

# Good Friday Race Report

My dad and I woke up at 6:00 a.m Friday morning to prepare for the Good Friday Ontario Cup road race. We got our gear together and were on are way to the course. We arrived early and got a good parking spot and signed in. The weather looked good for a day of racing.

We got our numbers and got ready to warm up. My dad started at 9:00 a.m for the Master 3/ Senior 4 race. With over 150 riders starting in the peloton, I knew this was going to be a tough first race of the season for every racer.

The race was 54 km on an 18 km course, with 150m of climbing each lap. The race was quickly shattered after a small crash on one of the descents. My dad happened to be behind the crash and safely avoided it, but unfortunately was unable to gain back any ground.

He rode with a group of 5 riders, who for the most part did what they could to reduce the damage, and ended up finishing mid pack in 62nd place, 10 minutes back. Not bad for the first race of the season.

I started at 11:15 a.m, along with the senior 3's. Our pack had a little over 100 riders on the start line, with over 40 of us being Juniors .

The race started of pretty fast, but slowed down a lot not given much room in the pack, it was shoulder to shoulder.

A break of 5 juniors went on the third lap, but I was unable to make the break being that I was somewhere in the middle unable to respond. Nobody chased the breakaway, and the five juniors finished ahead of the pack. The final one km was frustrating. The yellow line rule was no longer enforced, and the group spread across the road. Nobody tried to open the sprint and there was no opening's.

I got on a wheel and hoped that I was able to come around, but there was no room. I thought about going on the shoulder, but it wasn't worth it. I was edged out by inches, managing 12th in the group sprint, and got 4 points for, the Ontario Cup Road Series.

It was a good friday.

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