



Press Release

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Forest City Velodrome Grand Opening, London, Ontario, Saturday, April 30, 2005

On Saturday April 30, 2005 at 7:00 pm, the lights will shine brightly at the new indoor velodrome in Canada. "We are planning for a full house of over 1,000 spectators for our Grand Opening," said Albert Coulier, the 87 year old who put the track into the London Gardens, an old ice hockey arena, with his two sons Bob & Ron Schelstrate.

"The racing last week was our trial run. Now that we have the race day jitters out of system, the event this week will be a more compact show lasting two hours," said Coulier. "If our first show was exciting, our second will be full of the same action packed racing."

The Official Grand Opening of the Forest City Velodrome with the ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place prior to the first race of the night at 7:00 pm. Many out of town riders have been invited to take part. The racing cyclists will come from the United States, the Province of Quebec, and of course Ontario.

Among the scheduled events is the lap record competition with a time to beat of 9.02 seconds. Other races will include 10 and 25 lap scratch races, an "unknown distance" race, and the crowd-pleasing Madison.

Many of Ontario Masters who are attending an open training camp on the weekend will compete in the evening's races.

The Forest City Velodrome is conveniently located just metres off Highway 401 at the Wellington Street South exit in London. From either Toronto or Windsor, the velodrome is about a 2 hour drive along the 401. It's less than an hour from Kitchener-Waterloo.

From the 401, take Wellington Road south to the stop lights at Roxborough Road. Turn left on Roxborough. The velodrome is just 250 metres along Roxborough on the right.

Gates open at 5:30 pm, the warm-up starts at 6:00 pm, with racing at 7:00 pm sharp. General Admission is \$10.00, Seniors \$5.00 (with or without coupon) and children under 15 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

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