

5th Ronde Ohop Kermesse Eatonville, Washington USA August 15, 2010

Domination! Richter with authority

“The more I think about the race, the more epic I realize it was”. – Race Winner David Richter

David Richter (Herriott Sports Performance) won the 5th edition of the Ronde Ohop in classic style going solo early and winning by over two minutes. David Fleshauer (Herriott Sports Performance) and Alan Adams (Hagens Berman) completed the podium in a race marked by 90 degree heat and aggressive riding. The Ronde Ohop is notable for the Mashell Loop which includes one mile of hard-pack dirt each lap. Riders completed 10 laps of the Mashell Loop.



I am the champion!

How it unfolded



I thought it always rained at this race

If the field was concerned about the Mashell Loop or the notorious 12% grade up the Muur Mashell each lap they did not show it. Riders threw caution to the wind early with attacks beginning in the first two miles that saw the field split into three groups. Richter was first onto the dirt sector of Mashell Loop with a 40 second lead over the chase while the main field came in over a minute behind. While Richter lead was never in doubt, the fight for second began with the chase's composition shuffling over the middle laps.

Several riders from the field were able to join the chase, which itself was whittled down as rider fell away or flatted. David Fleshauer (Herriott Sports Performance) secured second place by successfully bridging to a waiting Richter with four laps to go. Working together the pair was able to extend their lead over Adams, Steve Fisher (Hagens Berman) and the rest of the chasers. With one lap to go both riders suffered flats. First, Fleshauer flatted just past the Muur Mashell. Richter was forced to continue alone, but also flatted as he came off the dirt section. Richter arrived at the wheel pit first and was easily able to hold his lead for the win. Fleshauer arrived moments later and held on for second. Despite being unable to capitalize on Team Herriott's misfortune Alan Adams was clearly happy with his third place proclaiming any chance to race in dirt a good day.



That's going to leave a mark



Podium (L-R) David Feshauer, David Richter and Alan Adams

Results Category 1/2/3 – (32 Miles, 10 dirt sectors)

Place	Name	Team
1	David Richter	Herriott Sports Performance
2	David Fleshauer	Herriott Sports Performance
3	Alan Adams	Hagens Berman
4	Steve Fisher	Hagens Berman
5	Karl Cunningham	Keller Rohrback
6	Erik Peterson	RCR/Raleigh
7	David Kirske	RAD Racing
8	Aaron Levin	Herriott Sports Performance
DNF	Tyler Stetson	Raleigh
DNF	Todd Gallaher	IJM
DNF	Zach McDonald	
DNF	Nick Weighall	Cal Giant
DNF	Logan Owen	Hagens Berman
DNF	Colin Kerbsbach	First Rate Mortgage
DNF	Joseph Skokan	Bikesale.com

Results Category Masters 35+ – (26 Miles, 7 dirt sectors)

Place	Name	Team
1	Ross Gilbert	Old Town Bicycles
2	Mark Knokey	Vertical Earth
3	Michael Pruitt	Keller Rohrback
4	Carl Anton	Recycled Cycles
5	Brett Clothies-Starman	Cucina Fresca
6	Kevin Raymond	BikeSale.com
7	Lee Smith	Group Health
8	Nicole Weiss	Unattached
DNF	Travis Needle	Cucina Fresca

Results Category 4/5 (26 Miles, 7 dirt sectors)

Place	Name	Team
1	Jeff Beltramini	NWCC
2	Kenton Berg	Second Ascent
3	Kurt Litzinger	Apex
4	Andrew Eisen	
5	Paul Krebsbach	First Rate Mortgage
6	Kevin Raymond	Bikesale.com
7	Stephen Garvin	Badlands Bicycle Club
8	Mike Branten	Old Town Bicycles
9	Tyler Moore	
10	Tim Ferrell	CycleU
11	Alex gentile	ByrneInvent
12	Kenton Ramirez	ByrneInvent
DNF	Todd	

DNF	Matt Malya	Certified Backflow
DNF	Peter Collis	ByrneInvent
DNF	Mark Taylor	SCCA / Starbucks