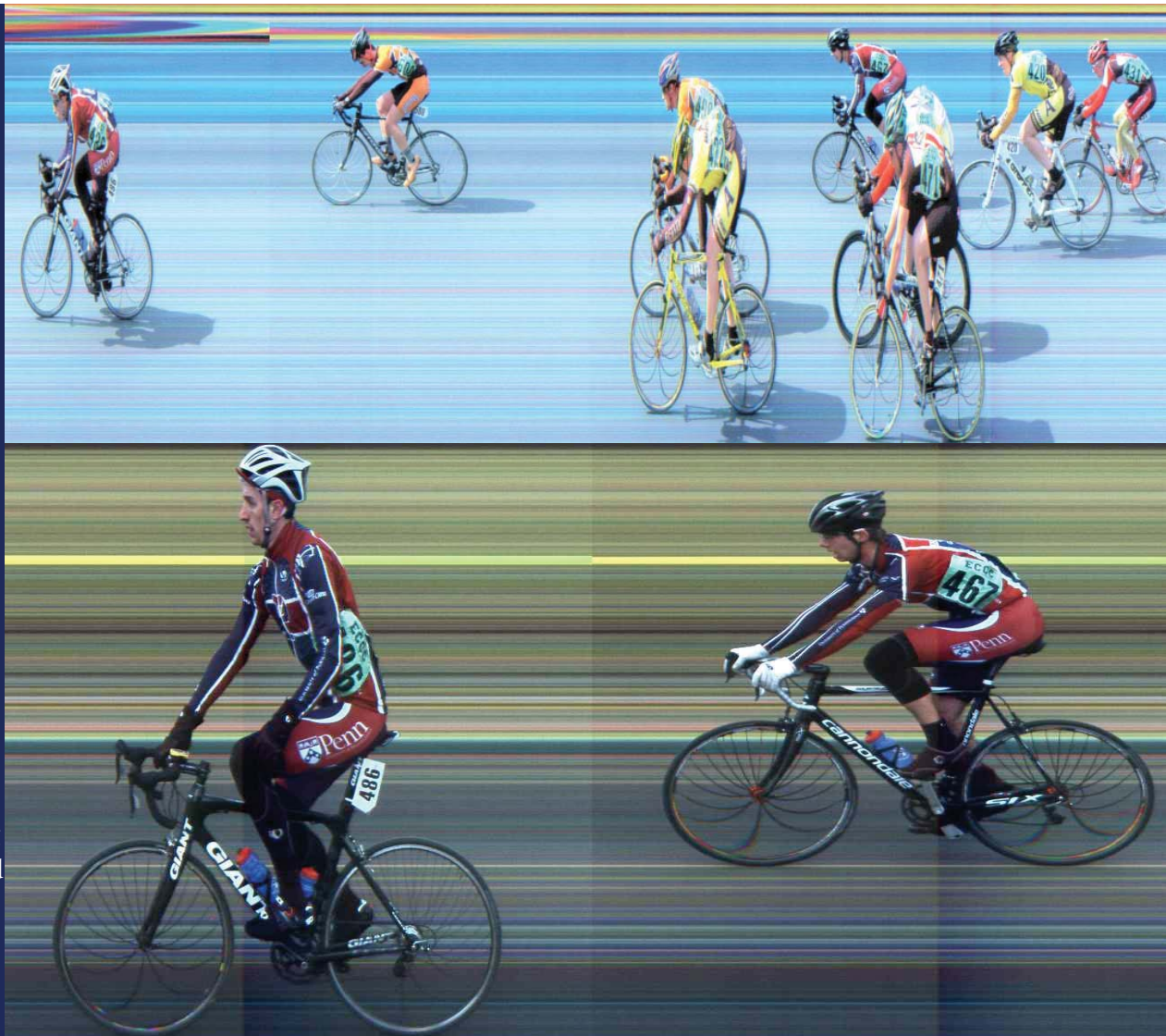


RACE REPORT

March 14-15, 2009



Sean winning his fourth and fifth races of the season at Columbia and Stevens.

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Sean Whiteman and Penn Cycling continues domination at Columbia & Stevens Criteriums

More beautiful weather greeted those fortunate enough to race two criterium courses this past weekend. Saturday's course was held at Grant's Tomb in Manhattan, a long-standing staple of ECCC racing. Our small contingency of racers this weekend may not have had the same safety in numbers as those who came out to Rutgers, but were no less up to the task ahead of them. The course featured wide NYC streets, high speeds and a challenging uphill finish that led to many pack finishes.



Left: Jimmy climbing at Grant's Tomb Criterium

Right: Ross having fun at the top of Stevens' 15% grade hill

Bottom: Tara having fun as she whips through turns.

Jimmy Ma started things off in Men's D, racing his way to 29th place and showing supreme climbing form on Columbia's short climb. Men C were next, and almost everyone had all Penn riders well marked. However, the strong trio of Max Korus, Sean Whiteman, and Matt Furlow raced smart while still pushing the peloton to the limit all day. Sean would make his fourth victory in as many attempts look easy, as he sprinted away from the field on the uphill finish.. Not too far behind, Max Korus would prove to be the surprise of the weekend, garnering the most points of the race by racing to 5th place and winning several sprint laps. Matt Furlow finished close off the main pack in 34th place.

Tara Walhart continued her return from a long injury layoff with a 32nd place finish in what turned out to be a fast Women's B field. Leonard Klipper and Ross Marklein finished the day's effort in the Men's B field. Racing for sprint points and supposed cookies, Leonard sprinted off the front of the Men's B field to take the first sprint lap before getting dropped big time less than a lap later, while Ross would finish in the main bunch sprint for 27th placesprint for 27th place. Besides suffering from a major asthma attack, I (and Max) were majorly disappointed to find that there would be no cookie prizes for sprint laps this year as advertised, which might have been the only negative

thing to say about the entire day. Awesome course, awesome results, definitely one of the ECCC's best crit courses.

Half the group returned to Philadelphia for the night, while Max and Matt returned to my house for Cheesecake Factory and Will Farrell HBO Specials before bunkering down for the night. After getting treated to a morning feast, we left for Hoboken and the Stevens Criterium, a first year course that featured 1) at least a dozen potholes with bright orange spray paint, 2) speed bumps, 3) a 15% grade descent with a 90 degree turn into rough roads, and 4) a matching 90 degree turn into a rough roads that went up 15%.



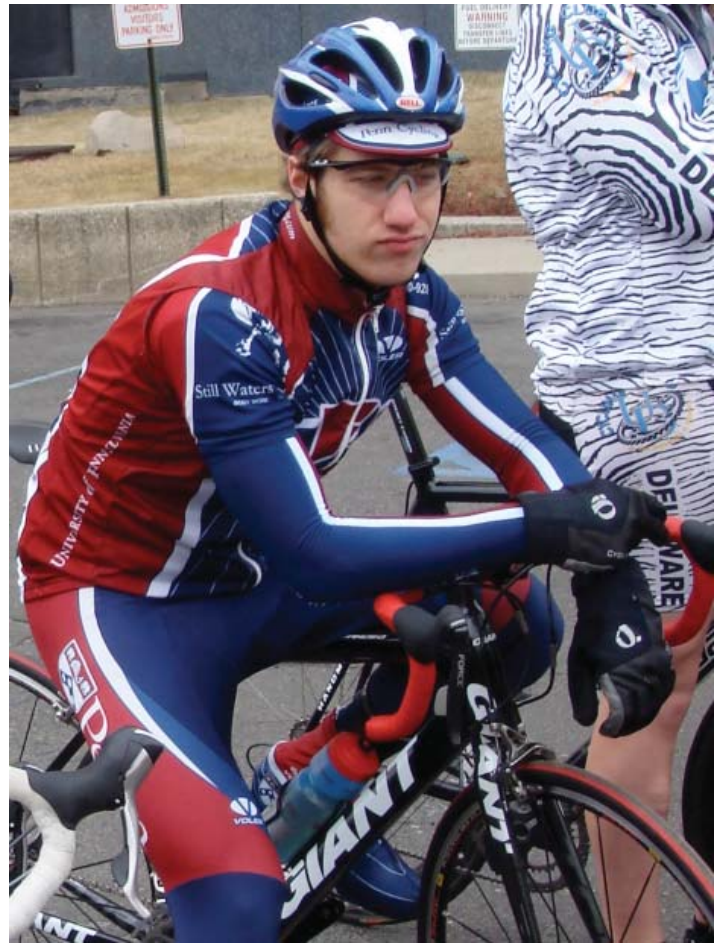
Unlike Columbia's course that favored pack finishes, this highly sketchy and technical course favored early breakaways and climbing and descending specialists.

Jimmy started the day off by showing off his climbing prowess on his way to a 19th place Men's D finish.

Sean and Max Korus played the course to perfection, breaking away from the rest of the pack and worked together in breaking away from the splintering peloton. They gained time on every descent and even more on every climb, and took turns pulling for each other. When the dust cleared, the two would lap the entire field, Sean would take victory #5 and earn his CAT 4 upgrade while Max would finish a well deserved second place and as the top point earner for Men C for the weekend. Not to be outdone, Matt Furlow tacked on three more points with a 10th place finish.

Racing sick, I proved to myself that while it worked well for me last year, the good karma was not to be repeated and I was pulled in record fashion. Ross would stick tough with the closest group resembling a peloton all day, and would earn his second points of the season with a 15th place finish.

Overall Penn would finish 12th place both days, Sean would get his B upgrade, and Max would move up to 2nd place in the Men C standings. All told, an excellent way to spend the last days of spring break.



Ross says he's unimpressed with all of Sean's victories and wants to see what he does in Mens B's.

Columbia Grant's Tomb Criterium Overall Team Results- Penn 12/29

Men B- 55 starters

27. Ross Marklein

DNF. Leonard Klipper (5 prime points)

Women B- 43 starters

32. Tara Walhart

Men C- 70 starters

1. Sean Whiteman (22 pts)

5. Max Korus (16 pts +10 prim points)

34. Matt Furlow

Men D- 57 starters

29. Jimmy Ma

Stevens Institute of Technology

Overall Team Results- Penn 12/26

Men B- 39 starters

15. Ross Marklein (1pt)

35. Leonard Klipper

Men C- 26 Starters

1. Sean Whiteman (22pts + 11 prime points)

2. Max Korus (16 pts + 13 prime points)

10. Matt Furlow (3 pts)

Men D- 32 Starters

19. Jimmy Ma