

THIS WEEK'S EXPERTS

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Former shop staffer who's only ever off the bike just long enough to write a test report

Ian Cleverly



Mr C has been putting in the miles on the Tifosi Winter Trainer — this week it's his final report

Stu Bowers



It's the cross season so the wins are coming thick and fast, as are the winter colds, but curiously not the cakes...

Product news

AFTER ALL the recent freezing weather, here are some of the hottest pro-style products to get you all fired up about riding again

Northwave Core bibshorts

SHORTS like these are a staple for the hardened spring Classics rider, with teams like Discovery using similar ones in the past.

Using Lombardia fabric, the thicker material is similar to brushed fleece, giving much-needed warmth when the temperature drops. The front of the bib covers the chest for maximum protection and warmth. The Core's anatomical design uses flatlock stitching for comfort and an

autolock zip for the high front. A more breathable fabric is used on the back of the bib to help regulate body temperature.

Comfort is provided via a bi-elastic high-density pad with air foam that is applied with four-needle flatlock stitching.

A vertical reflective strip on the shorts provides a hint of safety and the graphics are neat and subtle.

Retailing for £54.99, they are an excellent winter buy.

Contact www.jimwalker.co.uk or www.gbicycles.co.uk, 020 8688 5094



Mavic recall

MAVIC has issued an urgent recall notice for all of its R-SYS front wheels as a "precautionary safety measure". It has identified a problem with the tubular carbon-fibre spokes in the front wheels and has decided it is sufficiently serious to ask anyone who has the wheels to stop using them immediately and return the front wheel for replacement.

The exchange is due to start on March 31; in the interim Mavic has offered users a pair of Aksium wheels so they can continue riding.

Wheels should be returned to your local Mavic dealer (see mavic.com for more info).