OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 20p

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MOTOR CYCLE BRITISH MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP

Official programme

NANTWICH AND DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB

PRESENT THE

MOTOR CYCLE BRITISH MOTO CROSS CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 1

Held under the National Permit granted by the A.C.U. No. 011
the G.C.R's of the A.C.U. and TTC 278.

at Hatherton, Nantwich, Cheshire

Sunday March 20th 1977

Start 2.00 p.m.

OFFICIALS

Appointed by the A-C.U.	E. Damadian
Steward appointed by the Cheshire Centre A-C.U.	A. Stoneley
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Secretary of the Meeting	W. Shaw
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Machine Examiner	F.S. Metcalfe
Competitors' Marshal	I. Metcalfe
Chief Marshal	K. Beckett
Clerk of the Course	V. Cooper
Announcer	R.J. Spencer
Hon. Medical Officer	Dr. K. Kay

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Nantwich and District Motor Club record their thanks to the:-
Clubs of the Cheshire Centre for providing Marshals for the course
Dr. K. Kay and the British Red Cross Society for Medical Services
R.A.C. for help given in routing roads to the course.

BRITISH MOTO CROSS CHAMPIONSHIP
ROUND ONE

Hatherton, near Nantwich, Cheshire

on Sunday 20th March 1977

Start 2.00 p.m.

Welcome to Hatherton *Official Programme 20p*

Once again this famous Cheshire circuit welcomes the first round of a British Championship, and this time the opening event of the 'new-look' series carries on a long tradition of top-class national scrambling at Hatherton.

The championship itself draws all the best riders in Britain, and in addition we have the supporting races for all those hopeful young riders aiming to be graded for the top 35 in 1978

There will be two main races for the supporting riders, in each of which the top ten finishers will gain points to decide their overall positions at the end of the season. Because of the massive entry for these races, and the limited racing time, we are running heats today for those riders wishing to be included in the two supporting races. Those who do not qualify will still get a chance of an extra race later in the afternoon.

The Nantwich and District Motor Club would like to express its thanks to Mr. Vernon Cooper for the use of the land, to the Nantwich Division Red Cross, to all officials and marshals helping out here today, and, most important, to the spectators.

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Affiliated to the Cheshire Centre A.C.U.

Next scramble on this circuit — April 17th 1977

Other dates to watch out for:

May 22nd September 18th October 2nd October 16th

COMPETITORS

No.	Name	cc	Machine	Town
1.	Graham Noyce	400	Maico	Eastleigh
2	Vic Allan	390/250	Husovarna	Tolworth
3.	Neil Hudson	400	Maico	Bristol
4.	John Banks	500	CCM	Bury St Edmunds
5	Vic Eastwood	500	CCM	West Malling
6.	Rob Hooper	390/250	Husqvarna	Rugeley
7.	Andy Roberton	360/250	JAS Montesa	Knighton
8.	Bob Wright	500	CCM	Gt Harwood
9.	Bryan Wade	370	Suzuki	Stonehouse
10.	Roger Garrett	400	Maico	Axbridge
11.	Roger Harvey	390/250	Husqvarna	Rugeley
12.	Geff Mayes	400/250	Kawasaki	Cambridge
14.	Norman Barrow	500	CCM	Millom
15.	Stuart Nunn	400/250	Kawasaki	Ely
16.	Bill Aldridge	370	Suzuki	Smalldole
17.	James Aird		Maico	Barnard Castle
18.	Pete Mathia	400	Shutt Maico	Northwich
19.	Malcolm Davis	370	Bultaco	Gloucester
20	Terry Dyer	370	Bultaco	Eastbourne
21	Paul Harrison	500/250	CZ	Market Harbrough
22	Rob Taylor	360/250	KTM	Shirehampton
23	Vaughan Semmens	400/250	Maico	Brownhills
24	Andy Ainsworth			Blackburn
25	Les Lloyd	360/250	FB AJS	Abingdon
26	David Tomasik	400/250	KTM	Hereford
27.	David Grant	400	Maico	Bournemouth
28.	Chris Ginn	370	Bickers Suzuki	Woodbridge
29	John May	370/250	Comerford Bultaco	Godalming
30	Dave Bickers	380	Suzuki	Ipswich
31.	Randy Owen	380	EMC	Hereford
32.	Dave Nicoll	500	Banks CCM	Newport
33.	Rob Wilkinson	400/250	EMC	Bolton
34	Steven Beamish	370	Suzuki	Portslade
35.	Paul Orritt	370/250	Suzuki	Southport
36	A. Clarke	400	Kawasaki	Chesterfield

THESE ARE THE TOP 35 RIDERS AND THEY WILL WEAR NUMBERED BIB FROM MOTORCYCLE.

1	Mike Stephens	400	Maico	Dormington
2	Jeremy Beck	400	Maico	Guilsborough
3.	David Lewendon	360	Husqvarna	Fleet
4.	Carl Tyler	400	Maico	Hardwicke
5	Roy Turner	400	CZ	Stonehouse
6	Stephen How	540	CCM	Buckingham
7	Wayne Jones	400/250	Impact Maico	Poncood
8	Terry Holloway	360	KTM	Bournemouth
9	Philip Shaw	370	CGH	Walton
10	John Reid	400/250	Colton Maico	Acklam
11.	Chris Scriven	390/250	Husky	Loxwood
12.	Nigel Parvin	400	Helyar Maico	Eastleigh
13.	Robert Kinsey	360	Montesa	Kendal
14.	Wayne James	360/250	Husqvarna	Merthyr Tydfil
15.	Norman Emery	400	Maico	Eastleigh
16.	Ken Sourbutts	400	Shutt Maico	Rossendale
17.	Stephen Walker	400	Maico	Durley
18.	Joe Young	400	Helyar Maico	Basingstoke
19.	Mike Pearce	360/250	Bultaco	Sunbury
20.	Peter Holt	360	Sandiford Montesa	Bolton
21.	Ian Preston	400/250	Kawasaki	Austwick
22.	Martyn Holden	400	Maico	Haslingden

COMPETITORS

No.	Name	cc	Machine	Town
23.	D. Slythe	370 250	Suzuki	Wateringbury
24.	Fred Rowe	390 250	Husqvarna	Aldershot
25.	Steve Harrison	370 250	Suzuki	Mkt Harborough
26.	Brian Wilcox	440 250	BWS	Hereford
27.	Elwyn Price	500	CCM	Crossgates
28.	Kenward Price	500	Cheney	Crossgates
29.	John Williams	370	Suzuki	Stratford on Avon
30.	Michael Moores	370	Fowlers Suzuki	Huntingdon
31.	Nigel Miller	400 250	Mott Yamaha	Basingstoke
32.	Tim Stowe	400	Maico	Wellsbourne
33.	Gordon Phillip	400	Jack Gow	Forfar
34.	Roy Beatty	370	Suzuki	Swanley
35.	Dennis le Breton	500	CCM	St Brelade
36.	Phil Davenport		KTM	Bournemouth
37.	Phillip Hodges	400 250	Maico Bultaco	Honiton
38.	Maurice Brayford	350 250	KTM Husky	Oldham
39.	Ken Williams	360	Montesa	Crossgates
40.	Jeremy Merchant	400	Fowler Maico	Dorchester
41.	Gareth Jones	250	Suzuki	Llanidloes
42.	Geraint Jones	400 250	Maico Suzuki	Llanidloes
43.	Andrew Cartwright	400 250	CZ	Lofthouse
44.	Rob Donaldson	396	Suzuki	Basingstoke
45.	Charlie Miller	360	Husqvarna	Withington
46.	Michael Brown	250	Maico	Bristol
47.	Tony Heath	400	Maico	High Wycombe
48.	Malcolm Dearn	390	Husqvarna	Charlwood
49.	Lewis Delve	400	Maico	Exeter
50.	Richard Palmer	400	Maico	Bristol
51.	Geoff Stokes	500	Yamaha	Hull
52.	Richard Szymanski	400 250	CZ	Bruton
53.	Richard Goddard	400	Maico	Longdon
54.	Malcolm Doble	400	Maico	Yeovil
55.	James Goodfellow	400	Maico	Dalbettie
56.	Mick George	400	CZ	Ashford
57.	Andy Scott	390	Husqvarna	High Wycombe
58.	Andrew Scott	400	Kawasaki	Chesterfield
59.	Wayne le Marquand	575	CCM	St Peter
60.	Paul Packham	580	CCM	Sheffield
61.	Steve Adams	400 250	Maico	Braunston
62.	Chris Clark	370 250	Suzuki	Petworth
63.	John Leece	400 250	Cumbria KTM	Millom
64.	Dave Jeremiah	400	CZ	Cwmbran
65.	David Drake	400	Maico	Stafford
66.	David Brown	390	Husqvarna	Tytherington
67.	Paul Farr	400	Spanners Maico	Macclesfield
68.	Mick Beardshaw	400	Maico	Ravenshead
69.	Geoff Bell	500	CCM	Brampton
70.	John Huntley	370 250	Suzuki	Esher
71.	Ted Wood	400	EMC	Northwich
72.	Andrew Gill	400	Maico	Wigan
73.	Paul Studley	400	Maico	Axminster
74.	C. Clark	360/250	Bultaco	Erith
75.	J. Pringle	500	CCM	Erith
76.	Brian Winter	360	Husqvarna	Rugeley
77.	Steve Basnwell	400	Maico	Ridgmont
78.	Michael Church			Chippenham
79.	Neil Stanahough	450 250	Carabela	Wigan
80.	Wayne Thomas	400	Maico	Merthyr Tydfil
81.	Ian Tomkinson	250	KTM	Newport
82.	Kevin Hatcher	400 250	Comerford KTM	Chessington
83.	Rodger Goldsworthy	400	Maico	Bath

COMPETITORS

No.	Name	cc	Machine	Town
84.	Keith Ree	360	Montesa	Evesham
85.	Stephen Hathaway	440	Maico	Sutton Coldfield
86.	Bob Hart	500	GCH	Bristol
87.	Neil Griffiths	370	Suzuki	Maerdy
88.	Michael Grant	370/250	Suzuki	Bristol
89.	Stephen Clarke	370/250	Crookes Suzuki	Formby
90.	Chris Bryan	400	Maico	Bristol
91.	Bob Stringer	500	CCM	Walsall
92.	Stephen Slade	400	Maico	Halesowen
93.	Willie Simpson	400	Maico	Glamis
94.	Paul Hunt	370	Suzuki	Ottershaw
95.	David Wells	400/250	DMX Maico	Yeovil
96.	Don Brockbank	500 250	CCM Suzuki	Millom
97.	Jonathan Wright	400	J Banks Maico	Southwold
98.	Bob McMinn	400	CZ	Widnes
99.	Colin Maunder	390	Husqvarna	Haying Island
100.	Andrew Savage	360	Husqvarna	Maidstone
101.	Steve Brenker	440/250	Hunt Maico	New Milton
102.	Rodney Harrison	400	Colton Maico	Great Ayton
103.	A. Edwards	400	Yamaha	Newbridge
104.	John McMillan	400/360	Yamaha SMC	Slough
105.	Ted Thompson	370	CGH Suzuki	Waddington
106.	Alan Poole	500	Colton CCM	Redcar
107.	A. Nurden	500	Castrol CCM	Malmesbury
108.	Frank Luther	400	EMC CZ	Lydney
109.	Phil Remnant	370	Bultaco	Lydney
110.	Nigel Smith	500	CZ	Catterick
111.	Martin Smith	400/250	Brown CZ	Kendal
112.	Mick Toms	400 250	Maico	Dursley
113.	Ian Sword	400	Maico	Eaglesfield
114.	Robert Bentham	250	Maico	Bolton
115.	C. Henley	360	Husqvarna	Newcastle

PROGRAMME OF RACES AFTER 3 HEATS FOR SUPPORT RACES

Racing will commence at 2.00 p.m. as follows and will be continuous until the finish, which is expected to be at approximately 6.15 p.m.

Event 1	First Leg 'Motor Cycle' Moto Cross Championship	40 minutes – 2 laps
Event 2	First Leg Supporting Race	30 minutes – 2 laps
Event 3	First Non Qualifiers Race	20 minutes – 2 laps
Event 4	Second Non Qualifiers Race	20 minutes – 2 laps
Event 5	Second Leg 'Motor Cycle' Moto Cross Championship	40 minutes – 2 laps
Event 6	Second Leg Supporting Race	30 minutes – 2 laps

NOTE TO SPECTATORS

Since it is impossible for anyone to know in advance who will be progressing from the Heats of the Support Races it will be necessary for spectators to enter the relevant numbers and names in the appropriate pages of the programme.

These will be announced over the public address system.

Please have a pen or pencil handy.

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MOTO–CROSS GRAND PRIX OF GREAT BRITAIN

HAWKSTONE PARK

Sunday July 30th – 31st 1977 2 p.m.

EVENT 2 First 12 to Support Race — 6 Laps

Heat 1

1. M. Stephens
2. J. Reck
3. D. Lewendon
4. C. Tyler
5. R. Turner
6. S. How
7. W. Jones
8. T. Holloway
9. P. Shaw
10. J. Reid
11. C. Scriven
12. N. Parvin
13. R. Kinsey
14. W. James
15. N. Emery
16. K. Sourbutts
17. S. Walker
18. J. Young
19. M. Pearce
20. P. Holt
21. I. Preston
22. M. Holden
23. D. Slythe
24. F. Rowe
25. S. Harrison
26. B. Wilcox
27. F. Price
28. K. Price
29. J. Williams
30. M. Moores
31. N. Miller
32. T. Stowe
33. G. Phillip
34. P. Beatty
35. D. le Breton
36. P. Davenport
37. P. Hodges
38. M. Brayford

1. 24 2. 6 3. 34 4. 22 5. 32 6. 7 7. 2 8. 12 9. 8
10. 15 11. 33 12. 1

Heat 2

6 laps

39. K. Williams
40. J. Merchant
41. G. Jones
42. G. Jones
43. A. Cartwright
44. R. Donaldson
45. C. Miller
46. M. Brown
47. T. Heath
48. M. Dearn
49. L. Delve
50. R. Palmer
51. G. Stokes
52. R. Szymanski
53. R. Goddard
54. M. Doble
55. J. Goodfellow
56. M. George
57. A. Scott
58. A. Scott
59. W. le Marquand
60. P. Packham
61. S. Adams
62. C. Clark
63. J. Leece
64. D. Jeremiah
65. D. Drake
66. D. Brown
67. P. Farr
68. M. Beardshaw
69. G. Bell
70. J. Huntley
71. T. Wood
72. A. Gill
73. P. Studley
74. C. Clark
75. J. Pringle
76. B. Winter

1...63 2...40 3...53 4...70 5...62 6...73 7...65 8...59 9...51...

10...54 11...69 12...76

Heat 3

6 laps

77. S. Barnwell
78. M. Church
79. N. Stanought
80. W. Thomas
81. I. Tomkinson
82. K. Hatcher
83. R. Goldsworthy
84. K. Ree
85. S. Hathaway
86. B. Hart
87. N. Griffiths
88. M. Grant
89. S. Clarke
90. C. Bryan
91. B. Stringer
92. S. Slade
93. W. Simpson
94. P. Hunt
95. D. Wells
96. D. Brockbank
97. J. Wright
98. B. McMinn
99. C. Maunder
100. A. Savage
101. S. Breaker
102. R. Harrison
103. A. Edwards
104. J. McMillan
105. J. Thompson
106. A. Poole
107. A. Nurden
108. F. Luther
109. P. Remnant
110. N. Smith
111. M. Smith
112. N. Toms
113. I. Sword
114. R. Bentham

1...~~92~~ 112... 2...~~100~~ 97 3..... 4..... 5..... 6..... 7..... 8..... 9.....

10..... 11..... 12.....

EVENT 1 1st Leg BRITISH MOTO CROSS CHAMPIONSHIP

Motorcycle bibs top 35

Race 1

40 minutes + 2 laps

1- 1. G. Noyce
2. V. Allan
3- 3. N. Hudson
2- 4. J. Banks
5. V. Eastwood
6. R. Hooper
7. A. Roberton
8. B. Wright
4- 9. B. Wade
10. R. Garrett
11. R. Harvey
12. G. Mayes
14. N. Barrow
15. S. Nunn
16. B. Aldridge
17. J. Aird
18. P. Mathis
19. M. Davis
20. T. Dyer
21. P. Harrison
22. R. Taylor
23. V. Semmons
24. A. Ainsworth
25. L. Lloyd
26. D. Tomasik
27. D. Grant
28. C. Grinn
29. J. May
30. D. Bickers
31. R. Owen
32. D. Nicoll
33. R. Wilkson
34. S. Beamish
35. P. Orritt
36. A. Clarke

(15) (12) (10) (8) (6) (4)

1...1... 2...4... 3...3... 4...9... 5...6... 6..... 7.....

8..... 9..... 10.....

Bibs for Support Races and Non Qualifiers will be loaned by:-

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RACE 2

EVENT 2 1ST SUPPORT RACE 30 mins + 2 laps

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1..... 2..... 3..... 4..... 5..... 6..... 7.....

8..... 9..... 10.....

EVENT 3 NON QUALIFIERS 20 mins + 2 laps

RACE 3

1..... 2..... 3..... 4..... 5..... 6..... 7.....

8..... 9..... 10.....

RACE 4 NON QUALIFIERS **20 mins + 2 laps**

1..... 2..... 3..... 4..... 5..... 6..... 7.....

8..... 9..... 10.....

RACE 5 2ND LEG BRITISH MOTO CROSS CHAMPIONSHIP **40 mins + 2 laps**

1. G. Noyce
2. V. Allan
3. N. Hudson
4. J. Banks
5. V. Eastwood
6. R. Hooper
7. A. Roberton
8. B. Wright
9. B. Wade
10. R. Garrett
11. R. Harvey
12. G. Mayes
14. N. Barrow
15. S. Nunn
16. B. Aldridge
17. J. Aird
18. P. Mathia
19. M. Davis
20. T. Dyer
21. P. Harrison
22. R. Taylor
23. V. Semmens
24 A. Ainsworth
25. L. Lloyd
26. D. Tomasik
27. D. Grant
28. C. Grinn
29. J. May
30. D. Bickers
31. R. Owen
32. D. Nicoll
33. R. Wilkson
34. S. Beamish
35. P. Orritt
36. A. Clarke

(15) (12) (10) (8) (6)

1. 1 2. 4 3. 2 4. 3 5. 11 6..... 7.....

8 9 10

WARNING

The public are warned that a Motor Competition is in progress and if they remain in the vicinity they do so at their own risk.

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The Motor Cycle British Moto Cross Championship

by Motor Cycle's Chris Myers

British Championship Opening Round 1 and 2.

Welcome to the opening round of what is sure to be the best-ever 'Motor Cycle' British Moto Cross Championship.

Here at Hatherton today the organising Nantwich Club are host to all the country's top moto crossers who will be battling for increased prize money and a good opening place in the championship.

'Motor Cycle' is again sponsoring the series and we promise to do all we can to make 1977 a year to remember in British moto cross. This year you will notice Motor Cycle's presence much more at all rounds and behind the scenes we're working flat out to make sure that everyone everywhere knows about the Motor Cycle British Moto Cross Championship.

Well back to today and those 35 men and machines who will be duelling out on the track.

British number one Graham Noyce heads the entry making the trip over from the continent specially. Graham won the championship last year easily – he won 12 out of 14 races he entered and must be tipped for the top in 1977.

But don't think he'll have it all his own way – there are 34 other men who are aiming to make sure that he won't. There's John Banks, for example; multiple British Champion and CCM Grand Prix contender. John's been going really well this season and he's beaten Graham at Hawkstone Park and Tweseldown so far.

Then there's another former British Champion and Husqvarna Grand Prix contender, Scot Vic Allan. Vic staved off the Noyce challenge in 1975 and could do it again in 1977.

Vic Eastwood is CCM mounted again this year and can always be guaranteed to ride well. And the two Kawasaki men: Stuart Nunn and Geoff Mayes will be out on the all-new green meanies determined to win.

Another CCM man is Bob Wright who's had some terrific rides this year and can be guaranteed to go well, Andy Roberton, a veteran in moto cross terms, will be out on the Jim Sandiford Montesa and look for Husqvarna's hope in the world 250 cc series – midlander Rob Hooper, sixth in last year's contest.

Five promising young men came up to the championship from the support series this year and one of them Steven Beamish has been well up with the established stars this year – keep your eyes peeled for him.

So that's it: the country's top moto crossers, backed by Motor Cycle in the best championship ever, settle down in your favourite spot and enjoy the action.

Look for Chris Myers' report in Wednesday's Motor Cycle.