

Santa's Handout for December 2007

Race Program

1.12.07	47km CVVCC Memorial Hcp (35 Km + M'Boro Rd) P Dalton R McIntosh N Shipp B Tonkin J Sim	Woodstock 2.00pm
8.12.07	35km Team Time Trial & Meeting T Kapa B Jane J Corry G Bennett G Leech	Woodstock 2.00pm
15.12.07	56km Perrow's Paint Christmas H/cp & B-B-Q P Harrison M Brady S Auld C Barker B Fisher	Woodstock 2.00pm

JT Aggregate – John Macague by a country mile

John Macague has won the 2007 JY Aggregate by the length of the straight (which is a fairly long one at HQ). Full results will be posted at Woodstock after the final races. Congratulations John

Euronews – T- Mobile disconnected – Cadel Evans wins poll – Astana in doubt

Deutsche Telekom AG, sponsors since 1991 of the team now known as T-Mobile has withdrawn sponsorship with immediate effect despite earlier backing team owner Bob Stapleton's zero tolerance drugs policy with an agreement to sponsor until 2010. T-Mobile had 40 riders including the worlds top womens' team at the start of 2007. Australians Michael Rogers, Scott Davies, Oenone Wood, Kate Bates, Alexis Rhodes and D/S Allan Peiper appear to be keeping their jobs because Stapleton's company will race the team as High Road Sports although there will be budget restraints. Deutsche Telekom has also withdrawn sponsorship from the Tours of Germany and Poland. Germany's other top team Gerolsteiner has also folded and TV station ZDF is non committal about future Tour coverage.

Cadel Evans got a ride in the Melbourne Cup. In full race gear he carried the golden trophy out to the presentation area. This exposure may have got him across the line in the Sydney Morning Herald's Sports Performer of the Year where he finished ahead of six other athletes nominated by Herald and Melbourne Age readers. Evans, the 2007 Pro Tour Champion and Tour de France runner up, is to give the \$50,000 prize to the Amy Gillett Foundation and Ian Thorpe's Fountain of Youth. This Sunday Evans will lead the Tour de Cadel, a fund raiser ridden through Sydney to raise money for the Dave Peachey foundation which supports indigenous children. Evans spent the first three years of his life on an aboriginal settlement at Barunga in the Northern Territory.

Team Astana, which finished the 2007 season under a cloud now has two problems. It appears to have more riders on it's books than permitted for a Pro-Tour season team and the 2007 team riders who are still under contract have not been paid since August. Having picked up Tour winner Alberto Contador and manager Johann Bryneel from the now defunct Discovery Channel team, a makeover was promised but Astana is still stuck with a dysfunctional image.

And I Interrupt Myself To Bring You Interesting And Different Things To Do Over Christmas

A drunken man broke into a central London park and attempted to have sex with a fence, a court heard. Daniel French, 24, made "sexual motions" towards metal railings in Leicester Square Gardens after being challenged by police in the early hours of Sunday morning, Westminster Magistrates' Court was told. "He said words to the effect of: 'I'm going to have sex with that fence'," said Philip Lemoine, prosecuting "The gardens were locked and police asked French to leave. He was drunk and there were some sexual motions - drunken silliness - to the railings." Mr Lemoine added: "French said he had a relative who was a solicitor and would teach the police a lesson."

French, of Verity Way, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, admitted being drunk and disorderly after a night out in the West End, but angrily denied making romantic overtures towards the fence. "That's not right at all about the fence. I was surrounded by three big police officers. I felt I was being bullied and wanted to go home. They were pushing me against the fence and trying to provoke me," he told magistrates on Monday. "The suggestion that I was trying to do something sexual to the railings is disgusting." French was sentenced to serve the time he had already spent in custody since his arrest - meaning he was allowed to walk free from court. Romantic liaisons with inanimate objects are not as uncommon as one might think. Last week a "cycle-sexualist" caught half-naked in a compromising position with his bicycle in a Scottish hostel was put on probation for three years. *From the UK Daily Telegraph.*