



Track n Trail Winter Series Round 3 Weatherby Fort 28th February **Studley Pushes Biles Back!**

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With horrendous weather forecast, the decision was made to run round two whatever the weather was going to throw at us! Mike the Burger Man pointed out after watching the crew put up the tent that there were one hundred miles per hour winds forecasted for Saturday evening, thanks Mike! After finding out some fat bloke ordering a large burger & chips had told him this, we decided to definitely leave it up! Like most things you over hear whilst standing in the burger queue it's probably best dismissed?

And so for the first time in four years Youth race went out before the adults, and that was a good call. The Track having been subjected to a wet, wet, wet week had very different conditions in a couple of fields the grass was soft under, bogey almost impossible to ride fast but the worst field was cut out before Sunday and the rest of the course stayed rideable. Although heavily rutted in one section in the woods, the rest of the 6 mile course held up very well. But as usual our Youth racers dug in and produced some awesome riding to cope with the conditions. The 125cc class saw James Harrison join us for the first time, Regular Tommy Alba came in on the first lap leading James by a clear 20 seconds, but a face plant saw James take the lead in lap 2 and Tommy rejoined the race back in 6th. James took his advantage to race end and despite Tommy closing the gap and putting in some very fast laps; he could never quite catch him, and took 2nd. Third went to Max Varney who put in a very consistent performance to climb the rankings throughout the race.

*Despite this great start it
Was not to be Marcus' day.*



Dylan Baynton again dominated his 85BW class, but Owen Richards put on a great performance, sometimes having Dylan in his sites. Third went to Charlie Frost, all on 6 laps.



*118 first time in Big wheels
Mitchell Miller*

All the riders in the 85cc small wheel class and 65cc class deserve a mention, for even completing a lap, for battling their small wheels around the course. Again it was a first time Harrison, Ben this time who took the win in the 85 class, he took the win over Jake Deacon by 16 minutes. With both boys on a respectable 5 laps, third went to regular Joe Newman who just missed out on a 5th lap.



Bradley Rowland took a comfortable win in the 65cc and Isacc Atherley a good second, both completing 4 laps, whilst Connor smith took 3rd.



Ashley Cogdell 85Small wheel

And once the youth were all safely back the Adults who had enjoyed a leisurely start to the day were lined up and eager to go.

As the Championship boys raced off David Biles took the lead for the first lap, but in his own words, he didn't like "that sloppy stuff" on the big 520 KTM and was powerless to hold off Phil Studley (Poole Motor cycles Yam) got into full swing and led for the remaining 3 hours. Biles took 2nd with Ross Blackmore in 3rd.



*3rd place
Ross
Blackmore*

Experts rider Ben Scott put on a great performance to take the win with an extra lap over Darren Hounsell and Matt Pemble.

*Expert
Rider Karl
Langford*



Whilst in the Over 40's Expert it was Greg Pascoe who dominated and took a convincing win. Terry Beecham worked hard throughout as did Stuart Keedwell but at race end it was Terry who took 2nd and Stuart 3rd.

Clubman 2 stroke saw the top 5 all on 9 laps, and whilst it was not Tommy's Day in the Youth Jason Alba, took the win to make sure at least one of the family took home a trophy. 2nd and an 3rd was battle for by Alan Stringer and Mark Goddard and whilst Mark was ahead on the penultimate lap Alan put in a last push to take the 2nd Well done to Daniel Richards who took 5th on his first outing in the adult race.

Clubman 4 stroke saw George Fraser put in a great effort to take the win on 10 laps. With one of his best performances, Graham Widdicombe came in 2nd and Mark Woodman 3rd.

The Over 40's sportsman saw the top 2 with just seconds between them but it was Paul Garland who took the 1st place and Steve Quincey who took 2nd. Just missing out on a 6th lap it was Mike Holmes in 3rd.



Mark Morris Clubman 4 stroke 4th

Adrian Cligg took the win in sportsman 2 stroke after Jason Ham who had been leading convincingly pulled out . Ryan Knight was 2nd with Callum Marshall 3rd.

In Sportsman 4 stroke it was Jame Salter who took a convincing win on 8 laps, leading all the way. Matthew Peppard battled his way into 2nd taking an extra lap over 3rd place Ricky Furse.

*3rd Place
Ricky Furse*



Well done to all the Trail riders that had a go, the win went to Craig Voice on 7 laps, in 2nd was Nick Thirkettle and Felix Warren took 3rd.



Trail Rider Felix Warren 3rd

Whilst Weatherby Fort was not as much as a wash out as the weather men predicted let's hope that we can look forward to some dry, sunny weather at Castle Park on 28th March.....See you there.

.And now some of the unidentified riders thanks to the mud!!!! Just to give a flavour of the day.

