

## Hell of the North

Multiple team members started their Utah cycling season with the “Hell of the North”, Utah Cycling Association’s first race of the year. While other team members were training for the Tour of the Gila, Gary Porter, Jeff Ure, Mike MacDonald, Gary Simmons, Don Bowen, Scott Bales and Don Armstrong tested their skills on what is traditionally a very ugly endeavor.

Mike MacDonald: “The Hell of the North lived up to its name. It was like riding thru sand on a beach with a road bike. Burn those legs. We did pick up some good points in both 35 & 45. Gary Gardner from the Club did well for us finishing just behind Don and ahead of me. Bad luck for Jeff with the flat. Scott Allen from Canyon was giving him great compliments about the break.”

In the 35+ Group, Gary and Jeff hit it hard, only to have Jeff pull up with a flat while in an impressive break, ending his bids for a top finish. Gary weathered the abusive course to finish an impressive 6<sup>th</sup>. Gary later stated that “it was one of the most difficult races I’ve done for a while.”

In the 45+ Group, the team was represented well with Don Bowen finishing 8<sup>th</sup>, Gary Gardiner 9<sup>th</sup>, and Mike MacDonald 11<sup>th</sup>. Scott Bales, Gary Simmons and Don Armstrong DNF due to mechanical or flat tires. All said, it was a great representation for Bountiful Mazda!

## Utah Criterium Series

Just in case you haven’t heard, Jeff is tearing it up at the Utah Criterium series. Just last week, he expertly placed himself in a two man break on the asphalt oval that ended up lapping the field! How demoralizing would that be if you weren’t in the break??? Check out the Criterium series finishes so far. Jeff is sitting in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the A group! Attached is also a photo of Jeff in some pretty good company. Even though the clarity isn’t the best, the company Jeff is in is impressive. Gary’s Porter’ commentary: “That’s a great shot with you in the RMR break. It looks like its Gardie Jackson on the front....Then Dave Zabriskie. followed by Dave Harward...with Cameron Hofman coming next....and our boy Jeff...that just came off the front to catch his breath....wearing the Bountiful Mazda colors.....that's an experience that not too many people in the world can make.....being in a break with Dave Z!!! I talked to Dave Harward about the break...and he said you were one strong mother....and never missed a turn...he was impressed!”