

Stage Three

Blue Mounds, the name means its going to be a long climb in the saddle. The annual **Blue Mounds Classic** has to be the first challenge for the **Polka dot Jersey** and will no doubt put some serious point gaps in the JMRS racers. Will this be where **James Moore, Greg Ferguson, Christian Griego, and Cory Hayden** make their big moves onto the Jersey Series podium? Blue Mounds always brings out the great climbers and will test the wills of the sprinters looking to control the gaps and the placings within the race. The BMC always provides a wide range of racers and many of the high points placings could be filled by non-jersey series racers, making for a very interesting points battle at the end of the day for series JMRS riders. The seven climbs will ensure that there will be plenty of large gaps at the end of the day.

Julie Phelps and Andrea Potyondy-Smith will start a season long battle for the yellow, polka dot at the BMC. **Helmy Tennis** will also be in the mix and be searching for a high place finish in the race.

After the race, enjoy a free beer and root beer provided by sponsor Mad City Brewing. Plenty of cookies will also take the chill off you r bones after the long 5-mile climb up to the finish.

Stage Four

The second of the 4 required Time Trial's in order to claim the Yellow, Magenta, or White jerseys will no doubt be one of the more important Time Trials of the season. Stage 4 shapes up to be a classic in the JMRS. **The 4th annual Brice Prairie TT on Saturday June 27** should see all of the contenders entering for a chance at the 40-kilometer challenge to put some points distance between themselves and their rivals. Director Gretchen Johnson is rolling out all of the hospitality for this race. Door Prizes, raffles, and food for all entrants and that's just the tip of the iceberg. Rumor has it Saturday night there might be a band for all athletes to party late into the night with. Come on out even if its just for the party all proceeds for the race go to support the Brice Prairie Conservation Association

Maggie Fournier could put a stamp on her championship hopes with a stellar performance on the flat, fast, 40K course. **Julie Phelps and Helmy Tennis** could have something to say before the day is out though. I am very excited to see how the women's jerseys situation shakes out after this one with Omro on the horizon the next day.

For the Men we could see a whole new shake up. Do the **Brones Boys** change strategy and go for the individual awards? If so that could put a damper on defending their 4-person award won last year. **Mark Brone** will no doubt have his team ready for the challenge and have the straggies worked out to keep his boys in their respective jerseys. Look for **David Goetzing** to have a strong run and move up in the points after giving up points at Blue Mounds. If this writer has his

rig ready to run he will be looking for a top 15 placing and a few yellow points for 09 and to try and claim one of the red framed plaques for a good age group placing.

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