

ISLE OF MAN CYCLING TEAM

Scratch Race Heats

Less than 24 hours after securing only the ninth ever medal for the Isle of Man, **Mark Christian** and team mate **Chris Whorrall** were back riding the velodrome.

After success in the Points Race, this time they turned their attention to the Scratch Race – the event that brought a gold medal for Mark Cavendish four years ago in Melbourne. Today was the heats – two 40 lap blasts to reduce the 36 entrants down to 24 for tomorrow’s final.

Confident performances from both lads saw them ease through to the main event tomorrow, Chris in 7th place in Heat 1 and Mark getting second spot in Heat 2.

Everyone was wanting to know how Mark felt after his medal-winning effort of the previous day,

“It felt pretty smooth. I’m not really tired from the ride yesterday. These races are always a bit twitchy, and there’s a bit of pressure. These heats are so short that there is always a chance that you can get caught out.”

Chris was confident after his heat,

“That felt good today. It was really fast. I’m happy enough and looking forward to the final tomorrow. Between the two of us, I’m confident that we can get a medal again.”