



Melb-Warrnambool Finish!

Sprint down & to the left

The Raglan Parade, final home-straight >

- ✍ appears on bending right at top of McDonalds hill
- ✍ is over 1.5km long but looks 'shorter' than it really is
- ✍ cambers down to the left the closer you get to the finish line
- ✍ holds a lot of people & excitement which triggers early lead-outs
- ✍ is a descent & then a climb that has an uphill final stretch of over 400m
- ✍ 200m-to-go sprint mark is just after the BP servo (last side-street on left)

Have a look at this picture below where the finish of the 1993 Melb-Warrnambool road race clearly shows how the home-straight is not flat at all.

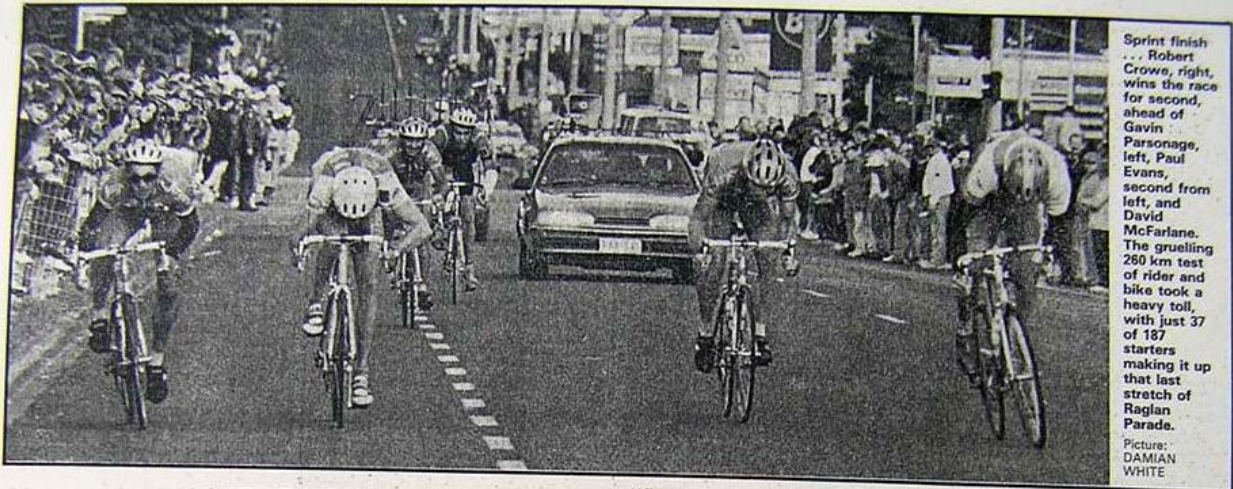
In fact, the left downhill camber of the roadway and its gradual uphill gradient make the sprint for the line a very difficult task for someone who takes the common right-hand side-barrier line.

Make a mental note of these WHAT TO DO tips below, and whatever happens, aim your sprint to the left-hand side!

What to do... >

- ✍ sprint as late as possible, wait until the 150m mark
- ✍ sprint down-hill in a drift toward the left side of the street
- ✍ cover moves but aim to sit-on and patiently wait for others to initiate
- ✍ first-time Warrny riders will start sprinting too early in the dip (400m to go!)
 - ✍ (see picture below)

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Sprint finish ... Robert Crowe, right, wins the race for second, ahead of Gavin Parsonage, left, Paul Evans, second from left, and David McFarlane. The grueling 260 km test of rider and bike took a heavy toll, with just 37 of 187 starters making it up that last stretch of Raglan Parade.
Picture: DAMIAN WHITE