

4th Ronde Ohop Kermesse

Eatonville, Washington USA

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Sweet Vengeance: Gallagher Dominates

One year after placing 2nd and 3rd at the Ronde Ohop as The Valley, Team Bobs-Bicycles.com avenged itself by launching Mike Gallagher on a dominate ride to win the 2007 Ronde Ohop. By winning the first race of the Washington State cycling season, Gallagher also claims the first Washington Cup leader's jersey of 2007.

How it unfolded

Despite predictions of snow, drizzling rain, freezing temperatures, unbearable crosswinds and cyclocross course conditions a solid field including last years podium lined up ready for a long day in the saddle. Team Bobs-Bicycles.com and AxleyUSA.com p/b Seigler Sports set tempo from the start trading turns at the front to ensure their strong riders made the base of the Muur d' Mashell in the front. Unlike previous years, most riders opted for modified cyclocross bikes with road gearing and slick tires. That choice proved wise from the start as riders struggled up a slick and rough climb. Many riders lost contact with the lead group immediately.

Team Bobs-Bicycles.com wasted no time attacking the field on the road section and formed an elite lead group with Rob Campbell, Derik Archibald, Michael Gallagher (Team Bobs-Bicycles.com), Michael Emde, Lang Reynolds, Mark Knokey (AxleyUSA.com p/b Seigler Sports), Michael Gaertner (Vertical Earth) and Todd Gallaher (AVA / Counterbalance). An untimely mechanical by Knokey tipped the balance of power to Team Bobs-Bicycles who countered a move by Emde and Archibald to whittle the lead group down to Reynolds, Campbell, Archibald and Gallagher with Emde chasing just behind. In the field, Hofeldt futilely drove the chase to join his outnumbered team-mate.

Caught out alone and unaware that Emde was slowly coming back to the lead group, Reynolds set tempo hoping to discourage attacks his breakaway companions. Gallagher would have none of that, and attacked solo to go clear by several minutes and lapping most of the field. While Archibald faded, Emde was able to rejoin and then counter Reynolds and Campbell. Campbell, having taken advantage of his team's numerical superiority to conserve energy answered Emde and took 2nd. In his first Ronde Ohop, Reynolds capped off an excellent ride to finish 4th.

Results Category 1/2/3 – 20 laps (40 miles)

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| 1 | Mike Gallagher | Team Bobs-Bicycles.com |
| 2 | Rob Campbell | Team Bobs-Bicycles.com |
| 3 | Michael Emde | Axley USA/Seigler Sports |

4	Lang Reynolds	Axley USA/Seigler Sports
5	Michael Gaertiner	Vertical Earth
6	Derek Archbald	Team Bobs-Bicycles.com
7	Todd Gallaher (M)	Ava/Counterbalance
8	Justin Hofeldt	Vertical Earth
9	James Strangeland	Wines of Washington
10	Eric Kapfhammer	Axley USA/Seigler Sports
11	Shawn Ongers	Axley USA/Seigler Sports
12	Martin Criminale (M)	ByrneInvent
13	Mark Knokey	Axley USA/Seigler Sports
14	Jason Hobson	
15	Michael Pruitt	Axley USA/Seigler Sports
16	Paul Nelson	Axley USA/Seigler Sports
17	Walt Nestall	Old Town
18	Ted Chauvin	Hagens-Berman
19	Craig Graecyacny (M)	Axley USA/Seigler Sports
20	Damon Pettinger (M)	California Giants

Brief Report & Results: Womens - 15 laps (30 miles)

Despite crashing during her warm-up, Susan Ashlock (Byrne Specialty Gas) rode away from her field early to rack up an impressive solo win and the leaders jersey in the Washington Cup.

1	Kari Bolton	Avanti/Ti Cycles
2	Allison Beall	Avanti/Ti Cycles
3	Lee Smith	Team Group Health

Results: Cat 3/4/5 – 15 laps (30 miles)

1	Seth Holton	Ava/Counterbalance
2	Pete Banko	Avanti/Ti Cycles
3	Daniel Stadley	Spokane Rocket Velo
4	Glenn Powell	Fanatic Bike Co
5	Dan Davidson	Avanti/Ti Cycles
6	Ryan Bibko	ASC Junior/Axley USA
7	Jeff Evans	Axley USA/Spoke and Sproket
8	David Volkert	Axley USA/Spoke and Sproket
9	Brett Clothier Sharman	Axley USA/Spoke and Sproket
10	Zachary Jones	Avanti/Ti Cycles
11	Kurt Litsinger	Axley USA/Spoke and Sproket
12	Matt Swanson	Ava/Counterbalance
13	Bernie Hayden	Ava/Counterbalance
14	Nolan Hayden	Ava/Counterbalance

Washington Cup Standings after 1 Round

Cat 1 - 2

1	Mike Gallagher - Team Bobs-Bicycles.com	100
2	Rob Campbell - Team Bobs-Bicycles.com	75
3	Michael Emde - AxleyUSA.com p/b Seigler Sports	60
4	Lang Reynolds - AxleyUSA.com p/b Seigler Sports	50
5	Michael Gaertner - Vertical Earth	45
6	Derek Archbald - - Team Bobs-Bicycles.com	40
7	Justin Hofeldt - Vertical Earth	35
8	James Strangeland - Wines of Washington	30
	Eric Kapfhammer - AxleyUSA.com p/b Seigler Sports	
9		25
10	Shawn Ongers - AxleyUSA.com p/b Seigler Sports	20
11	Mark Knokey - AxleyUSA.com p/b Seigler Sports	19
12	Jason Hobson	18
13	Michael Pruitt - AxleyUSA.com p/b Seigler Sports	17
14	Paul Nelson - Hagens Berman	16
15	Walt Nestall - Old Town Bicycles	15
16	Ted Chauvin - Hagens-Berman	14

Masters

1	Todd Gallaher - AVA / Counterbalance	100
2	Martin Criminale - ByrneInvent	75
	Craig Graecyacny - AxleyUSA.com p/b Seigler Sports	
3		60
4	Damon Pettinger - California Giant	50

Womens Cat 1-2-3

1	Kari Bolton (Avanti / TiCycles)	100
2	Allison Beall (Avanti / TiCycles)	75
3	Lee Smith (Group Health)	60

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