

Three Races In One Day!

Track n Trail's Round 4 Summer Series

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Race Report by Track n Trail

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With conditions perfect Track n Trail could not have asked for a better day for the return visit to the popular Two Valleys venue. With 3 events taking place throughout the day, an addition of an autos course meant that 263 riders from the age of 5 to 65 were catered for! The light rain of the week before and the Sunny weather meant that the track conditions were perfect, giving very good grip especially once the dew on the grass dried out. The track had many corners added to reduce the speeds on this fast, flowing course which meant that riders needed inch perfect drifting skills to master the faster grass covered trails.

The first up were the 15 future enduro stars who showed off their skills on the auto track, the under10's, all on autos had to negotiate twists and turns as they wound through the woods. They were treated to some fast straights and a little hill climb (their words!) . Their speed, determination and sheer delight was quite a spectacle! These lucky kids got 345 minute session throughout the day. Not bad for a tenner!

The championship class led the second race of the day with Jamie Paget well in the lead. Despite the generous lap lengths Jamie put in an incredibly fast first lap on soaking wet grass, in fact, the fastest of the day, 12.10mins. The rest of the lads came through the timing with split seconds dividing them. David Biles was left on the line after having trouble with starting his bike, on the first lap he came through in 6th but had already fought his way up to 2nd by lap 2. David pushed hard to catch Jamie but couldn't get him closer than 16 seconds within his sights. Mid race however saw David get his chance as Jamie had bike problems, Jamie carried on till lap 10, regaining the lead but only to retire, with his date with the British Team in Portugal pending next week he couldn't risk serious damage to his bike. Phil Studley put in consistent lap times to take 2nd over the Bawn Brothers. Unfortunately Joe Duncan Spectacularly cart wheeled out of contention on lap 9.



*David
Biles
flying to
take the
win.*



The Expert race saw Mark Kirby put in an outstanding first 4 laps taking the lead and staying out front, but Daniel Beaven came through from 6th constantly eating away at Mark's lead and whilst the two jostled for 1st and 2nd for a few laps. By lap 7 Daniel's youth played to his advantage as he stretched his lead to 3 minutes by race end. Matt Pemble and Martin Izzard had a continuous battle for 3rd and 4th with Matt coming out on top at race end by 1 minute.

Over 40's Expert saw Peter Archer out in front from the beginning and with no repeat of his knock out fall of the last round at this venue, he stayed there throughout. Championship leader, Euan Harrison and Stuart Keedwell both had to work up through the ranks for their 2nd and 3rd but by lap 6 both has secured their positions.



Euan Harrison looking laid back on his way to a championship leading 2nd.

Dave Kirtley in Clubman 2 stroke knew he had his work cut out with the presence of young Wesley Thomas and although he fought hard he could never catch Wesley who extended his lead in the final stages and managed to take an extra lap over Dave. Andrew Gorse put in his best ever performance to take 3rd.



Wesley Thomas on top form on Sunday

Clubman 4 stroke saw a lot of vying for the top positions, Nathan Wood looked strong throughout but Dean Lukins snatched the win from him on lap 12 by 30 seconds and Guy Breeze took 3rd just 40 seconds behind Nathan.



And clubman 4 Stroke were off 205 Graham Widdicombe in the fore ground .



Close Up 299 Winner Dean Lukins

In the Sportsman Over 40's class Ian Baldock caught Andrew Trott on lap 6 to take the lead to race end. Andrew Gale also pushed hard and stole 2nd place from Trott on lap 12 finishing just 7 secs ahead of him.



248 Carl PenningtonWhat a jump!

David Thomas led from lap 3 in the Sportsman 2 stroke class and was the only rider to finish on 12 laps. Andrew Coad came in 2nd and Richard Batstone put in a consistent performance to come up through the ranks and take 3rd.



326 Richard Batstone working hard to take 3rd.

Sportsman 4 stroke class saw Marcus Clare dominate the race leading throughout the early laps. Will Ansel briefly led for lap 7 and 8 but Marcus quickly closed back in on him. The two jostled for a couple of laps but Matt must have come up against a problem on his final lap that saw him drop back to 4th, with Ian Randall and Darren Handyside passing him to take second and third respectively.

New to Track n Trail, Adrian Gough put in a tremendous performance to lead throughout and finish on 11 laps 6 minutes ahead of young Callum Platts. Seth Stevens despite coming through in 12th on lap one steadily pulled himself up through the ranks to take third, the only other rider on 11 laps.



In the youth race Tommy Alba again set an unbeatable pace on his 125, the only rider to complete 9 laps. Daniel Richards also put in a good performance to hold his 2nd place over Liam Manchip, who has to be congratulated on his effort having just returned from injury.

Speedy!! Tommy Alba wins 125cc class

The 85 BW start



The 85cc Big Wheel class Lawrence Harper, obviously enjoys this course repeating his win here earlier this year. Connor Davis took 2nd and George Hayes 3rd.



*Here come the Boys..... 121 Lawrence Harper,
120 Jasper Gutteridge and 106 George Hayes*



The small wheel class was again Dylan Baynton and Mitchell Miller in 1 and 2 with Jack Howe in 3rd. The 65cc class went to Bradley Rowland, with Issac Atherley 2nd and Joshua Hartwell 3rd.



*287 The flying Bullet,
aka, Dylan Baynton*

*299 Mitchell Miller
making the hard route
look easy!*



*Bradley Rowland riding with
style to win the 65cc class.*

And so ended a wonderful day and as the riders left everyone was very much looking forward to the Final Round of the summer Series at the extraordinary Norden on 4th October.