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very warm welcome to all spectators, riders, officials, marshals and sponsors to the MCN British Superbike Championship at Knockhill. Everyone at Knockhill and all the Scottish motorcycle racing fans are delighted to see this annual visit of the best National Superbike Championship in the World. It's the first part of Knockhill's fabulous racing fortnight which sees the AutoTrader RAC British Touring Car Championship here next weekend, with these two events, what more could a motorsport fan wish for in Scotland?

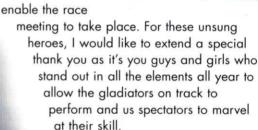
Last year who could forget the heroic superhuman achievements of Niall Mackenzie who was taken out at the first corner, broke an ankle, but then rode in the



but throughout the race programme, but none more so than Steve Hislop, Isle of Man TT racing legend, who has mastered the Superbikes this year and is giving team-mate Mackenzie a real run for his money. It has all the elements to be a classic as these two champions battle it out on their home circuit. Today's racing could not

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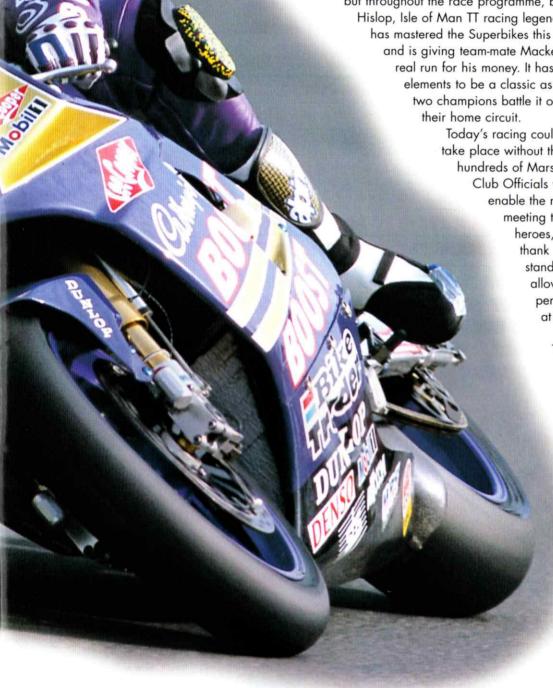
second round to victory, all in front of thousands of fans. This year we are so fortunate to have so many Scots in contention in not only the main races



As I mentioned, next week is the Touring Cars and we have a unique occurrence with the world car racing debut of none other than Jamie Whitham, current works Suzuki World Superbike rider. Jamie is no stranger to Knockhill and is a former winner here, so it should be a fantastic spectacle as he battles round in the Ford Fiesta celebrity car in two support races. For those who want to come back, see the enclosed offer in this programme. Finally may I wish everyone a safe and spectacular weekend of Motorcycle Racing.

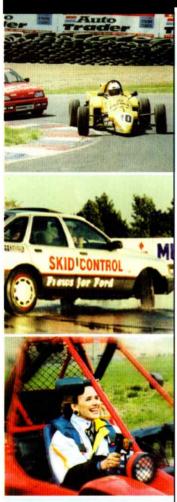
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# Race for the top

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of Hislop, who holds the

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# Scots on home charge for title glory

Fortune favours the brave, and on home territory, that should ensure a superb battle for supremacy between the two leading riders in the world's most competitive domestic race series—the Motor Cycle News British Superbike Championship. Coming into their "home" event, two of Scotland's finest riders, Niall Mackenzie and Steve Hislop, are separated by just a single point after a dozen spectacular races.

Adding to the equation, it is just possible that another Scot could dig deep into his reserves, with a burst of power, to repeat his success of last year here – lain Macpherson has had a tough year, but his recent results suggest he is on the charge, and could just spring something of a surprise here.

And, a fourth "local" could also be in the frame. Honda Britain's former champion Ian Simpson, a double Isle of Man TT winner earlier in the year, is back to fitness, and determined to take a first championship victory of the season.

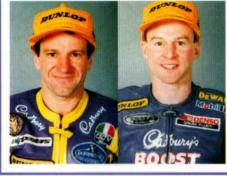
But, Knockhill is a special circuit for Mackenzie. It was here that he first raced, and won. He has a close affinity with the circuit, not that it was particularly kind to him last year, as he was punted out of the opening race as several other riders tumbled around him in the early stages. Badly shaken, and with his ankle swollen, Mackenzie was undaunted, and he was out in the second race, taking a victory to ease him that little bit further ahead of his then teamster and title rival Chris Walker.

### CADBURYS BOOST YAMAHA

One again, this is the team setting the pace, with both defending twice champion Mackenzie and his new for '98 team-mate Hislop, a former champion and eleven times Isle of Man TT winner, pushing hard for the title. Between them, the two riders have seven of the twelve races so far, with Mackenzie 4-3 ahead, and also leading the points 216-215. Action has been close, at times a bit too close, between them, and here, on "home" ground, the scrap will be even more intense — may the best man win!











#### ROUND 1

- Walker
- 2 Emmett 3 Haydon
- 3 Haydor 4 Bayliss
- 4 Bayliss 5 Rymer
- 6 Mackenzie

# ROUND 2 1 Mackenzie

- 2 Hislop3 Walker
- 4 Emmett
- 5 Bayliss 6 Rymer

Championship Standings: Walker 41, Mackenzie 35, Hislop 29.

Mackenzie went on to win the title for a second time, but by a bigger margin than his 1995 success when he again outpointed his team-mate, James Whitham, to take the crown. Now, in his third season with the Cadburys Boost Yamaha team, Mackenzie, the 37 year old Dunblane race-ace, again has to attempt to head off the challenge of a third team-mate – Hislop

"They certainly always come up with a tough in-team challenge for me, and there is no doubting that Steve is an excellent rider, but I want to keep the crown for a third year, and will be doing everything possible to hang on to it."

The duelling between the two riders, who between them have three British Superbike crowns between them – Mackenzie leads 2-1 – has provided fast, frantic and fierce scrapping as they have tried to out-manouevre each other amid a series of last lap dramas that have almost ended in tears as the pressure has intensified





The "no team orders" policy was underlined quite clearly back in April at Oulton Park where Mackenzie considered himself hard done by as Hislop nudged his way through to grab victory on the last corner of the last lap. "It wasn't a move that I would have made in that situation. He showed me his front wheel and I had a situation of either back off or risk both of us going down.

Hislop saw it differently. "There was a chance and I took it. It was good to put one over him." The feud continued at Thruxton where darting into the chicane for the final time. Mackenzie made the decisive dive for victory, chalking up a winning double in the process.

"I suppose you could say that evened up the score" said the twice defending champion, who is drawing on a wealth of experience gained in a decade spent in the fast-lane of grand prix. But, there was more to come at Snetterton, with the flag in sight for the end of the day's second race.

Hislop had held the upper-hand for much of the race, but Mackenzie, riding at his brilliant best had reeled him in and charging into the chicane, went for victory. The bikes touched, took to the gravel and grass. Both riders stayed on, but instead of a 1-2 finish, it was a 3-4.



"Niall's move nearly ended in disaster for both of us - it was horrendous" stormed Hislop, while Mackenzie countered: "it was a 50-50 move, he knew I was there and should have let me in.

Subsequently the racing has been just as furious, but without those moments, as Mackenzie, despite a tumble at his favourite Donington Park circuit, hit back there to take his fourth win of the campaign, while Hislop, enjoying his third taste of the winner' cham-

50th Anniversary year for the Japanese manufacturer and following their successes in the Northwest 200 and Isle of Man TT races earlier in the year, they are expecting more in the top domestic championship. Team is enjoying considerable support from HRC, with works spec engines but have so far to add to the one victory, at a wet Oulton Park in April. Rutter, the winner then, is tenth in the rankings, with 77 points, with team-mate Simpson, just adrift, and returning to racing after breaking an arm last month.

Michael RUTTER

lan SIMPSON





pagne at the Leicestershire circuit moved ahead in the title stakes for the first time.

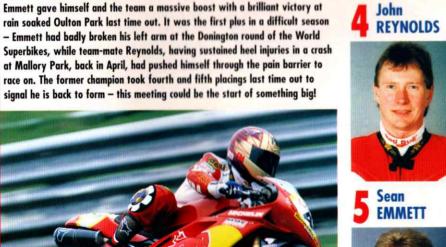
Hislop's points advantage lasted only to the next round at Oulton Park, where Mackenzie, with a brace of second placings, each time just ahead of his team-mate, eased back in front, by a single point to set up a superb dice here, as he bids to take a sixth British title in total. Prior to his grand prix career, Mackenzie had taken 250cc and 350cc titles.

Hislop also a former 250cc champion, has seen his career revitalised by his move to the Yamaha team - a couple of years in the doldrums had left the Isle of Man based rider beginning to question himself, but the man who won eleven TT races is back at the top and enjoying every minute of it.

The title looks to be developping into the Cadburys Boost riders' own private battle, as they have opened up a 47 points advantage over the pursuing pack, which is led by Walker, who made a close season switch to join the Kawasaki team, enjoying a dream start to the season as he claimed pole start for the Brands Hatch opener, and then won the first round.

Walker, who came from "zero to hero" in a couple of hectic years in which he dominated club and then national racing, scored points on his grand prix debut, and also tasted World Superbike action prior to settling to the rigours of the British Superbike championship.

The Nottingham rider took three third placings in in his next three rides after winning in









Kent, to become the early season points leader, but though he has enjoyed three other top-three finishes, including a second place at Snetterton, he has slipped to third place in the rankings. His title chances have not been helped by a heavy fall in the first of the two races at Oulton Park last month which could rule him out of racing here.

Walker was one of several riders who went down at the damp Druids corner of the

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Cheshire circuit, and though he suffered knee injuries, he rode bravely to seventh place in the day's second race. Subsequent detailed examination showed a badly damaged knee-cap and as this programme closed to press, it was unclear if he would be able to ride at Knockhill.

Should he be absent, the pressure will be on his team-mate Macpherson to fly the Kawasaki flag. A best finish of third place at Thruxton is the Glaswegian's best to date, though recent races have brought positive results, to suggest he could be in the frame for a repeat of his victory here last year.

If the Kawasaki men need a second victory of the season, then that is certainly the case in the Honda Britain camp. Dominant on the road circuits, where Michael Rutter won both the Northwest 200 Superbike and Production races, and in the Isle of Man TT where Rutter enjoyed a first ever win, while Simpson took the



honours in the two major events, the F1 and Senior races, the team is striving to match that pedigree on the mainland circuits.

Rutter, the "rain-master", excelled in the April rains to win at Oulton Park, and looked set to give the team a second success in similar conditions when the action returned to the Cheshire circuit last month, but, while holding a seven seconds advantage, he slid out at Lodge.

Simpson missed that meeting, having broken

## SONY SUZUKI CRESCENT RACING

7 Terry RYMER



B James HAYDON



Challenge strengthens with every race, with riders showing consistency and racking up the points. Rymer has so far gained the only victory of the campaign, taking the honours at Snetterton as he stands fourth in the points tables on 148, with Haydon just adrift on 144. His best result of the season so far is a second place at Donington Park but he is long overdue top spot. Like former champion Rymer, Haydon has scored points in every round bar one, to be on the fringe of the title chase.



an arm in a tumble from his Honda Enduro bike, but he will be back in action here, and determined to end a dismal run of form that has seen his best results being three sixth placings. Enjoying major support from HRC, including retention of the special works engines used in the two road-race events, the team opted to miss last weekend's European round of the World Superbike championship at Brands Hatch, to concentrate on a testing programme to ensure they are part of the front-running pack here.

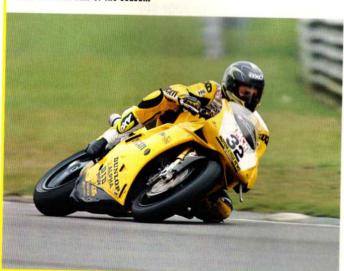
Rutter's despair at losing the last time out was the absolute joy of Sean Emmett, who at last had something to cheer about in what has proved to be a tough, injury hit year for the Red Bull Ducati team. It had all begun promisingly for them, with Emmett taking second and fourth placings at Brands Hatch, amid talk of a title challenge.

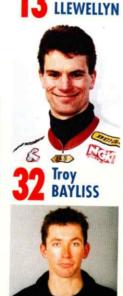
But then it all went wrong. The team's former champion John Reynolds was injured in a crash during practice for the non-championship "Race of the Year" at Mallory Park, and though he raced on, in obvious pain and discomfort, it was to be mid-season before he was anything like back to true form.

Reynolds made an impression at Oulton Park last month, taking fourth and fifth placings, which suggest he will be on the power here, but his form was eclipsed by Emmett, still recovering from serious injuries sustained in a high speed crash during the British round of the World Superbike Championship at Donington Park. Then he smashed his left arm in three places, but, he came back strongly to chalk up his first win of the season, and now is hungry for more.

# **TEAM GSE DUCATI**

Aussie ace Bayliss finally enjoyed maiden glory at Oulton Park to give the team first real cheer of a difficult season. And, he did it in style, first, claiming first ever pole start, and then biting back to head off Mackenzie who had grabbed the lead with a couple of laps remaining. A hard charging rider, Bayliss looks set for more. Expect to see Matt Llewellyn aboard the team's second bike. He took over at the Cheshire circuit, replacing Jamie Robnson who had disappointed in the first half of the season.



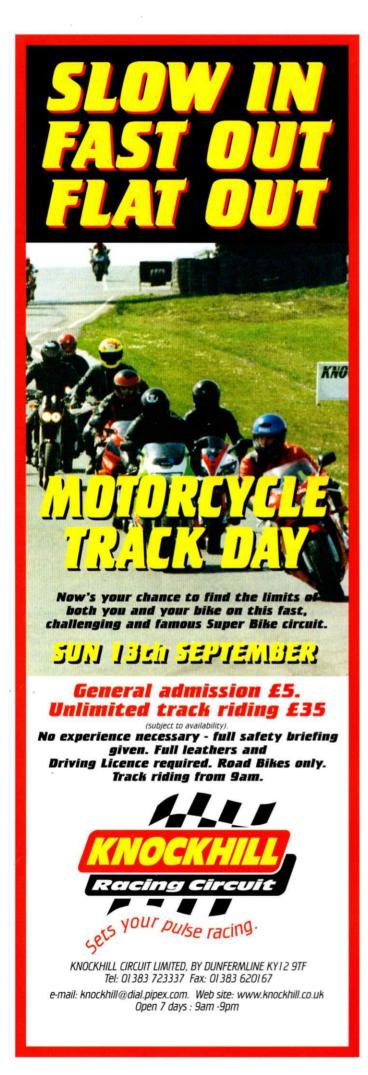


Matt



And, that could set up a real scrap between the Ducati equipes, as the Team GSE also enjoyed a seasonal first at the Cheshire circuit as their Aussie Troy Bayliss showed the sort of form and riding style that twice made him runnrup in the Australian Superbike Championship.

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# Wait till you see him on FOUR!

Factory Suzuki World Superbike rider Jamie Whitham will be making his race car debut next weekend at Knockhill. Driving the Ford Celebrity 'Rapid- Fit' guest Fiesta 1.4 Zetec Si race saloon, Jamie will be racing on both

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Bayliss broke the stranglehold on pole starts, enjoyed by Walker and Hislop, to top the qualifying leaderboard for the first time, and in record breaking style, and then he brilliantly fought back to beat off the determined, late challenge of Mackenzie. But, any hopes he had of a winning double ended after a couple of laps of the second race when he was forced out by mechancial problems.

His team-mate then was Matt Llewellyn, rapidly establishing himself as the sport's "Super-sub." Earlier in the season he had deputised for the injured Emmett, in Cheshire, he was riding as replacement for Jamie Robinson, who had been dropped from the team.

The Leicester rider, who as a Privateer had won the Shell Advance International Superbike crown, acquited himself well in qualifying, and after bike problems in his first race aboard the GSE Ducati, came back with a points scoring ride. It is expected that he will again be in action here.

Completing the array of works teams is Sony Suzuki, whose challenge has strengthened throughout the campaign, with former champion Terry Rymer and James Haydon, a talented young rider with a pedigree including grand prix and world superbikes, regularly figuring in the top six, and running fourth and fifth in the championship stakes.



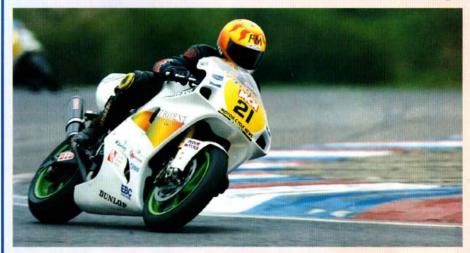
Brett Sampson – top privateer last time out at Oulton Park.

Rymer has given the team its only success to date, winning at Snetterton, as the front running squabble between Mackenzie and Hislop intensified, and they touched, losing ground. Rymer is back on top form and overdue more success, but he has a keen rival within the team, with Haydon, a strong second at Donington, eager to take a first victory of his Superbike champonship career.

Adding to the action is the championship within the championship, the PEOPLE Privateers Cup. Nottingham rider Phil Giles heads the challenge, just ahead of Peter Graves and Brett Sampson. They have their own points to play for, but added value comes to them if they can embarrass their works team rider rivals.

Just another dimension to what, without doubt, will be two memorable races as the Motor Cycle News British Superbike Championship moves into the second half of its season.

## Giles 169, Graves 165 - Private Scrap



Phil Giles - heads up the challenge for Privateers Cup.

between Phil Giles and Peter Graves as they power into the second half of the PEOPLE Privateers Cup, and should either of them falter, Brett Sampson is poised to strike for glory.

The championship within the main championship has produced plenty of memorable action, and while Nottingham rider Giles holds the upper hand, much attention has focussed onto Graves, who has made a remarkable return to race action after spending the winter hospitalised, fighting and beating leukaemia.

Graves spent his time during those grim months planning his campaign, and putting together the team he intends will power his Ducati to glory – he made a dream start to the campaign with victory at Brands Hatch, but then lost ground with a series of three "no-scores."

Giles, who came in second to him, was beginning to make his mark with a victory and a second place, results mirrored by Sampson, in what was rapidly becoming a three rider duel for the top, and as the heat intensifed, Sampson crucially missed out on the points at Snetterton. Ray Stringer limited the damage to him, taking a winning double, with Giles and Graves packing the placings.

Subsequently, Graves has won three times and taken a second place, but Giles, apart from a miserable time at his local Donington Park circuit, which proved pointless, has raacked up points with high placings to nose just ahead.

Sampson won last time at Oulton Park to keep the pressure on, and just behind the top three, Dave Heal, Max Vincent and Colin Hipwell could all be knocking on the door for honours, if they can string together some consistency over the final twelve rounds.



Peter Graves - hot on the charge for Cup glory.











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#### TIMETABLE

#### FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST

0900-0925	British Powerbike Championship	(free practice)
0935-1000	Sanyo 125cc British Championship	(free practice)
1010-1035	Sanyo 250cc British Championship	(free practice)
1045-1110	Motor Cycle News British Superbike Championship	(free practice)
1120-1145	Sanyo 600 Supersport British Championship – group 1	(free practice)
1155-1220	Sanyo 600 Supersport British Championship – group 2	(free practice)
1300-1325	Sanyo 125cc British Championship	(free practice)
1335-1400	Sanyo 250cc British Championship	(free practice)
1410-1435	Motor Cycle News British Superbike Championship	(free practice)
1445-1510	Sanyo 600 Supersport British Championship – group 1	(free practice)
1520-1545	Sanyo 600 Supersport British Championship – group 2	(free practice)
1555-1620	British Powerbike Championship	(qualifying practice)
1630-1650	General Guarantee Aprilia RS250 Challenge – group 1	(qualifying practice)
1700-1720	General Guarantee Aprilia RS250 Challenge – group 2	(qualifying practice)
1730-1750	Motorcycle City Aprilia RS125 Superteen Challenge	(free practice)

#### SATURDAY, 8 AUGUST

0900-0925	British Powerbike Championship	(qualifying practice)	
0935-1000	Sanyo 125cc British Championship	(qualifying practice)	
1010-1035	Sanyo 250cc British Championship	(qualifying practice)	
1045-1110	Motor Cycle News British Superbike Championship	(qualifying practice)	
1120-1145	Sanyo 600 Supersport British Championship – group 1	(qualifying practice)	
1155-1220	Sanyo 600 Supersport British Championship – group 2	(qualifying practice)	
1315 Race	1 BRITISH POWERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP		20 laps
1400-1425	Sanyo 125cc British Championship	(qualifying practice)	
1435-1500	Sanyo 250cc British Championship	(qualifying practice)	
1510-1535	Motor Cycle News British Superbike Championship	(qualifying practice)	
1545-1610	Sanyo 600 Supersport British Championship – group 1	(qualifying practice)	
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1655-1715	General Guarantee Aprilia RS250 Challenge - group 1	(qualifying practice)	
1725-1745	General Guarantee Aprilia RS250 Challenge – group 2	(qualifying practice)	
1755-1815	Motorcycle City Aprilia RS125 Superteen Challenge	(qualifying practice)	
1825 Race	2 SANYO 600 SUPERSPORT CHAMPIONSHIP	Non-Qualifiers Race	12 laps

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0900-09	20 Moto	rcycle City Aprilia RS125 Superteen Challenge	(qualifying practice)	
0930-09	40 Gene	ral Guarantee Aprilia RS250 Challenge	(warm-up)	
0950-10	000 Moto	r Cycle News British Superbike Championship	(warm-up)	
1005-10	15 Sany	o 125cc British Championship	(warm-up)	
1020-10	30 Sany	o 600 Supersport British Championship	(warm-up)	
1035-10	45 Sany	o 250cc British Championship	(warm-up)	
1100	Race 3	BRITISH POWERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP		20 lap

20 laps Race 3 1130-1210 Lunch time demonstrations will include stunt motorcycle riding, Formula 1 Grand Prix cars and

	Jamie	Whitham and John Cleland driving saloon racing cars.	
1230	Race 4	MOTORCYCLE CITY RS125 SUPERTEEN CHALLENGE	15 laps
1315	Race 5	MOTOR CYCLE NEWS BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP	25 laps
1400	Race 6	SANYO 250cc BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP	30 laps
1445	Race 7	SANYO SUPERSPORT 600 BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP	30 laps
1530	Race 8	SANYO 125cc BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP	30 laps
1615	Race 9	MOTOR CYCLE NEWS BRITISH SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP	25 laps
1700	Race 10	GENERAL GUARANTEE APRILIA RS250 CHALLENGE	18 laps

After the racing, stay on to see more motorcycle stunts and Grand Prix car action. See page 34 for details.

# RACES

Sat 13.15hrs & Sun 11.00hrs

# British Powerbike Championship

20 LAPS 26 miles

No.	RIDER (HOMETOWN)	TEAM/OWNER/SPONSOR	MACHINE
1	PAUL BROWN (Scunthorpe)	Sanyo Honda Britain	Honda
2	STEVE PLATER (Woodhall Spa)	Sanyo Honda Britain	Honda
3	MICK CORRIGAN (Sheffield)	Nicmonira Racing	Honda
4	ANDREW STRUDWICK (Chertsey)	Leisure Repair Services	Suzuki
5	PETER BEALE (Towcester)	Pete Beal Racing	Yamaha
11	MARK COLEING (Loughton)	Hyside Motorcycles/S. Essex Motorcycles	Yamaha
14	PETE GRAVES (London)	Pete Graves Racing	Yamaha
15	DEAN ASHTON (Hull)	Ashton Performance Centre	Yamaha
24	PAUL JONES (Swansea)	M&P Accessories	Kawasaki
29	ANDY BAILEY (Abingdon)	Cornerhouse Seat	Yamaha
32	MARK WRIGHT (Bathgate)		Suzuki
33	FRANCIS WILLIAMSON (Petersfield)	Clive Wood/Jack Lilley Racing	Triumph
36	CARL MARSDEN (Nottingham)		Suzuki
37	MIKE EDWARDS (Harrogate)	Moriwaki Honda Britain Racing	Honda
38	MARK DITCHFIELD (Halkyn)	Moriwaki Honda Britain Racing	Honda
64	WINSOR JONES (Shrewsbury)	PJM Racing	Suzuki
77	RICHARD GROVER (Alton)		Yamaha
88	COLIN HIPWELL (Doncaster)	Psu Designs/Sloanes Tavern	Suzuki
90	NEIL JONES (Sunbury on Thames)		Honda
96	IAN ARMSTRONG (Winterton-on-Sea)		Ducati
99	JOHN CARTWRIGHT (Rugeley)	JRC Promotions	Kawasaki

Results					12011X8000	A SECTION	
RACE	1st	2nd	3rd		4th	5th	
KACE	6th	7th	8th		9th	10th	
	Winner's time			Speed			mph
	Fastest Lap: No		Time		Speed_		mph
RACE	1st	2nd	3rd		4th	5th	
	6th	7th	8th		9th	10th	
3	Winner's time			Speed			mph
	Fastest Lap: No.		Time		Speed		mph

#### Series Information

This is an all new championship for 1998 for machines 701cc and over, four-stroke, but not rotary engined. The technical regulations are a combination of those for the Sports Production FIM Supersport and FIM Superbike Championships with restrictions on modifications to reduce costs. The engine modifications allowed are based on FIM Supersport regulations.

All machines must be standard catalogue sports production models and quantity production which have been manufactured within the preceding five years and have been readily available to the public through normal British retail outlets and have been imported by the official British importer.

#### **Championship Dates**

1	April 11/12/13	Donington Park
2	May 8/9/10	Snetterton
3	July 3/4/5	Donington Park
4	July 17/18/19	Oulton Park
5	July 31/August 1/2	Brands Hatch
6	August 7/8/9	Knockhill
7	September 4/5/6	Silverstone
8	October 18	Thruxton

#### **Starting Grid**

This is derived by times recorded

in the qualifying sessions on Friday and Saturday. The same grid applies for both races.

#### **Championship Points**

0.00	
1	Steve Plater
2	Paul Brown 80
3	Pete Graves
4	David Jefferies 50
5	Dean Ashton
6	Roki Read
7	Dean Thomas
8	Winsor Jones
9	Gus Scott
10	Francis Williamson

#### Lap Record

To be established

# RACE 4

Sunday 12.30hrs



# Aprilia RS125

LAPS

#### ROUND SIX

	No.	RIDER (Hometown)	Age	Entrant/Owner/Sponsor	11 - 11
				Simony Switch Spoison	Machine
	1	JAMES ELLISON (Kendal)	17	Young Guns	Aprilia
	2	LEE HODGE (Ruislip Manor)	17	Rad Fabricating Co	Aprilia
	3	CHRIS MILLER (Edinburgh)	17	Tech 2 Racing	Aprilia
	4	AARON ZANOTTI (Loughborough)	17	Team Belletti Moto	Aprilia
	5	RICKY HACKETT (Corley)	18	Team GSE Ducati	Aprilia
	6	SIMON TULLY (Wallington)	18	Chubb Marketing Limited	Aprilia
	7	STUART EASTON (Hawick)	16		Aprilia
	8	PETER WILSON (Swindon)	19		Aprilia
•	9	SIMON HEDGES (Northampton)	18		Aprilia
10	0	MARK BALDOCK (Ashford)	18	Team GSE Racing	Aprilia
11	1	STEVEN CROW (Huddersfield)	19	9	Aprilia
12	2	JAMES ANDREW (Bardney)	17		
13	3	BEN WILSON (Boston)	16	R A Wilson Motorcycles	Aprilia
19	,	MATTHEW STAFFORD (Worcester)	20	Molorcycles	Aprilia
20	)	DALE RAYNOR (Coalville)	14	Martyn Raynor Cars	Aprilia
21		MICHAEL HILL (Stockton on Tees)	19	Sibir Refrigeration (Ibris Ltd)/NYRRSC	Aprilia
22		MARK ANDREW (Bardney)	16	Sign Kenigeration (Ibris Ltd)/NYRRSC	Aprilia
24		BENJAMIN TAYLOR (Hornchurch)	17		Aprilia
30		RICHARD FOGG (Bolton)	19		Aprilia
41		JOHN HOWSON (Ashbourne)	20		Aprilia
55		BENJIE COCKERILL (Saltash)			Aprilia
56		JAMES BUCKINGHAM (Illracombe)	17	GT Motorcycles Plymouth	Aprilia
64		CLINT MEARS (Hyde)	14	PGH Motorcycles	Aprilia
69			19	Clint Mears Road Racing Team	Aprilia
		PHIL RIDGEWAY (Great Sutton)	16	PR Racing	Aprilia
88		DAVID CARSON (Northwich)	16	Dynamic Limited	Aprilia
98		KIERAN MURPHY (Ipswich)	19		Aprilia

#### Results



1st	2nd 7th	3rd8th	home Like	4th9th	5th 10th	
Fastest Lap: No.		Time	_ Speed _	Speed		mph

#### **Championship Information**

A 10 round championship open to competitors, registered with MCRCB, who are aged between 14 and 20 years on the 1st March 1998. Competitors who become 14 years of age after 1st March 1998 but before 31st July 1998 will be assessed by MCRCB. All competitors have to use Aprilia RS125 machines.

#### **Points Scoring**

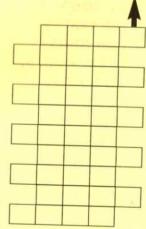
Points are awarded to the top 15 finishers on the basis of: 25 - 20 - 16 - 13 - 11 - 10 - 9 - 8 - 7 - 6 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1.

#### **Championship Dates**

1	April 24/25/26	Oulton Park
2	May 3/4	Thruxton
3	May 23/24	Donington Park
4	May 25	Cadwell Park
5	June 19/20/21	Donington Park
6	August 7/8	Knockhill
7	August 14/15/16	Mallory Park
8	September 18/19/20	Brands Hatch
9	September 25/26/27	Donington Park
10	October 18	Thruxton

#### Starting Grid

This to be decided on the basis of timed qualifying.



# Championship Points 1 Keiran Murphy 95 2 Clint Mears 90 3 Aaron Zanotti 82 4 Mark Baldock 69 5 Chris Miller 49 6 Ben Wilson 36 7 Michael Hill 35 8 David Carson 27 9 Lee Hodge 26 10 James Ellison 25

#### Lap Record

To be established

## RACES 5 & 9

Sunday 13.15 & 16.15hrs



No.	Rider	Home Town	Owner/Sponsor	Machine
1	NIALL MACKENZIE	STIRLING	TEAM CADBURYS BOOST YAMAHA	YAMAHA
2	CHRIS WALKER	NOTTINGHAM	KAWASAKI MOTORS	KAWASAKI
3	MICHAEL RUTTER	STOURBRIDGE	HONDA BRITAIN	HONDA
4	JOHN REYNOLDS	NOTTINGHAM	REVE RACING/RED BULL DUCATI	DUCATI
5	SEAN EMMETT	WEYBRIDGE	REVE RACING/RED BULL DUCATI	DUCATI
6	IAN MACPHERSON	GLASGOW	KAWASAKI MOTORS	KAWASAKI
7	TERRY RYMER	CULVERSTONE	SONY SUZUKI/CRESCENT RACING LTD	SUZUKI
8	JAMES HAYDON	BERKHAMSTED	SONY SUZUKI/CRESCENT RACING LTD	SUZUKI
9	PHILLIP McCALLEN	PORTADOWN	HONDA BRITAIN	HONDA
11	STEVE HISLOP	DOUGLAS	TEAM CADBURYS BOOST YAMAHA	YAMAHA
12	BRETT SAMPSON (P)	PLYMOUTH	GT MOTORCYCLES, PLYMOUTH	KAWASAKI
13	MATT LLEWELLYN	LEICESTER	TEAM GSE DUCATI	DUCATI
14	PETE GRAVES (P)	LONDON	PETE GRAVES RACING	DUCATI
15	DEAN ASHTON (P)	HULL	ASHTON PERFORMANCE CENTRE	DUCATI
16	MAX VINCENT (P)	EARL SHILTON	SABRE RACING	KAWASAKI
17	RAY STRINGER (P)	STOKE GOLDING	SABRE RACING	KAWASAKI
18	LEE HUMPHRIES (P)	KETTERING	H B HUMPHRIES/ASC METALS	KAWASAKI
19	DAVE HEAL (P)	HEATHFIELD	CISSBURY RACING/REPSOL HONDA	HONDA
20	NIGEL NOTTINGHAM (P)	NANTWICH	MISTRAL HEATING BOILERS	YAMAHA
21	PHIL GILES (P)	NOTTINGHAM	SUNQUEST HOLIDAYS	KAWASAKI
22	IAN SIMPSON	DALBEATTIE	HONDA BRITAIN	HONDA
23	NEIL CRAY (P)	KEMPSTON		KAWASAKI
24	PAUL JONES (P)	SWANSEA	TRAVEL CITY DIRECT	YAMAHA
25	ROGER SMITH (P)	STOKE ON TRENT	TEAM "3 TILL 3"/DK MOTORCYCLES	YAMAHA
26	NIC ROBB (P)	ASHTON-U-LYNE	TEAM NR ACE PERFORMANCE	YAMAHA
27	RODNEY McCURDY	BALLYMENA	PJ O'KANE RACING TEAM	KAWASAKI
28	DAVE MABBUTT (P)	MILTON KEYNES		KAWASAKI
29	JIM HODSON (P)	WIGAN	LEN ANDERSON RACING	KAWASAKI
30	JON WARD (P)	LEICESTER	WARD CONVERSIONS/DUST OFF	DUCATI
32	TROY BAYLISS	AUSTRALIA	TEAM GSE DUCATI	DUCATI
35	JOHN BARTON (P)	ISLE OF MAN		
36	CARL MARSDEN (P)	NOTTINGHAM		SUZUKI
37	MIKE EDWARDS	HARROGATE	MORIWAKI HONDA BRITAIN RACING	HONDA
38	MARK DITCHFIELD	HALKYN	MORIWAKI HONDA BRITAIN RACING	HONDA
40	JOHN PUGH (P)	BIRMINGHAM	KINGSTONS (SOTON) LTD/FUJITSU	KAWASAKI
41	ALEX BUCKINGHAM (P)	BARNSTAPLE		HONDA
46	JOHN BENNETT (P)	BRITON FERRY		KAWASAKI
47	ALEXANDER KVINTAS (P)	ILKESTON		DUCATI
71	ROGER BENNETT (P)	PENICUIK	TRANSCO	KAWASAKI
88	COLIN HIPWELL (P)	DONCASTER	PSU DESIGNS/SLOANES TAVERN	SUZUKI
99	STEVE MARKS (P)	GODALMING	CLIFFORD JAMES FOOTWEAR	KAWASAKI



Graeme Ritchie was a popular competitor in Superbikes and today his wife Claire makes a special "Graeme Ritchie Award", with a cash bonus of £800 to the first Privateer to finish the first Superbike race, to commemorate the first anniversary of his death in a racing accident.

# — incorporating тне **People** Privateers Cup —

# **ROUNDS 13 & 14**

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15&16

17&18

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23&24

Each Race

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Mallory Park

Cadwell Park

Brands Hatch

**Donington Park** 

Silverstone

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(P) = People Privateers Cup Riders

Lap Record

Niall Mackenzie (Yamaha) 51.574 secs

#### Series Information

Machines have to comply with the 1998 Superbike Regulations issued by the FIM. A minimum weight of 162kg is enforced.

Machines may be: 601-750cc, 4-stroke, 4 cylinders; 601-900cc, 4-stroke, 3 cylinders; 751-1000cc, 4-stroke, 2 cylinders. A control fuel is mandatory, this is Elf Racing Unleaded, complying to FIM regulations.

#### **Rider Eligibility**

The status of these races is International. Riders with ACU or SACU competition licences have to be registered with MCRCB. Overseas riders (including Ireland) need an FIM International Licence or a European "A" licence together with "start" permission from their FMN plus MCRCB registration.

#### **Points Scoring**

Riders championship, awarded to the first 15 finishers, in each race, on the basis of 25 – 20 – 16 – 13 – 11 – 10 – 9 – 8 – 7 – 6 – 5 – 4 – 3 – 2 – 1.

Manufacturers championship, points awarded, on the scale of the riders, to the highest placed machine of each particular manufacturer, providing machine is classified as a finisher.

Sponsors/team championship, points awarded, on the scale of the riders, to the two highest placed machines from each team, providing they are classified as finishers.

1&2	March 28/29	Brands Hatch
3&4	April 24/25/26	Oulton Park
5&6	May 3/4	Thruxton
7&8	May 8/9/10	Snetterton
2&10	June 19/20/21	Donington Park
11&12	July 17/18/19	Oulton Park
3&14	August 7/8/9	Knockhill

August 14/15/16

August 29/30/31

September 4/5/6

September 18/19/20

September 25/26/27

### THE People

#### Privateer's Cup

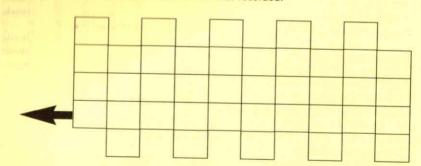
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Points are awarded to classified finishers on the basis of the MCN British Championship scale.

#### Starting Grid

Results

At each event, two periods of timed qualifying will be held on the day prior to racing. The grid for both of the races will be divided as a result of the times recorded.



RACE	1st 6th	2nd 7th		3rd 8th		4th9th	5th 10th	
5	Winner's time				Speed _			mph
	Fastest Lap: No					Speed		mph
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RACE	6th	7th		8th		9th	10th	
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	Fastest Lap: No.		Time _			Speed		mph
10 17 17 17	Privateers Cup: 1st		2nd		3rd	4th	5th	

# RACE 6

Sunday 14.00hrs

Fastest Lap: No.



# 250cc British Championship

ROUND NINE

30 LAPS 39 miles

No.	RIDER (Hometown)	Entrant/Owner	/Sponsor	Machine
1	STEVE SAWFORD (Biddenham)	Honda Brit	tain	Honda
P 3	ADRIAN CLARKE (Langley Heanor)	VHE Const	ruction Plc/Ian Clarke	Honda
4	WOOLSEY COULTER (Portadown)		ASR/Eden Cars	Honda
5	JOHN McGUINNESS (Penrith)	Paul Bird A		Honda
6	CALLUM RAMSAY (Perth)	Honda Brit		Honda
7	JASON DAVIS (Chester)	Honda Brit	rain	Honda
P 8	DEAN JOHNSON (Coalville)	D & B Raci	ng	Honda
9	PAUL JONES (Sefton)	Blacks Bike		Aprilia
P 11	PHILIP STEAD (Northallerton)		f Middlesbrough	Honda
P 12	GAVIN LEE (Southampton)		lope Racing/Morris Lubricants	
P 13	GARY MAY (Hungerford)	RPR Shuker		Aprilia
P 14	PAUL ELLIS (Anglesey)	THE CHOICE		Honda
P 15	EUGENE McMANUS (Lisburn)	Padgetts A	utorama	Yamaha
P 16	MAURICE RUDDOCK (Ballymoney)	Team MSR	olordina	
17	SCOTT SUMMERFIELD (Matlock)	Team SSR		Honda
18	ROB FREAR (Scunthorpe)		long Paging /Adamia Lub-tat-	Honda
19	ADRIAN COATES (Antrim)	Toby Hurst	lope Racing/Morris Lubricants	Honda
20	DARREN THOMAS (Fleet)	loby Hursi	Kacing	Honda
21	NICK UPTON (Berkhamsted)			Honda
22	MIKE WALKER (Barrow in Furness)			Honda
23		Ch I I I I		Aprilia
24	JASON GILLARD (Northampton) GEORGE WAKEFIELD (Huntingdon)	Sliders Ltd		Honda
25			1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Honda
	CRAIG MILLWARD (Gillingham)	Fowlers Mo	torcycles	Honda
26	BRADDAN EVANS (Bicester)			Honda
	GARY JACKSON (Lincoln)	ES & CG Jo	ackson Pine Furniture	Honda
28	JOHN CREITH (Bushmills)			Honda
29	ANTHONY RUSSO (Eltham)	Temple Lifts		Honda
30	NEIL CASE (Renhold)		cycles of Bedford	Honda
31	ANDY SIMPKINS (Burbage)	Ambion Co	nsultants Ltd	Honda
32	NEIL RICHARDSON (Wokingham)			Honda
33	TIM WILSON (London)			Honda
34	STEPHEN THOMPSON (Crumlin)	Sefton Thor	npson Plastering	Honda
35	STUART THOMAS (Preston)			Honda
36	GREG FOWLER (Whittington)			Honda
37	JASON BOYCE (Harlow)	Joes Drylinii	ng; RM Racing Team	Yamaha
38	CARL SALVAGE (Stoke on Trent)	Keppel Raci	The contract of the contract o	Honda
39	STUART HALL (Wakefield)	Dennis Troll	ope Racing/Morris Lubricants	Yamaha
40	SIMON TURNER (Co Antrim)	Team Millar	/Honda Britain	Honda
41	TIM BETT (Newark)			Honda
42	ANDREW NEVILLE (Bookham)			Honda
43	SHANE NORVAL (South Africa)	Team Colin	Appleyard Racing/	Honda
			sion Engineering	Honda
44	GARY HASLAM (Brinsley)	Premier Rac		Honda
45	STUART EDWARDS (Billericay)	Troumer Mac		Honda
46	ALAN PATERSON (Antrim)			Honda
47	DEREK McLAUGHLIN (Ballymoney)			
48	RICHARD GRINLING (Market Harboro	uah)		Yamaha
49	HILTON HINCKS (Waterford)	77.11	sport Pasins	Honda
50	DENVER ROBB (Ballymena)		sport Racing	Honda
51	MICHAEL HERZBERG (Belton)	Denver Robb	o Kacing	Honda
55				Yamaha
57	SHAUN BROWN (Lincoln) TIM LEVY (Kings Lynn)	DIE D	15 0	Honda
61	CLIFF MAYLAM (Keighley)		/Ron Greengrass	Honda
65		leam Colin	Appleyard Racing	Honda
67	MARK COATES (Newtownabbey)			Honda
	HUGH REYNOLDS (London)		T.	Yamaha
77	ALEX HUTCHINSON (Beverley)	LAR Distribut	tion	Honda
98	CHRIS HEATH (Douglas)			Honda
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#### **Technical Regulations**

Machines 201-250cc, 2-stroke, two cylinders. Six gears maximum. Minimum weight 90kg. A control fuel must be used, either Elf Racing Unleaded or Avgas 100LL.

#### **Rider Eligibility**

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#### **Points Scoring**

Points are awarded in each race to the top 15 finishers on the basis 25 - 20 - 16 - 13 -11 - 10 - 9 - 8 - 7 - 6 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1.

Manufacturers championship, points awarded, on the scale of the riders, to the highest placed machine of each particular manufacturer, providing machine is classified as a finisher.

#### **Starting Grid**

This to be decided on the basis of qualifying

#### **Championship Dates**

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#### **Pole Position Award**

The Graham John Evans Memorial Award of £100, plus a trophy, will be presented to the pole position rider at every round.

#### Lap Record

Scott Smart (Honda) 53.07s

### LATEST CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

JARRAD HIPWELL

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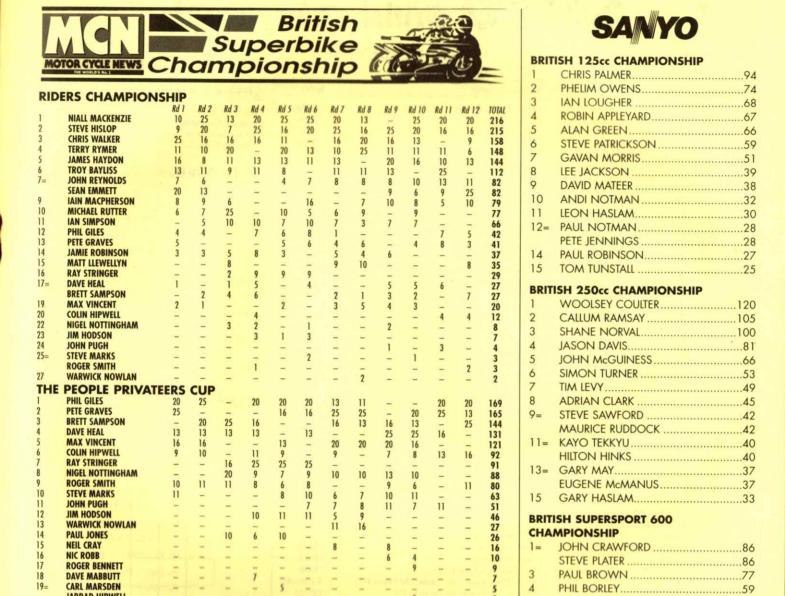
**CADBURYS BOOST YAMAHA** 

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**REVE RED BULL DUCATI** 

**KAWASAKI MOTORS** 

**TEAM GSE RACING** HONDA BRITAIN



The final races of the superbike are at Donington Park on Sunday 27 September and seasonal finale with the British Powerbikes is at Thruxton on Sunday 18 October but the action continues to Saturday 14 November with the Mark Annual Dinner-Dance and Awards Evening at the National Motorcycle Museum, Birmingham - full details available shortly.

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SHANE BYRNE

STUART WICKENS..... DEAN THOMAS .....

GLEN RICHARDS .....

KARL HARRIS.....

DAVE RATHBONE .....

HOWARD WHITBY .....

MATT LIEWELLYN.....

SIMON SMITH.....

ANDY PALLOT ......34

# RACE

Sunday 14.45hrs

# SANYO British Championship

30 39 miles

ROUND SEVEN

Vo.	RIDER (Hometown)		Entrant/Owner/	Sponsor		Machine
1	PAUL BROWN (Messing	nham)	Sanyo Hon	da Britain		Honda
2	STEVE PLATER (Woodho	all Spa)	Sanyo Hon			Honda
4	DEAN THOMAS (Austro		G R Suzuki			Suzuki
5	PETE JENNINGS (Dews		D+E Racing			Honda
7	HOWARD WHITBY (W		Nicmonira			Honda
В	PHIL BORLEY (Leigh on			vays Honda		Honda
9	PHILLIP McCALLEN (P					
Ó	CHRIS BURNS (Newcas		Motorcycle			Honda
1						Honda
	JOHN CRAWFORD (Co			i/Crescent Racing Ltd		Suzuki
2	MARCUS JOHNSON	(ipley)		Contractors Limited		Honda
3	DAN HARRIS (London)		Myco Moto			Honda
	ANDY PALLOT (Bury St	,	D+E Racing			Honda
	IAIN DUFFUS (Rochdale		Honda Brita			Honda
•	STEVE MOODY (Cartert		Team Moto	Solo Racing		Honda
7	DAVE REDGATE (Orping	iton)	Team Moto	Solo Racing		Honda
3	KARL HARRIS (Ulceby)		Cabb Racir	g Ltd		Honda
9	JAGO CHAPMAN (Har	rogate)	Cabb Racir	g Ltd		Honda
)	JAMES ELLISON (Kendo		Young Gun			Honda
	MARK BURR (Darlington			Racing/Corrigan		Honda
2	WILLIAM MONIE (Cried					Honda
	PAUL DEDMAN (Castlet					Honda
	DARREN WNUKOSKI		Mick Walk	r/Dynamic Racing		Honda
	BILL HUTCHESON (Wes		G S Hawley			
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	KRIS WILSON (Aberdee	n)	G R Suzuki			Suzuki
	IAN BENNETT (Prestwoo	d)	Acclaim Co	nsultancy Racing Ltd/	Street Machine	Kawasaki
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	SIMON HOWTON (Med	opham)	Stan Stephe	ns Performance Centr	e	Honda
	MARK NELSON (Leeds)		Airedale Pla	& Htg Co Ltd/Quarr	nby Const Co	Honda
	DAMIAN GLEDHILL (Sto	ckport)				Honda
	DONALD MacFADYEN					Honda
	DARREN MITCHELL (Hu	ddersfield)	Darren Mitc	hell Racing		Yamaha
	KELVIN REILLY (Morden)			Wheelpower Racing/	Rock Oil London	Honda
	JOHN CROCKFORD (Se			1		Kawasaki
	CHRIS SAMMONS (Che					Suzuki
	NICK SMITH (Ipswich)		Team Mag S	port		Honda
	ROB FROST (London)		.ca mag	E-7.1		Honda
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#### **Technical Regulations**

supersport machines require an FIM Homologation nachines 401-600cc, 4-stroke. Four cylinders.

Ainimum weight is 167kg. A control fuel must be used, If Racing Unleaded.

#### **Rider Eligibility**

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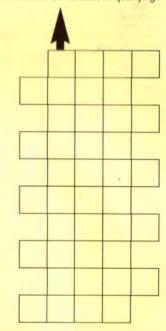
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#### Lap Record

Mike Edwards (Honda) 54.284s

Fastest Lap: No. \_

# RACE

Sunday 15.30hrs



# 125cc British SANYO Championship

30 LAPS

39 miles

#### ROUND SEVEN

No.	RIDER (Hometown)	Entrant/Owner/Sponsor	Machine
1	DARREN BARTON (Darwen)	Team Vimto Honda	Honda
4	DARRAN GAWLEY (Portadown)		Honda
5	CHRIS PALMER (Preston)	Garstang Cleaning Services/L Rumney	Honda
6	PHELIM OWENS (Dungannon)		Honda
7	PETE JENNINGS (Evesham)	Potterton	Honda
8	STEVE PATRICKSON (Shipley)	Peter Howell Office Partitions	Honda
9	GAVAN MORRIS(Rugeley)	AMV Racing/Easton Banks Racing	Honda
10	DAVID MATEER (Lisburn)	3,	Honda
11	ROBIN APPLEYARD (Keighley)	Team Colin Appleyard Racing	Honda
12	IAN LOUGHER (Rhoose)	Scania (GB) Ltd	Honda
13	ALAN GREEN (Bristol)	Breadline Racing	Honda
14	PAUL NOTMAN (Stapleford)	Speedline Motorcycles	Honda
15	NIGEL JOHN (Swansea)	operatine Molorcycles	Honda
16	ANDREW SAWFORD (Sandy)	St Neots Motorcycle Co Ltd	Yamaha
17	JAMES MOSTYKA (Barnsley)	TJW Racing/Knauf	Aprilia
18	PAUL ROBINSON (Ballymoney)	.511 Nacing, Kildul	Honda
19	LEON HASLAM (Smalley)	Honda Britain/Wrangler	Honda
20	DANIEL TARRATT (Melton Mowbray)	J & RB Racing	Honda
21	TOM TUNSTALL (Huddersfield)	Mick Walker Racing	Honda
22	LEE JACKSON (Lincoln)		Honda
23	CHRIS MARTIN (York)	ES & CG Jackson Pine Furniture	1,000,000
24	ANDI NOTMAN (Stapleford)	Team Colin Appleyard Racing Speedline Motorcycles	Honda
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26	MARK DAVIES (Barnsley)	0:1	Honda
27	MARTIN POLLARD (Israels)	Bishops Move Racing	Honda
28	MARTIN POLLARD (Leeds)	TJW Racing	Aprilia
29	IAN WILTSHIRE (Bristol)	Dennis Trollope/Morris Lubricants	Yamaha
	RUSSELL CHATTERTON (Upminster)		Honda
30	DAVID DAWSON (Manea)		Honda
31	BARRY WAUMSLEY (Stamford)	Overdraft Racing	Honda
32	MARK KEEN (Aylesbury)		Honda
33	TIM JONES (Aylesbury)		Honda
34	MICHAEL WILCOX (Lincoln)	Team Swapz Racing	Honda
35	GEOFF RIMMER (Formby)	Garstang Cleaning Services	Honda
36	GAVIN LEE (Southampton)	Dennis Trollope Racing/Morris Lubricants	Yamaha
37	CHRIS ASCOTT (Aylesbury)	Blane & White	Honda
38	DARREN MURPHY (Kirk Michael)	Lloyds TSB Bank (Isle of Man) Limited	Honda
39	ANDY WALKER (Wimborne)	Steve Bateman Superbike Sales Ltd	Aprilia
40	MARK CARKEEK (Kettering)	C-F Technique	Honda
41	TONY CHESTER (Lower Earley)		Honda
42	GARY MAY (Hungerford)	RPR Shuker	Honda
43	ANDREW TIPTON (Witney)		Honda
44	DAMIEN CAHILL (London)	G&B McCready Ltd	Honda
45	JEREMY GOODALL (Scarborough)		Honda
47	CRAIG GRAY (High Wycombe)	Powerbiking – Brian Gray Motorcycles	Honda
49	RON HASLAM (Smalley)	Honda Britain/Wrangler	Honda
50	JOHN PEARSON (Cottingham)		Honda
53	CHARLES TOPHAM (Guisborough)	Breadline Racing/N.Y.R.R.S.C.	Honda
86	JOHN ANDERTON (Newtonbreda)		Honda
87	MICHAEL LAVERTY (Toombridge)	Team Millar/Honda Britain	Honda
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#### **Technical Regulations**

Machines over 80cc, up to 125cc, 2-stroke, one cylinder. Six gears maximum. Minimum weight 65kg. A control fuel must be used, either Elf Racing Unleaded or Avgas 100LL.

In exceptional circumstances the MCRCB may impose a weight penalty if a rider is shown to have a significant advantage.

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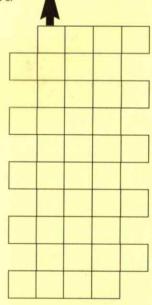
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#### Lap Record

Chris Burns (Honda) 55.866s



# Pit Stop

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#### TRUE TO FORRM

The Federation of Road Racing Motorcyclists (FORRM), is an organisation which represents the competitors, sponsors and motorcycle trade currently involved in British road racing.

Founded in 1992, the organisation works closely with the sports governing bodies, the MCRCB, MCI and ACU, to represent the members views as we all strive to continually maintain and improve the presentation, safety and future security of our exciting and exhilarating sport.

FORRM receives the full support of the Motor Cycle Manufacturers through the Motor Cycle Industry Association, and the current membership boasts not only the the Country's top Superbike riders but the vast majority of the competitors from all the other classes as well.

This editorial is hopefully the first of many we will be bringing you, to keep you all informed with gossip, fast facts and vital statistics from behind the scenes, from some of the Federation of Road Racing Motorcyclists' illustrious members.

# NIALL'S BIGGEST DEFEAT OF THE YEAR!

Judgement day arrived in the Mackenzie household recently, when young Taylor Mackenzie stood proud with his famous dad at his first school sports day. A finely tuned and focused Niall lined up for the 60 metre dads dash but this

time the now famous slow start proved to be his downfall, when the two unassuming farmers in green wellies turned out to be the local fell running champions.

Suffering from a lack of grip, Niall was forced to settle for the last step on the podium. A slightly

embarrassed Taylor tried to console his dad, who was straight on the phone to Dunlop asking if they could make a soft compound welly in readiness for next years event.

#### CADBURY'S RAPPER

If you look closely at Steve Hislop's pit board you will notice it says 'MC Hissi', This is the nickname Rob Mac gave Hizzi after the team found during pre-season testing that it was impossible for Steve to talk without the use of hand signals.

So after every race or practice session you can see 'MC Hissi' rappin with his pit crew. The faster the lap, the bigger the rap!

# WALKER SLOWS THE PACE

Ex moto-cross rider, Kawasaki star Chris Walker, has a new toy. The early championship leader has started trials riding. "I spent a lot of time last year with Rob Mac. He was never very keen on me riding my moto-cross bike during the season and took me out trials riding. The throttle control, balance and technique is great for keeping your head right, and the injury risk is not so

high," said Walker, "mind you he hasn't seen what me and my mates get up to on these bikes."

#### HOLE IN ONE'S POCKET

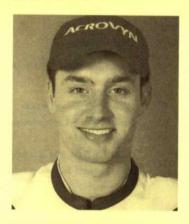
Manic golfer and top Yamaha team manager Rob Mac has stunned the Scunthorpe golfing fraternity during recent months, when he notched two

hole in ones.

To anyone who knows anything about golf, this has to be the ultimate achievement, and the tradition is to buy everyone in the clubhouse a whisky to celebrate.

On both occasions the clubhouse was

packed. Witnesses claimed Rob's elation soon deteriorated when his wallet came out.



#### SPOILT FOR CHOICE

Did you know that the Michelin and Dunlop Tyre companies now have a choice of over 50 front and 65 rear tyre options for the Superbike class alone.

Tyre technicians pre-select these at each meeting to offer Superbike teams a choice of up to 20 front and rear tyre options at each round. And Michelin informed us they bring over 1000 race tyres to each round of the championship.

Tyre choice is a complex decision. But it's a decision that can win or lose you a race.

#### SECRETS OF THE STARS

John Reynolds hobby is flying, and he has a burning ambition to fly a fighter jet.

Sean Emmett is a 12 handicap golfer and supports Arsenal football club.

Roger Marshall and the Reve Racing mechanics have formed a band called Reg and the Peds.

Terry Rymer drives a BMW M3 and admits to enjoying the occasional glass of milk.

James Haydon (PICTURED) likes 'sliding anything'!

John Crawford hates football, but plays badminton in his spare time.

Iain MacPherson has an IQ of over 140, and regularly drinks Irn-Bru.

Gary May started trials riding at the age of ten.

Robin Appleyard was scrum half for the Keighley Rugby Union team, before concentrating full time on road racing.

Jason Davis has to juggle his racing activities to fit in with his job as a full time fireman.

Steve Plater has a new toy, after recently taken delivery of a new jet ski.

Colin Seeley joined a host of fellow road racing celebrities when he rode in the recent Assen reunion event.

Jack Valentine rides a Harley.

# **FINISH**

Any riders or PR
representatives wishing
to pass on their best
kept secrets to the race
fans, please write to:
Paul Major, at
The Federation of Road
Racing Motorcyclists,
8 Castle Crescent,
Flamborough, E. Yorks,
Y015 1LR. You can also
contact me in the Press
Office, or stop me in the
paddock.

# RACE 10

Sunday 17.00hrs



# Aprilia RS250 Challenge

ROUND SIX

18 LAPS 23.4 miles

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No.	RIDER (Hometown)	Entrant/0	wner/Sponsor		Machine
1	STEVE BROGAN (Skelmersdale)		AU		
2	LEE HODGE (Ruislip Manor)	Rad Fa	brication Co		Aprilia Aprilia
3	GARY MASON (Rugeley)		Racing Developments Ltd		Aprilia
4	MARK PHILLIPS (Lincoln)	Genero	I Guarantee Corporation	Ltd	Aprilia
5	MATT LLEWELLYN (Leicester)	Sid Gri	ffiths/General Guarantee		Aprilia
6	DEAN ELLISON (Kendal)	Westme	orland Car Sales		Aprilia
7	PAUL SHEEHAN (Stamford)		Racing (Stamford)		Aprilia
8	STEVE BUXTON (Hyde)		oint Holdings plc		Aprilia
9	WILLIAM SUTHERLAND (Aberdeen)				Aprilia
10	MARK GARTON (Notts)				Aprilia
11	ADAM MARSHALL (Wragby)	Comme	rcial Vehicle Services/		344
			Office Furniture		Aprilia
12	IAN BENNETT (Prestwood)		Consultancy Racing Ltd		Aprilia
13	BEN WILSON (Boston)	R. A. W	/ilson Motorcycles		Aprilia
14	BRADDAN EVANS (Bicester)				Aprilia
16	MATT BEDFORD (Chumleigh)				Aprilia
17	RICKY HACKETT (Corley)		SE Ducati		Aprilia
18	SPENCER STEELE (Stratford upon Avon)				Aprilia
19	GRAHAM SEWARD (Coalville)	202000			Aprilia
20	MARTIN JOHNSON (Trenholm Bar) SIMON DUNN (London)	S.C.M.S	),		Aprilia
21	PHIL GUILLOU (Ville Au Roi)				Aprilia
22	CRAIG KELLY (Leyland)	D 10 1			Aprilia
23	ROSS CONNOLLY (Wesham)	Da-Kini		8 8 8	Aprilia
24	PAUL BURKE (Redhill)	Submari	ne Manufacturing & Proc	ucts Ltd	Aprilia
25	KRIS WILSON (Aberdeen)				Aprilia
26	STUART NICHOLLS (Preston)				Aprilia
27	SIMON MOUNSEY (Spring Hill)	Asplay P	acing Developments Ltd		Aprilia
28	JON VINCENT (Bickerstaffe)		Motorcycle Centre		Aprilia
29	SHAUN HAWKES (Nuneaton)	Omiskii	Molorcycle Centre		Aprilia
30	JONNY HILL (Huddersfield)				Aprilia Aprilia
31	ALEX BUCKINGHAM (Barnstaple)	GT Moto	rcycles, Plymouth		Aprilia
32	EDWARD WILD (Stockport)				Aprilia
33	FRANCIS WILLIAMSON (Petersfield)	Clive Wo	ood/Jack Lilley Racing		Aprilia
34	ANDREW WHITTLEY (Cleethorpes)		Petch - Wheels		Aprilia
35	PHIL TAYLOR (Burntwood)	Electrotes	st Services Ltd		Aprilia
36	PAUL WILSON (Hove)	Bracken	M W Ltd/Rock Oil Londo	n	Aprilia
37	JOHN RHODES (Halifax)	Vimori Re			Aprilia
38	PETER BROADBENT (Halifax)		acing/Greenside Motorcy	cles	Aprilia
39	JOHN EARNSHAW (Halifax)		ocing		Aprilia
40 41	DAVE QUIRK (Oxford)	Fowlers A	Aotorcycles		Aprilia
42	MICHAEL WHITEHEAD (Sheffield)	7' 10 381			Aprilia
43	SEAN NOICE (Totton)	1 194			Aprilia
44	MARIA COSTELLO (Neutland)		Aotorcycles		Aprilia
45	MARIA COSTELLO (Northampton) PAUL MARRIS (Leicester)	Speedaw	ay Motorcycles		Aprilia
49	JASON HOLLAND (Aston Clinton)				Aprilia
51	MARK BURR (Darlington)	11 . 0			Aprilia
55	ELLIOT BURGESS (Old Alresford)	Martyn K	aynor Cars		Aprilia
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66	TONY MADDOCKS (Ripponden)	rowlers A	Notorcycles		Aprilia
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98	KIERAN MURPHY (Ipswich)	DOD MORE	an indicio		Aprilia
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#### **Championship Information**

This is a new for 1998 ten round championship for competitors using the '98 model Aprilia RS250 machine. The challenge is open to riders aged 16 years and over, holding an international or national licence issued by the ACU or SACU. Riders with an ACU club licence may be considered dependant on experience.

#### **Points Scoring**

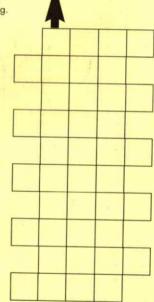
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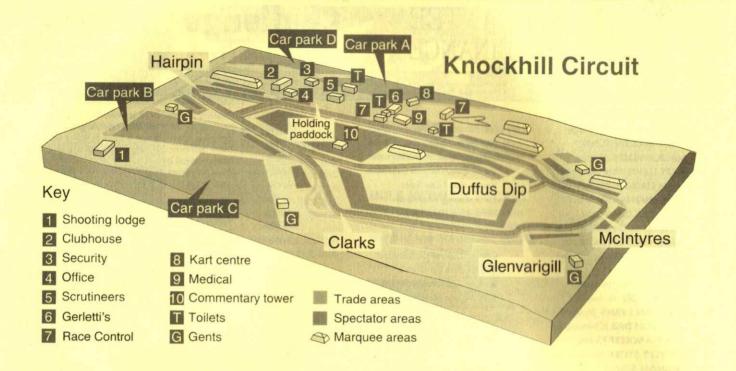


#### **Championship Points**

1	Martin Johnson
2	Matt Llewellyn
3	lan Bennett
4	Nick Chadwick 50
5	Mark Phillips
6	Dean Ellison
7	Chris Clark
8	Kieran Murphy
9	Francis Williamson
10	Steve Buxton

#### Lap Record

To be established



# LAP SPEED TABLE

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0:48.7	96.10	154.66	0: 53.7	87.15	140.26	0:58.7	79.73	128.31	1: 3.7	73.47	118.24	1: 8.7	68.12	109.63
0:488	95.90	154.34	0:53.8	86.99	139.99	G: 58.8	79.59	128.09	1 : 3.8	73.35	118.05	1: 8.8	68.02	109.47
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0:49.3	94.93	152.77	0:54.3	86.19	138.71	0:59.3	78.92	127.01	1: 4.3	72.78	117.13	1: 9.3	67.53	108.68
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# Ramsay seeks "home" boost to shake off Coulter and Norval in title race

allum Ramsay will be look-≢ing to "fan power" to help him in his efforts to get ahead in the Sanyo **British** 250cc Championship - the Perth rider comes into the eighth round on a high, ater taking a victory and a second place in the last two outings, but needs a "home" win to boost his hopes.

Callum Ramsay needs victory here to reel in title rival Woolsey Coulter.

Ramsay is currently on 105 points, 15 down on the popular Ulsterman Woolsey Coulter who has had a stanrgely up and down season so far, either finishing in the top two, or ending up out of the points altogether.

Coulter has won four of the five

races in which he has scored points: twice at Oulton Park, Thruxton and the first of the two Grand Prix supporting rounds. He finished second in the other race at Donington Park, which was won, in front a 36,500 crowd a the sport's premier event of the year.

It is this run of high scores that has so far tipped the balance in favour of Coulter, the talented 34 year old from Portadown who has finished third and fourth overall in the past two seasons. Now the Honda rider is in the driving seat for a first British 250cc crown.

But the man who still tells the tale of the day he beat off the challenge of four times World 250cc Champion Max Biaggi, during his formative years in a European Championship race at Mondello Park some seven years ago, intends this to be his

Standing in his way is Ramsay. Consistent in terms of scoring points in every round bar one so far, the Superteen champion of 1992, has disapponted himself several times by finishing







"Experienced rider, struggling to match pace of frontrunners - best placing sixth at Thruxton"



"Twice enjoyed podium finishes but missed out McGUINNESS on points in last two rounds through injury"

might have expected. His season started well enough, with a hard fought second place to the highly rated Aprilia rider Paul Jones in the Brands Hatch opener.

But, a "no-score" at Oulton Park rocked him. Gradually, Ramsay, who was sixth overall in the rankings last year, has hauled himself back into contention, really showing his true form at the Leicestershire circuit, as he shone in front of the eagle eys of the grand prix team bosses. And, he was running a strong second in diffiicult drying conditions last time out at Oulton Park to carry the scrap to Coulter.

It is, however, much more than a two man scrap. South African Shane Norval has brought a fine burst of speed and style to the series, running under the auspices of Colin Appleyard's organisation, he was looking good for a maiden title, but fell back to third place after failing to make the points in the third round.

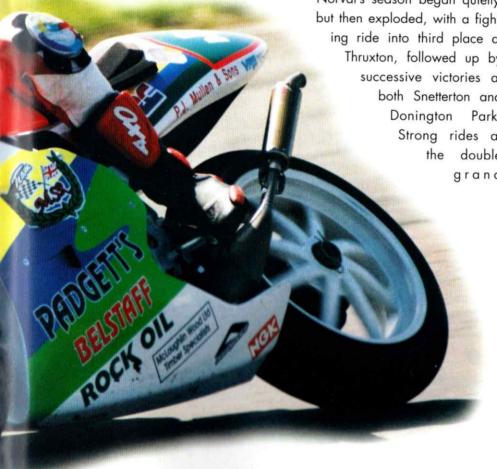
Norval's season began quietly, but then exploded, with a fighting ride into third place at Thruxton, followed up by successive victories at both Snetterton and Donington Park. Strong rides at the double grand prix suppporting round put him ahead in the rankings, but that all changed last time out. Life is tough at the top!

Jones is another rider who can echo those sentiments. He just missed out on the Superteen crown last season, but secured a top ride for his 250cc title campaign, starting with a win, but then, arguably pushing himself on to much, crashed out a couple of times. sustaining shoulder injuries, which have wrecked his chances of a title bid.

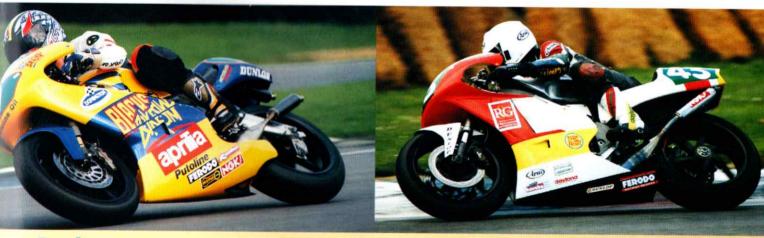
Expect him to be making a strong challenge here, along with Jason Davis who is fourth in the standings going into the second half of the season - his best result so far coming at Thruxton where he finished second. John McGuinness should be back in action. the Morecambe rider, with a couple of third places was putting a good effort together.

But, at the Grand Prix meeting, where he "wild-carded" on the Vimto Honda, McGuinness, having taken a fourth place in the Saturday evening 250cc British round, crashed in the Sunday race sustaining wrist injuries that ruled him out the following round in Cheshire.

Simon Turner, with a brace of third placings, at the Grand Prix meeting, is sixth in the standings, just ahead of Tim Levy and Adrian Clark, with surprisingly Steve Sawford ninth overall, a strangely low position for the twice British champion, and which he will keen to do something about, starting here.



Pics: Clive Challinor



"Hot-shot for the top after last year's Superteen successes - won at Brands Hatch but fallen several times"

"Twice a winner already to move into third place in the rankings, this South African means business"





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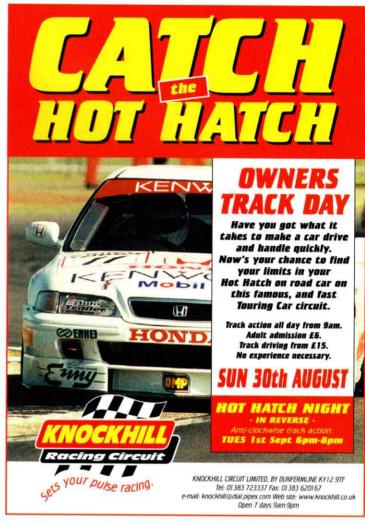
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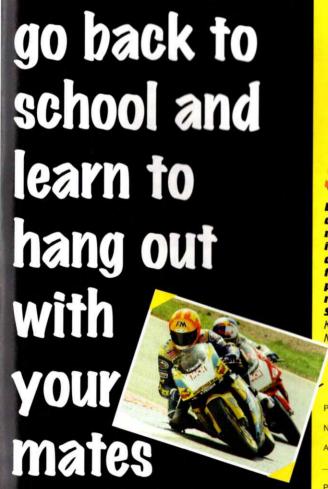
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# Palmer in driving seat for 125cc title

Chris Palmer heads the challenge for honours in the Sanyo British 125cc Championship, with a 20 points advantage over Phelim Owens as they go into the Scottish round of the series, but it is reported that the Cumbrian ace is carefully considering his future as a shortage of backing may bring his campaign to a premature end.

Palmer is enjoying his best season in years, with a series of excellent rides, topped by victories at both Thruxton and last time out in Cheshire, at Oulton Park. Coupled with a second placing in the opener, at Brands Hatch and a couple of other top five finishes and he has put himself into a good position for the title.



Phelim Owens needs a rapid return to winning ways, but needs to check the form of teenage ace Leon Haslam.

lined him, and his comeback last month in Cheshire was frustrated by machine problems

lan Lougher is well placed in the dash for honours. Third in the rankings on 68 points, he is one of five race winners so far in this hectic season – his number one spot coming at Oulton Park. The Rhoose rider is a single point ahead of the multi-former champion Robin Appleyard, who has taken two victories so far, at Oulton Park and Donington Park.

And, Alan Green is fifth in the rankings on 66 points – he has yet to win a race, but has enjoyed three top three finshes, which keep him ahead of another former champion Steve Patrickson.

Teenager starlet Leon Haslam has won races in the the national championship already this year, but has still to take maiden British championship glory. The "pocket rocket", as he is affectionately dubbed by ace commentator Fred Clarke, has enjoyed a rostrum finish, third at Thruxton, and reckons he is long overdue the top spot.

Watch this space!



Owens is the main rival. Four strong early ride put him in the driving seat – third in Kent, followed by fourth at Oulton Park, second at Thruxton and his only victory so far, at Snetterton. But then a serious accident during the Northwest 200 event side-

### No blues for the reds in Powerbike showdown

Pete Graves came from nowhere to produce an awesome performance on his screaming red Yamaha R1 in the British Powerbike round at Brands last weekend, writes Gary Pinchin. It was Graves' first win in the series – but on that showing, it won't be his last!

After winning a race-long battle with series leader Steve Plater, Graves said: "We've been making progress with the bike all year but only now is it becoming a complete package. Early season we made cams but went too far. We gained top speed but

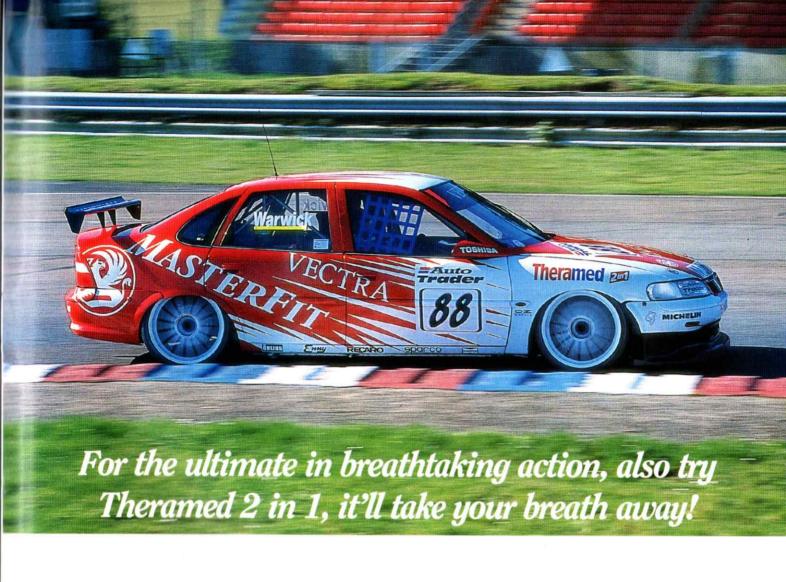
lost mid-range. Pete Gibson's come up with a new exhaust to give us back the midrange."

Graves' Yamaha also looked on rails at Brands. "We've got Eamon Cleere developing a Tech 200 rear shock and that ensures we've got good tyre wear," he explained. "I think my bike has the edge on top speed by only a little - but it's as good as the rest in all other departments. and that's thanks to my team which also included my mechanic Geoff Greenham and engine builder, Chris Mahew."

While Graves was celebrating his first win and third place in the points, Steve Plater left Brands happy with a second place to extend his championship lead. The Fireblade rider is now 22 points clear of team-mate Paul Brown who suffered his first dnf in the series when he pulled out when he felt the engine was beginning to tighten.

Others to watch? Dean Thomas has two rostrum finishes in two outings on the Best Bikes Suzuki; Dean Ashton has been a consistent top six man on his R1; and Roki Read has been on the rostrum with his Yamaha.

Should be spectacular watching the guys muscle these big four-strokes around such a tight circuit!





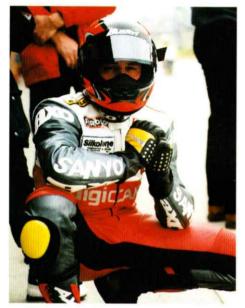


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# Crawford and Plater all-square in Supersports

ome track advantage? It's got to count in John Crawford's favour this weekend. The Sony Suzuki rider is tied on points at the top of the table with Sanyo Honda's Steve Plater, writes Gary Pinchin.

Crawford has got more mileage here than most of his rivals at this track. He



"Collecting those final thoughts and tactics" – Steve Plater minutes before his winning ride at Oulton Park

was in sensational form here last year until he slid off whilst looking like a potential winner first time out on Dunlops. This year he's already won two races and finished second with six races to date. The GSX-R600 rider has to be the favourite. Doesn't he?

Well, Plater, might contest that point. He would argue he's the man in form. After all, last race at Donington he scored his second Supersport win of the year – and made it a double with victory in the Powerbike race on the team's Fireblade. Hot or what!

Plater's team-mate, Paul Brown, is third in the championship, nine points down on the joint leaders. The defend-



Joint Championship leader John Crawford bids for a third victory to shake off Steve Plater.

ing British Champions has yet to win a Supersport race this year but he's finished second to Crawford twice. You know the win is not far away.

Rejuvenated Phil Borley is fourth overall on 59 points – 27 down on the leaders but he has been on the rostrum once and could easily sneak a win on the Team Raceways Honda.

Shane Byrne is the only rider to score a win in this year's Supersport series riding a Yamaha Thundercat. He took the Snetterton race and is fifth in the series having scored in every round except the last one at Oulton. But can he score a repeat victory this time around?

Other potential podium finishers

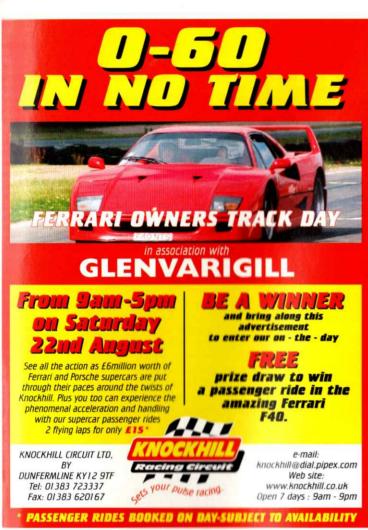
include: D&E trio Andy Pallot (fourth in the last Oulton race), Glen Richards (two second places to date) and Pete Jennings; GR Suzuki rider Dean Thomas; and Karl Harris (second last time out at Oulton after sorting suspension troubles that have plagued him all year).

Then there's Matt Llewellyn – he won at Oulton in the second round of the series but since then he's not scored. Could be a good weekend to bounce back?

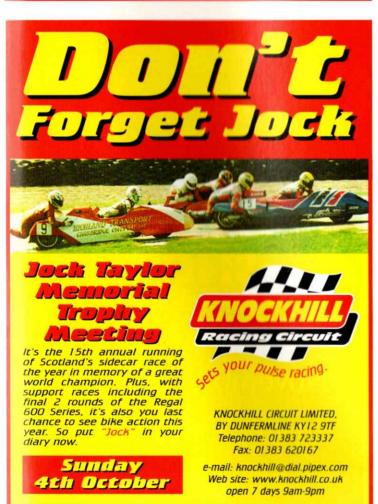
And finally, there's another hit Scot to consider, Jim Moodie on the Motorcycle City CBR600. He crashed at Oulton but at Knockhill – could be the one to watch!



Paul Brown intends this to be the view his fellow competitors have here in round seven.









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# Title race wide open at mid-point

The Motorcycle City Aprilia R\$125 British Superteen Challenge is again producing excellent racing – five races so far and three different race winners and the title race wide open at the halfway point of the campaign.

Aaron Zanotti took the opening round glory, ahead of Mark Baldock and Chris Miller as Oulton Park pointed the way into a superb contest among many of the UK's best upcoming young riders, and though they were all in the points at Thruxton, they found the competition hotting up.

Keiran Murphy took the first of his two victories of the season, so far, at the fast Hampshire circuit, and followed that up with top-spot at Cadwell Park, results, together with consistent top four finshing gives him the edge in the points, 95-90 ahead of another double winner Clint Mears.

He took the honours at Donington Park, first at the Euro Champs event and at the prestigious Grand Prix supporting round. Apart from an opening round "no-score" he has not been out of the top two.

Zanotti is third in the rankings, on 82 points, while Baldock, whose worst results of the season have been a pair of sixth placings is in fourth spot, with 69 points. Those four look to be in the driving seat for a title push, but with five races to go, there is still all to play for.

Chris Miller, second in the third round, started the season promisingly, and Michael Hill has picked up points in every race, while young James Ellison, third at Thruxton could be pushing for victory soon.

# Johnson's Aprilia title drive

Martin Johnson has taken charge of the all new General Guarantee Aprilia RS250 Challenge but needs to keep the challenge of Matt Llewellyn in check over the remaining four races.

Johnson, picture below, has not finished outside the top two so far, starting the season in cracking form with a brace of victories, the first at Oulton Park, quickly followed by victory at Thruxton. The last three outing have seen hime finish in second place, beaten for the first time at Donington Park, on the Euro-Championships bill by Ian Bennett.



It was following on from that Llewellyn, the former Shell Advance International Superbike began to assert himself, taking two consecutive victories, at Cadwell Park and then at Donington Park to consolidate his second place in the series, in which he trails Johnson 110-86 in the title stakes.

The series, for these evenly matched machines has really produced the goods in terms of fast, all action, close race action – keep an eye on Nick Chadwick, Mark Phillips and Francis Williamson in what is sure to be a busy front running pack as the Aprilia series enjoys its Scottish debut.



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Test your driving ability on our 25 lap Performance Driving Course. Let one of our Qualified ARDS Instructors guide you smoothly and quickly through Duffus Dip, Glenvarigill and Hairpin. Get the best out of our race prepared XR21 or why not bring your own car!

A memento certificate will be presented at the end of your driving experience.

Visiting Time - 1-1.5hrs



#### ON-ROAD DEFENSIVE DRIVING

The Knockhill On-Road Defensive Driving Courses are specially designed for individuals who wish to increase driver awareness and learn advanced road driving techniques. Drive safely without impeding progress and learn how to get the best from the car and yourself without drama or stress.

Visiting Time - 4hrs



#### SUPERCAR TRACK RIDES

Have the ultimate Supercar experience with passenger rides in four of the world's most desirable sports cars including Jaguar X1220 and Ferrari F40. Experience the acceleration, handling and power of these cars, some of which are capable of over 200mph. It's the chance of a lifetime.

Visiting Time - 2.5hrs



#### TARMAC RALLY EXPERIENCE

The Ultimate Rally Stage Trial offers you the excitement of rally driving. Your 7 stage laps will be in a fully-prepared rally car on the famous stage as used in the Scottish Rally. You will be marked on your driving skills on a 2 lap special stage assessment with a thrilling demonstration run by your instructor as a finale.

Visiting Time - 2.5hrs



#### THE E-TYPE EXPERIENCE

Re-live the days of Graham Hill and Jackie Stewart but this time it's you at the wheel. Drive one of our thoroughbred, fully race-prepared E-type Jaguars whilst receiving first class tuition. It's a truly unforgettable experience of classic proportions.

Visiting Time - 2.5hrs



#### 4X4 OFF-ROAD COURSE

Expand your skills to a new level by undergoing an off-road training course on our challenging and thrilling natural terrain. With sharp descents and ascents, water crossing, mud and side slopes, it's got the lot to make you the complete off-roader. The qualified instructor will take you through each discipline safely in our own 4x4 vehicles. Amaze yourself with what you and a 4x4 can roadly de

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