

SPORTS

Velodrome 6 Day coming down to the wire Sunday

Canadian individual pursuit champions Svein Tuft and Zach Bell took a commanding 10-point lead in the omnium after the first night of racing at the Giant Bicycles 6 Days of Burnaby at the Burnaby velodrome Tuesday.

Tuft and Bell won the second 60-lap Madison race, but were beaten in the other two 60-lap races by visiting teams.

The young under-20 American pair of Austin Carrol and Cody O'Reilly won the opening team pursuit ahead of the national team pairing of Martin Gilbert and Ryan McKenzie.

Hungarian champion Adrian Hegevary and national champion Daniel Harm of the U.S. scored an upset win over Bell and Tuft in the final Madison race of the evening.

Some of the best track racers in North America will continue racing all through the weekend at the Burnaby velodrome.

Other results included two of Canada's newest names in sprinting, Felix Haspel defeating JetFuel's Jamie Shankland in two straight rides Tuesday.

Giro di Burnaby women's race winner Gina Grain dominated the B-level points race, taking a commanding lead over Ontario's Dave Byer.

Racing will continue all day Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m. and running until 4 p.m. with a variety of races for A-, B- and C-level riders, as well as new racers, juniors and women.

Hot food, music and beverages will also be served prior to the evening racing session, including a 100-lap elite Madison.

A bike swap will be ongoing Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the velodrome.

On Sunday, racing gets underway at 10 a.m. with a gruelling 120-lap Madison and continues with exciting points, scratch and elimination races.

Awards will be handed out at 2:30 p.m.

The velodrome is located on the Barnet Highway at the Harry Jerome Sports Centre.