

Last weekend saw four Griffith Cycle Club riders travel to Wagga to compete in the Wagga Open 84km handicap race.

Russell Webb, Jenni Massey, Mitch Harrison and Neil Warnock all took high hopes of good legs into the race with over 100 other competitors.

The course was littered with climbs and when ridden at race pace can be leg shattering. Warnock was the standout performer for the Club with an 8th place finish to be in the money in his first ever open race.

Warnock was riding very well and through inexperience probably did a little too much work compared to the others in his group who were happy on his wheel. It was a great ride by Warnock that will build his confidence and his racing knowledge.

Massey Webb and Harrison all put in strong rides but at one point or another all suffered on the climbs but rode well to the finish.

The Sunday criteriums were eagerly contested on a great course in the middle of Wagga. Very picturesque, very technical and very fast. The criterium events were graded scratch races. On a technical circuit the most important challenge is to be near the front of the peloton.

Russell Webb did this well. Using his experience from the State criterium championships a month ago, Webb held good position throughout his race.

With the finish approaching Webb was in good position but unfortunately when the sprint kicked for home the wheel ahead didn't respond. Webb had to give it his all but could just not peg back the leaders to finish in fourth place after a great race.

Jenni Massey was out of luck in her race with a puncture after a couple of laps putting paid to her race.

Mitch Harrison put in a good ride in his race to finish with the bunch. Neil Warnock rode well on tired legs to gain more racing experience.

This weekend will see the fourth round of the Griffith Motorcycle Centre Cup. There are three leaders going in to the round with each hoping to get a jump on the other competitors.

Dennis Irvine, Russell Webb and Lyall Mumford sit atop the leader board on 36 points. Matt Nugan and Neil Warnock are close behind in fourth and fifth respectively.

The best placed scratch rider is Jeff Stoll filling sixth on 30 points. The scratch riders are yet to win a race this series and can't be far away from contesting the finish.

The middle and front markers have so far dominated the race results through some great, hard and fast riding and are not going to be easy for the back markers to catch.

Riders are to meet at the Hanwood circuit at 8:30am for rider registration with racing to commence at 9:00am. Riders are reminded to bring your race numbers.