



# WATTSHOP TT WEEKENDER

Thank you for taking part in the inaugural WattShop TT weekend. We hope you enjoyed the event and had two great rides. It was fantastic to see everyone tackling the different and challenging courses. We aim to make this a yearly event, so with that in mind, any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

## STAGE 1

With difficult circumstances facing us Friday and into Saturday we appreciated everyone’s understanding for enabling stage one to go ahead. It turned out to be a tricky out and back however fantastic rides from both John Archibald and Alex Pritchard saw them sneak under 20 minutes. With a large group of riders all closely positioned within striking range heading into stage 2 the men’s field was well set.

Looking at the women’s field it there was a close battle at the front; reigning Irish National TT champion Kelly Murphy coming in with a strong 21.20, only 7 seconds off the course record, with Neah Evans close behind at 21.36.

### STAGE 1

Male Overall		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Alex Pritchard	19.58
2	Tom Brazier	20.09
3	Ben Lloyd	20.10

Female Overall		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Kelly Murphy	21.20
2	Neah Evans	21.36
3	Chris Murray	23.37

Male Overall - Road		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	John Archibald	19.51
2	Jonny Wale	20.54
3	Casper von Folsach	20.58

Female Overall - Road		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Sarah Toms	26.31
2	Clare Spencer	28.00
3		

Male B Category		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Simon Romei	21.56
2	Jon Mills-Keeling	22.08
3	Tomos Hales	22.10

Male C Category		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Ben Hetherington	22.42
2	Richard Martin	23.34
3	Ian Swinscoe	23.58

Male D Category		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Paul Robinson	24.44
2	Cameron Leslie	25.55
3	Tony Perrin	26.42

Female B Category		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	N/A	
2	N/A	
3	N/A	

Female C Category		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Melissa Denman	24.24
2	Kate Kirkland	25.18
3		

Female D Category		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Gail Lowe	24.36
2	Laura Sheppard	25.20
3	Lucy Morley	25.29

## STAGE 2

Enter J5/13, a brand-new course with two ascents of the almighty “Swynberg” which was sure to separate the pretenders from the contenders.

For the women, Elinor Barker took to the start line to make for an incredibly talented women’s field. Once again Kelly Murphy took the win, stopping the clock in 58.40, closely followed in by World Tour pro Elinor Barker and track world champion Neah Evans.

Over in the men’s field Dan Bigham set a blistering time of 49.50 to make up for the previous day’s puncture whilst talented junior Patrick Casey lead in the rest of the field with an incredibly impressive 54.27.

There were plenty of strong rides throughout the field; Alistair Ribbands falling agonizingly close of breaking the one-hour barrier on his road bike with a 1.00.12. A highly competitive “B” category saw Jonathan Mills-Keeling dip under one-hour with a 59.38 to jump to the step within the category. Whilst father and son duo; Simon and Chester Romei saw Dad, Simon, win out. No doubt Chester is sure to be lining up the family honours come 2024.



**STAGE 2**

Male Overall		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Dan Bigham	49.50
2	Patrick Casey	54.27
3	Tom Brazier	56.02

Female Overall		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Kelly Murphy	58.40
2	Elinor Barker	58.56
3	Neah Evans	1.00.35

Male Overall - Road		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Alistair Ribbands	1.00.12
2	Abdel Kader Allouni	1.08.25
3	Steve Price	1.18.48

Female Overall - Road		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Sarah Toms	1.12.25
2		
3		

Male B Category		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Jon Mills-Keeling	59.38
2	George Westall	1.00.05
3	Simon Romei	1.00.25

Male C Category		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Richard Martin	1.06.59
2	Steve Hazeldine	1.07.33
3	Ben Hetherington	1.08.25

Male D Category		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Paul Robinson	1.07.47
2	Cameron Leslie	1.11.09
3	Simon Bott	1.11.24

Female B Category		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	N/A	
2	N/A	
3	N/A	

Female C Category		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Melissa Denman	1.07.44
2	Kate Kirkland	1.11.59
3		

Female D Category		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Laura Sheppard	1.10.29
2	Gail Lowe	1.11.29
3	Lucy Morley	1.12.25

**OVERALL**

Junior Patrick Casey overturned his stage 1 deficit to take the top spot ahead of Tom Brazier and RAF Championship winner Adam Baker. 2023 Classic Series winner Jamie Lowden missing out on the podium by just 3 seconds and Ben Lloyd, 4<sup>th</sup> after stage 1, slipping to 5<sup>th</sup> a further 14 seconds back.

With two first's Kelly Murphy took home the overall win in the women's field followed by Neah Evans and long-distance specialist Chris Murray.

Alistair Ribbands strong stage 2 ride saw him take home road bike honours with Sarah Toms picking up the win in the women's road bike field.

In the B category Jon Mills-Keelings stage 2 ride saw him take the win with less than a minute separating the podium. Over in the C category Richard Martin came home ahead of para-athlete Ben Hetherington whilst Paul Robinson took the win in D category.

In the women's field, Melissa Denman took the honours in C category and in a competitive D category Laura Sheppard overturned overnight leader Gail Lowe to take the top spot.

**OVERALL**

Male Overall		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Patrick Casey	1.14.51
2	Tom Brazier	1.16.11
3	Adam Baker	1.17.01

Female Overall		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Kelly Murphy	1.20.00
2	Neah Evans	1.22.11
3	Chris Murray	1.30.54

Male Overall - Road		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Alistair Ribbands	1.22.02
2	Abdel Kader Allouni	1.32.39
3	Steve Price	1.47.14

Female Overall - Road		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Sarah Toms	1.38.56
2		
3		

Male B Category		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Jon Mills-Keeling	1.21.46
2	Simon Romei	1.22.21
3	George Westall	1.22.22

Male C Category		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Richard Martin	1.30.33
2	Ben Hetherington	1.31.14
3	Steve Hazeldine	1.31.41

Male D Category		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Paul Robinson	1.32.31
2	Cameron Leslie	1.37.04
3	Tony Perrin	1.45.53

Female B Category		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	N/A	
2	N/A	
3	N/A	

Female C Category		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Melissa Denman	1.32.08
2	Kate Kirkland	1.37.17
3		

Female D Category		
Pos	Rider	Time
1	Laura Sheppard	1.35.49
2	Gail Lowe	1.36.05
3	Lucy Morley	1.38.20



Congratulations to all of our winners, we hope to see you back next week to defend your titles!

We hope those of you racing National TT this coming week enjoyed your warm up and we wish you the best of luck!

Thank you also to Adam Baker and the RAF Cycling Association, it was a pleasure having you as part of the weekend.

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE MARSHALS FOR YOUR HELP IN RUNNING THIS EVENT. IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU.**