started at 9:00am and 9:05am respectively, they had 2 x laps totaling 53.2km including the final hit out for KOM & QOM with 2 x point scoring opportunities to decide the final places as there is just the ITT to go. Meanwhile race radio suggested the U15 men had started to splinter early into separate groups from an uphill start onto the fast flat then over the first real climb where the older age groups claim climb points.

From the U15 Women's convoy the race was on from 'go' our group of 10 rolled away at the uphill start gradually losing riders 1 x 1 until 3 riders had dropped yet were serviced by support vehicles keeping these riders safe whilst they continued to complete stage.

Stage 3 continued

The 7 U15 Women leaders Stewart(Vic), Bailey(Vic), Wight(SA), Marker(NT), Commons(WA), Eddy(Vic) and Carter(WA) were now starting to pass some of the U15 Men and were gaining momentum as the race then turned into Seven Steps.

Seven Steps Road is a super-fast roller coaster where U17 Men recorded 88kph, U17 Women were clocked at 80.3kph whilst the U15's were sighted at between 65-72kph. The chase through 7 Steps grew even more exciting now as the U15W Commissaire instructed lead vehicle to move ahead as more U15 Men were passed, in the rear-view mirror Abby Griggs(WA) could be seen trying to solo back to the bunch and at one time was only 1 crest behind the peloton however did not make the gap and went on to complete stage on her own.

The race turned left into Eden Valley road where it flattens out and a well-organized pace line formed up as the U15 Women swapped off like a Road Team Time Trial squad pounding out amazing speeds of high 30's-40+ kph incredible considering these riders are restricted to a 6m roll out. Here comes the charge – suddenly we see the leading U15 Men and race radio squawked “U15 Women are passing” the U15 Men's race yielded under instruction from the commissaires as the girls powered by – and I mean powered! I called the action through to commentary and Graeme Zucker announced it over the microphone to bellowing applause from eager spectators lining up now to see the finish.

The red hot pace continued ascending Collingrove and into the final push as the road now descends slightly working to the final turn in at Valley Road and where spectators were treated to another exciting bunch finish as the 7 leaders sprint to finish - 1st Lucinda Stewart(Vic), 2nd Isabella Commons(WA), 3rd Jasmine Eddy(Vic), then Meg Marker(NT) 4th, Tess Wight(SA) 5th, Sally Carter(WA) 6th, and Belinda Baily(Vic) 7th.

Western Australia continued in fine form as the U15 Men rounded the final turn a 4-up sprint finish saw 1st Harvey Protheroe(WA), 2nd Max Frost(SA), 3rd to newcomer Ronan Baker(SA) enjoying his first Junior Tour, 4th Jacob Bos(SA).

Stage 3 of 4 GC results and time gaps are as follows:

U17M

1. Patrick Eddy(Vic) 3:57:28
2. Henry Dietz(Vic) 2:59:12 (1m44s)
3. Blake Agnoletto(Vic) 3:59:19 (1m51s)
4. Travis Stewart(Vic) 3:59:23 (1m55s)

U17W

1. Ali Anderson(NT) 3:53:59
2. Chelsea Symons(Vic) 4:00:02 (6m03s)
3. Ella Sibley(SA) 4.02.55 (8m56s)
4. Alyssa Polites(Vic) 4.07:34 (13m32s)

U15M

1. Harvey Protheroe(WA) 2.34.38
2. Ronan Baker(SA) 2.34.44 (.6s)
3. Jacob Boss(SA) 2:35:24 (46s)
4. Max Frost(SA) 2:36:01 (1m23s)

U15W

1. Lucinda Stewart(Vic) 2.23.15
2. Isabella Commons(WA) 2.23.25 (10s)
3. Jasmine Eddy(Vic) 2.23.25 (10s)
4. Meg Marker(NT) 2.23.26 (11s)

NJRS status applies to U15-17 competition. This report is focused on the NJRS component

In other Day 2 news 10 U13 Boys/Girls enjoyed a 2 stage tour.

An exciting mini tour comprising of a 16.3km Road Race and ITT. Please see CDCC Race Report for more details.

Day 2 continued

Stage 4 (the penultimate stage)

8.2km start time 1:00pm first rider 2.05pm last rider

10 x U13 Boys & Girls 10 x U15W / 11 x U15M / 10 x U17W / 33 x U17M

Make or Break, the final stage ITT format with potential to create a sudden twist to the final standings. A thrilling conclusion and close competition made it exciting for spectators to the very end as the highest ranked GC rider in each age group was starting last. The ITT course was a super-fast circuit designed to challenge with high speed crit style corners, an uphill section to test stamina, add a leg burning pinch and a chance to get aero for a supersonic descent – this ITT course is something special and had not been used in this Tour before.

An all-in battle was about to explode in the U15 Women's competition. Race leader Lucinda Stewart(Vic) held a mere 10 second advantage to Commons(WA).The tightest margins were between Commons(WA), Eddy(Vic) & Marker(NT),separated by just 1 second. The ITT proved exciting and turned the podium upside down Tour leader went out to 4th Eddy moved from 3rd to Lead, Wight(SA) jumped from 5th GC into 2nd, and Commons held onto 3rd overall.

The U15 men had a mere 6 second gap between race leader Protheroe(WA), and tour debutant Ronan Baker(SA), with 40 seconds of breathing room to Bos(SA) in third. Could Max Frost(SA) pull in 37 seconds? - ultimately this podium was already decided.

Ali Anderson(NT) U17W with an incredible 6m03sec was unbeatable as was Chelsea Symons(Vic) 2min53 ahead of 3rd Ella Sibley(SA) with some 5+ mins ahead of her next placed competitor ultimately this podium was already decided.

Patrick Eddy U17M with 1m44s advantage to his nearest rival held a solid lead whilst the real competition here was a tight with just 11 seconds between 3 through to 4th this ITT could live up to its purpose here. Ultimately the podium was to remain unchanged here with Eddy taking home the overall lead.

Final Standings after 4 stages:

U17M

1. Patrick Eddy(Vic)
2. Henry Dietz(Vic)
3. Blake Agnoletto(Vic)

U17W

1. Ali Anderson(NT)
2. Chelsea Symons(Vic)
3. Ella Sibley(SA)

U15M

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3. Jacob Boss(SA)

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KOM

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2. Patrick Eddy(Vic)
3. Henry Dietz(Vic)

QOM

1. Ali Anderson(NT)
2. Ella Sibley(SA)
3. Chelsea Symons(Vic)

NJRS SA Leaders

U17M Angus Miller

U17W Ella Sibley

U15M Ronan Baker

U15W Tess Wight

NJRS Leaders South Australia



From left: U17M Angus Miller U15M Ronan Baker U15W Tess Wight U17W Ella Sibley



2018 Centrals Junior Tour Leaders



From left: Ali Anderson, Jasmine Eddy, Harvey Protheroe, Will Holmes, Patrick Eddy, Blake Agnoletto

