



John Morgan: stealing a march

**RESULTS**

Men.-	50	100	12	Av
<b>John Morgan (Preston Wh)</b> . . . . .	<b>1-44-13</b>	<b>3-37-33</b>	<b>275.19</b>	<b>26.433</b>
Rowan Horner (VC St Raphael) . . . . .	1-45-58	3-32-44	267.61	26.272
Brian Sunter (Condor RC) . . . . .	1-46-11	3-39-03	265.97	25.936
Paul Holdsworth (Hounslow & Dist Wh) . . . . .	1-48-40	3-42-24	265.07	25.558
Wayne Levett (VC St Raphael) . . . . .	1-53-03	3-50-46	281.00	25.318
Paul Fleming (Preston Wh) . . . . .	1-45-53	3-54-52	261.69	25.229
Steve Smales (Pete Read Racing) . . . . .	1-49-32	3-54-20	264.99	25.025
Chris Hopkinson (Preston Wh) . . . . .	1-50-04	3-49-52	257.95	24.951
Mike Shacklock (Otley CC) . . . . .	1-51-12	3-52-28	257.47	24.748
Chris Brooking (API Bikes.com) . . . . .	1-49-26	3-46-11	241.31	24.683
Women.-	25	50	100	Av
<b>Ruth Dorrington (Pete Read Racing)</b> . . . . .	<b>56-40</b>	<b>1-58-37</b>	<b>4-04-53</b>	<b>25.421</b>
Sarah Cramoysan (Caygill Frames RT) . . . . .	57-42	1-59-50	4-10-00	25.010
Marina Bloom (Walsall RCC) . . . . .	57-40	2-00-58	4-09-54	24.940
Lynne Taylor (Walsall RCC) . . . . .	1-00-26	2-01-45	4-02-12	24.745
Susan Collins (Congleton CC) . . . . .	59-12	2-02-56	4-10-18	24.571
Karen Steele (Caygill Frames RT) . . . . .	59-28	2-00-06	4-22-31	24.353

**MORGAN TOPS TABLE**

For the moment at least, John Morgan is in the BBAR driving seat, leading Rowan Horner by a slender 0.161mph in the full three-distance table.

"I'm really chuffed," said the 27-year-old Lancastrian, who afforded himself a free weekend last Saturday and Sunday and will be tackling a couple of 25-mile events in Cheshire — "to try and work some speed back into my legs" — before upping his distance again to 50 and 100 miles.

"The 12-hour frightened me a bit, and so I wanted to get that out of the way as soon as possible, which is why I went for the Elmet," said Morgan, who had not done any

of the BBAR distances prior to last season.

"This really has been a venture into the unknown for me," he admitted. "Last year I did 263 miles in the North Midlands event, so my 275 this time meant I had improved by a mile an hour and I could have gone faster but for a horrible wind towards the end of the day.

"In the '100' I didn't get my pacing quite right. I'm sure I can get my time down by a couple of minutes, and I think I still have room for improvement at 50 miles."

Morgan, who rode his first competitive event in April 2000, admitted: "I'm totally bitten by the bug now."

But despite his early advantage in the individual table, Morgan insists modestly that he is only a team player.

"It's the team that matters most — that's what we [Preston Wheelers] are going for again this year," he explained.

Morgan is confident that, by the time the BBAR competition draws to a halt on September 28, the team will once again be led by Gethin Butler. Butler has — with the exception of 2001 when he was more focused on his Land's End to John o' Groats record bid — finished no lower than fourth in the final rankings since 1990.