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PHOTO BY AXEL KOESTER

Cory Williams of Team Legion of Los Angeles celebrates as he crosses the finish line and wins the Men's Senior Open race at the Chevron Manhattan Beach Grand Prix on Sunday. Please turn to page 7 for the story and additional photos.



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*By Staff report*

Whether you were a kid on a trike, a teen jogger or a professional cyclist, Sunday was your day in Manhattan Beach.

The Chevron Manhattan Beach Grand Prix wheeled its way back into the city after a two-year hiatus because the pandemic.

It's the oldest single-day cycling race in the U.S. to be held on the same course, according to organizers.

The event featured nine races designed for all levels of cyclists, a 1-mile "Run for Education," a Kids' Zone area with activities, and food vendors and local exhibits. The pros – which often include Olympic and Tour de France champions – rode a 1.4-mile course that circles around Live Oak Park, up Valley Drive and down Ardmore Avenue, from 15th Street to Pacific Avenue.

The course is considered one of the more technical courses in USA Cycling competition, according to the MBGP website. It is shaped like a slightly bent paperclip,



Melissa Hailey wins the Women's Pro race.



The Kids Race at the Manhattan Beach Grand Prix.



Riders compete in the Men's Pro race of the Manhattan Beach Grand Prix.



Parents cheer their athletes during the Kids Race on Sunday.



Janelle Holden, an event sponsor, passes out medals to Kids Race participants.



Riders take off from the starting line of the Women's Pro race.



A runner reacts after competing in the Manhattan Mile.



Riders take a sharp turn in the Women's Pro race.



Parents take photos, video of their children during the Kids Race.