

# The Drummond Trophy 2008

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## Race Report

**Thanks to sponsor Norrie Drummond of Drummond Racing** who put up the extravagant prize list this year totalling £5500. This years Drummond was the 53<sup>rd</sup> uninterrupted year of the race, which has always been kindly backed by the Drummond family. We look forward to many more years of Norrie's Support and hope to see you at the Drummond next year.

**Thanks to Peter Collins, John and Stewart of Kwik-fit Mobile Scotland.**

Who supplied vans to help out in the Race along with the prize for the most aggressive rider and the 1<sup>st</sup> third category rider.

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April 20<sup>th</sup>, another year another Drummond Trophy. This year's Drummond was the first held on the Stewarton course. Some people thought this course would not match the calibre of the Strathaven circuit, however they forgot this is the Drummond trophy....

The race was neutralised over the Balagiouch climb and then it began. The bunch was immediately strung out on the A77 by Alex Coutts. The group then split with 3 riders breaking free and gaining a 12 second advantage at the bottom of the Stewarton climb. Three more riders joined the group to make six; they included James McCallum, Alex Coutts, Dieter Droger, Arthur Doyle and Paul McNally.

This group continued round the course taking on the winds from the moor however the bunch was committed and wasn't going to let them get away. They pulled the group back but McCallum came to race not to sit in the bunch. He put his head down and launched an attack into the headwind - an attack only Arthur Doyle and Gary Hand could follow. This group gained a 20 second lead on the hard chasing pack but then a group of riders escaped and joined the lead group. The group that crossed over included Alex Coutts, Paul Coats, David Lines, Scott Macrae, Jim Cusick, Micky Mallen, Tim Allan and Euan Pope.

This group continued to make ground on the bunch and then the strong wind split the group again. This time only Coutts, McCallum, Hand and Doyle made it. With two laps left to go this was the winning move although the pedal power boys kept the pressure on in the chasing group. The lead group with a lap and a half left to go managed to get whittle down to three riders; McCallum, Coutts and Hand. Arthur Doyle was then caught by the chasers who were now 2 mins down on the leaders.

Dieter Droger then seen his chance to try and get across to the leaders. However the leaders weren't going to let this happen they increased there lead to 6 minutes over the chasers and 4 minutes over Droger. The race was decided.

Over the closing stages of the race the groups worked well together but couldn't get anything on the leading group. Callum Wilkinson made various attempts to get clear of the chasers but was unsuccessful. Lines then made the right move and caught Droger.

The finish was on the Balagiouch climb - where only the strongest would win. The strongest was James McCallum of Plowman Craven.

James became another name on the prestigious Drummond Trophy and yet another former Glenmarnock rider to win the race.

