

Track n Trail

Bolter cleans up at Matterley

But its 2-1 to the Ridgeways

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Whilst the last event was a tortuous mud bath this one was quite literally a ray of sunshine. The track was perfect, with both sets of easy and hard routes available. The circuit was designed to be open and flowing with plenty of opportunity for passing, even through the woods. Come race day and the car park quickly filled, there was a positive buzz about the day ahead as bikes were unloaded.

With the start line leading straight into a large scramble track, at times it was not unlike a roller coaster ride with the track dropping down and speed considerably building into the very bottom of the bowl before rising extremely quickly on the far side. The riders then had a combination of tight turns before dropping speed again into the bottom of the bowl, this carried on until the first of the mean woods sections, some of them off camber whilst others were very fast and flowing. This fantastic course had huge variety with no shortage of wood sections, fast game cover strips for rest bite, slippery chalk farm tracks and even more fast and technical scramble sections, all this for more than 7 miles a real blast!

On the start line the championship riders were ready for the off when they noticed the orange suit and KORR logos of Daryl Bolter and the other notable rider was Matt Ridgeway riding the Off rode Experience 2st Yamaha he all so had decided to try out the new Matterley track. This giving Poole Motorcycles sponsored Phil Studley something to get his teeth into.

As the first championship riders entered the first wood land it was Craig Callow who had had the best start, with Phil Studley chasing him, then Daryl Bolter with Matt Ridgeway as they made for the massive chalk mound. Daryl took a

tighter line than the riders in front of him and with Matt close behind exited the mound first. Phil overhauled Craig by the end of the first lap and that how the top three stayed with Matt glued to Bolters back wheel with less than 2 secs between them until on lap 5 when Matt took the lead. With Matt planning 2 fuel stops to Bolters one it was always going to be an uphill battle for Matt but just after his first pit he lost his front brake and with Bolter running 40sec a lap faster after that point and staying out of trouble effortlessly he had an easy win 6 minutes ahead of Matt and Phil Studley in third the only other rider to clock up 13 laps.

Darryl Bolter on his way to a convincing win.



In the expert class Daniel Price fought his way to the front to finish first with Dan Bray a close second and Jake Alsop coming in third. The chalk mound did cause some problems but all the riders who tackled it did so with gusto, there were a few pilots who thought the best option was to become airborne off the side but there were no injuries only bruised egos and embarrassing photo opportunities.

The over 40's class welcome Peter Archer back after a long absence from injury and he celebrated the return with a convincing win over Mark Kirby who just missed out on his 13th lap, Third went to another strong contender in this class Euan Harrison.

In Clubman 2 stroke youngsters Dan Newman and George Hayes were held down by visitor Jessy Say Although throughout Dan was biting at Jessy's tail and finished just seconds behind. George taking third.

Clubman 4 stroke saw the top 4 finishers fighting for position throughout the race each taking their turn at the lead but it was Marcus Clare who held the lead at race end with Giles Richards taking 2nd and Chris Pratt finishing just ahead of Colin Yeewd.

The Over 40's Sportsman saw Andrew Harris dominate from lap 2. Jim Allwood also put on a good performance to take 2nd the only 2 riders in the class to complete 10 laps. Third went to Carl Swateridge.

The Over 50's class is really taking off with a good sized entry of these more mature riders! Trevor Pope, who has been a great supporter of Track n Trail having this class, led for the majority of the race but lost out on the final lap to Steven Taylor who had been sitting behind just waiting for his opportunity. Third went to Neil Frap. Special Mention should also go to Chris Osmond, at age 64 still out riding and our oldest rider to date finishing the race, an inspiration



for us all to keep on riding!

405 Joe Atkins and 130 Andy Biles launching out of the woods and into the scramble field.

Sportsman 2 stroke saw Iain Randall take the win, leading from start to finish and Rob Wilkinson in 2nd and Alex Knott in third.

Olly Ford took the win in Sportsman 4 stroke, 2nd went to Ryan Cambell and 3rd to Kevin Park.

The trail class saw Bartlett take an easy win with Bruce Bailey in 2nd and Rodney Crowden in third.

In the youth classes it was Drew Slevin who saw the reward for all his hard work over the year come together as he took a strong win in the 125 cc class, perhaps following in the footsteps of his Dad, Warren who in his time had been a top 10 British class enduro rider. Jake Morgan also had a great day out with his 2nd place held throughout. It was Jack Liddard and Callum Reynaulds that had had the biggest battle of the class fighting for the 3rd spot, but it was to be Jack who came out on top.

Dan Newman, 2nd place in the 85SW

The 85cc small wheel class was a closely contested race with half of the riders clocking up five laps. But it was a good day for the Ridgeway family with Jordan leading the class throughout and taking the win with Joe Newman in second

place and Josh Wilson in third.

Matt Martin on his way to a well earned win!

And as for the 65cc Class, for the watching families it was nail biting stuff as the top 2 were within

seconds of each other throughout, Matt Martin and

Ben Harvey giving Matt a good challenge

Ben Harvey giving Matt a good challenge, first and second as they went round but Matt put in his fastest lap, in 2nd and entered the pits the 2 young riders shook hands, in recognition of the good spirited race. Joseph Peppard had to fight Carl Benham just as hard for his 2nd place.

A great day was had by all and the overall vibe from riders and supporters was everyone had, thoroughly enjoyed this exciting new venue and next it's Melplash..... see you there!

