

BRCA Bike National Round 5 at Mendip 7/8th September 2019

Being the last round of the season the excellent performances today were overshadowed by the Final Championship Positions. However, it would be wrong not to report on an excellent meeting. Peter Vater once again proved he is the class act for 2019 in Moto2 winning both Finals to add to his Pole position. Ross Bartlett and Alan Leighton tied on points with RossB taking the runner up spot on qualifying position. Disappointingly the MotoGPn runners failed to muster the required numbers and they were sorely missed.

Moto2 Podium



Overview

The Mendip National weekend was sadly the last Round of the 2019 Season. We hoped that we have a good turnout on what promised to be a fine weekend.

Saturday morning arrived and we were greeted with glorious weather and a Mendip Circuit which had been prepped to perfection. The refurbished pitting area made equipment preparations that much easier and track swept clean with good grip levels



Those who took advantage of the day's practice were soon finding that the grip was very good and tyre choice was starting to point towards the hardest grades available. Whilst most were just happy to be able to run the bikes again, it was evident that one or two were getting serious about fine tuning in preparation for the final round of the series.

Sunday brought similar weather conditions so those who spent that extra time during practice had very broad smiles believing they were ready. With the pits filling up, most took advantage of early morning free practice. With the 10am start time approaching, drivers briefing complete everyone prepared for the day ahead.

Qualifying

With only Moto2 drivers present we invited the 1/8th class runners to run a support heat and as many took the opportunity to run this new class marshalling became a concern so some slight modifications to running order reduced the concern, something to keep in mind for the future.

The early runners were feeling happy with a lap time around 27sec but putting three laps together proved difficult and as the heats progressed lap times tumbled to mid 23sec but more critically the best three lap qualifying system used for Moto2 meant we all had scope to improve.



The early top qualifiers mirrored the Championship Table with Peter Vater, Alan Leighton and Ross Bartlett topping the list. However, this was not the only story, as the heats progressed it became evident that just below the early pacesetters the field were all improving. With several people experiencing mixed fortunes, some with incorrect tyre choice and some with motor / esc tuning there were a few openings to make the top final.

It was good to see that individuals were improving throughout the entry, Ken Gospel, a welcome addition to the electric runners, took a little while to switch from his driving style from his usual Nitro Class but improved throughout the day. Dave Hall proving again that you can have a great day without having to buy the latest model. Mark Plested, Dave Richards, Martin Woodcocks and myself all fighting for that lower A Final position.



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Qualifying Results - Round 4

Moto 2 (17.5)

Pos	Name	Best	Best3
1	Peter Vater	22.72	69.19
2	Ross Bartlett	23.50	71.80
3	Alan Leighton	24.46	74.68
4	Alex Wynn	24.40	75.94
5	Neal Vater	25.09	76.07
6	Roy Davies	25.00	76.80
7	Mark Plested	25.87	78.88
8	Dave Richards	26.15	79.04
9	Martin Woodcock	26.65	81.04
10	Paul Fry	27.58	84.30
11	Matt Book	26.79	84.79
12	Dave Hall	29.36	89.62
13	Ken Gospel	30.36	92.69

1/8

Pos	Name	Best	Best3
1	Ross Bartlett	27.57	83.97
2	Dave Richards	30.14	95.27
3	Alex Wynn	23.12	95.73
4	Martin Woodcock	33.02	102.79
5	Ken Gospel	32.21	104.57
6	Paul Fry	33.05	109.78

Finals

1/8th Support

Following a short lunch break everyone prepped for the finals. For the first time at a National Event the 1/8th Bikers were able to show the competitive nature of the Class. Whilst being susceptible to track conditions the Mendip Track proved a challenging task but the smile on all the runners indicated today was a good day. The runners using the rear gyro proving that even the grass verge could be used as a racing surface and Alex Wynn controlling his 1/8th bike almost the full straight upside down with the gyro on full gas was a sight to see. Once again Ross Bartlett showed his 1/8th prowess was just too good for the competition putting in two final times which compared favourably with the larger scales.

1/8 - A Final Leg 1

Pos	Car	Name	Result	Ave	Best
1	1	Ross Bartlett	18 / 605.76	33.65	27.56
2	2	Dave Richards	18 / 631.32	35.07	30.39
3	5	Ken Gospel	9 / 555.44	61.71	41.63
4	3	Alex Wynn	4 / 161.45	40.36	29.89
=5	4	Martin Woodcock	0 / 0.00	0.00	0.00
=5	6	Paul Fry	0 / 0.00	0.00	0.00

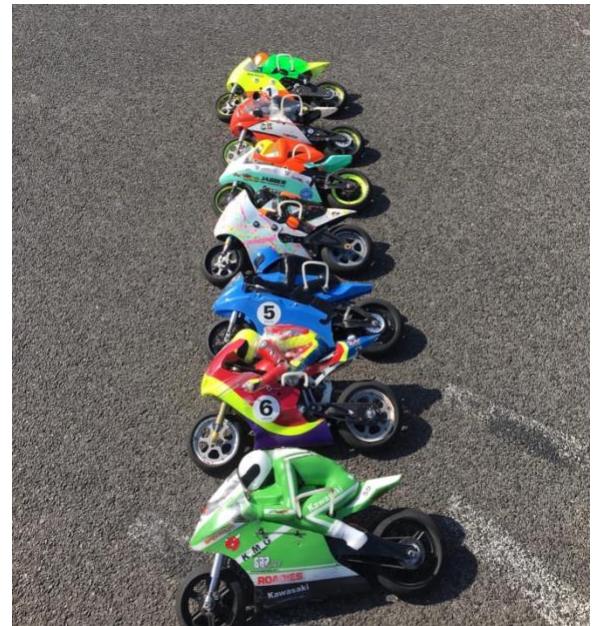
1/8 - A Final Leg 2

Pos	Car	Name	Result	Ave	Best
1	1	Ross Bartlett	16 / 633.19	39.57	27.89
2	5	Ken Gospel	12 / 638.11	53.17	34.02
3	2	Dave Richards	11 / 398.07	36.18	30.90
=4	4	Martin Woodcock	0 / 0.00	0.00	0.00
=4	3	Alex Wynn	0 / 0.00	0.00	0.00
=4	6	Paul Fry	0 / 0.00	0.00	0.00

Moto2 Finals

B Final 1 got underway with mixed results, MarkP from pole but never really got in the groove he showed in only just missing out on an A Final place. On the other hand Dave R was able to put together some quick and consistent laps which resulted in a performance which wouldn't be shamed in the A Final. PaulF continued his recent good form battling just losing out to MattB for 2nd place.

B Final 2 was a close battle with MarkP and DaveR changing places at the front of the pack. Whilst these two battled at the from the next 4 drivers were changing places as if they didn't want 3rd place, MattB eventually taking 3rd, DaveR 2nd and MarkP 1st.



Moto 2 (17.5) - B Final Leg 1

Pos	Car	Name	Result	Ave	Best
1	2	Dave Richards	21 / 600.34	28.58	26.14
2	5	Matt Book	20 / 618.57	30.92	27.11
3	4	Paul Fry	20 / 626.91	31.34	27.68
4	6	Dave Hall	19 / 630.21	33.16	28.89
5	1	Mark Plested	17 / 536.42	31.55	26.86
6	7	Ken Gospel	14 / 603.56	43.11	30.59
7	3	Martin Woodcock	2 / 153.20	76.60	48.62

Moto 2 (17.5) - B Final Leg 2

Pos	Car	Name	Result	Ave	Best
1	1	Mark Plested	21 / 608.86	28.99	26.05
2	2	Dave Richards	21 / 623.84	29.70	26.15
3	5	Matt Book	20 / 626.41	31.32	27.53
4	4	Paul Fry	19 / 634.14	33.37	27.85
5	3	Martin Woodcock	18 / 614.39	34.13	27.52
6	6	Dave Hall	18 / 621.06	34.50	29.31
7	7	Ken Gospel	13 / 581.23	44.71	32.58

With this being the last Round of the 2019 National Series several of the A Finalists were looking to improve the season standings. With PeterV almost certain of the Championship barring a total catastrophe, 2nd to 5th were a much closer affair with NealV, AlanL and AlexW all within a couple of points then adding in the RossB factor who needed a fourth meeting result to shoot him up the table. The A Final was going to be interesting.

A Final 1 got underway, incident free; I would like to say it was a close affair but to be honest it turned into two separate races with PeterV somewhere in the next county and the rest fighting for 2nd to 6th. With one eye on the Championship Table the whole field circulated in close formation, with everyone taking turns to pass the rider in front over the first 7 laps until each found that all important rhythm. If we thought that was how it was going to finish we could not have been more wrong, as the eighth minute approached errors started to occur, places changed multiple times right up to the end of the race. With PeterV taking the win, having returned to the track clutching an ice cream (he had that much of a lead), AlanL taking 2nd and NealV coming home 3rd. Had RossB blown his Championship chances coming home 4th? Everything to play for in Final2.

To say A Final 2 was a boring affair would be wrong, whilst overtakes for position were few and far between, the skill demonstrated by the front runners indicated they were all at the top of their game. RossB had put pressure on himself with his result in the first final whilst both AlanL and NealV had both chalked up good results. Once again PeterV started to pull away and no matter what RossB tried he couldn't quite match his pace. As the Final concluded Peter was more annoyed that he just failed to pass the line as the 10min buzzer went thereby not getting the extra lap, which showed how hard he was pushing. Whilst AlexW had been hounding AlanL for the whole final he finally managed to get past to take 3rd place to the finish.



Moto 2 (17.5) - A Final Leg 1

Pos	Car	Name	Result	Ave	Best
1	1	Peter Vater	25 / 603.90	24.15	22.69
2	3	Alan Leighton	22 / 601.44	27.33	24.47
3	5	Neal Vater	22 / 612.92	27.86	25.27
4	2	Ross Bartlett	22 / 613.49	27.88	24.52
5	4	Alex Wynn	22 / 624.61	28.39	24.65
6	6	Roy Davies	21 / 609.15	29.00	25.57

Moto 2 (17.5) - A Final Leg 2

Pos	Car	Name	Result	Ave	Best
1	1	Peter Vater	25 / 600.38	24.01	22.86
2	2	Ross Bartlett	24 / 617.55	25.73	23.50
3	4	Alex Wynn	23 / 611.70	26.59	24.66
4	3	Alan Leighton	23 / 615.74	26.77	24.77
5	5	Neal Vater	23 / 623.09	27.09	25.40
6	6	Roy Davies	19 / 633.95	33.36	26.34

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Overall Final Results

Best 2 Rounds To Count

Tie Break: Qualifying Position

Moto 2 (17.5) - B Final

Pos	Car	Name	Points	R1	R2
1	2	Dave Richards	3	1	2
2	5	Matt Book	5	2	3
3	1	Mark Plested	6	5	1
4	4	Paul Fry	7	3	4
5	6	Dave Hall	10	4	6
6	3	Martin Woodcock	12	7	5
7	7	Ken Gospel	13	6	7

Moto 2 (17.5) - A Final

Pos	Car	Name	Points	R1	R2
1	1	Peter Vater	2	1	1
2	2	Ross Bartlett	6	4	2
3	3	Alan Leighton	6	2	4
4	4	Alex Wynn	8	5	3
5	5	Neal Vater	8	3	5
6	6	Roy Davies	12	6	6

1/8 - A Final

Pos	Car	Name	Points	R1	R2
1	1	Ross Bartlett	2	1	1
2	2	Dave Richards	5	2	3
3	5	Ken Gospel	5	3	2
4	3	Alex Wynn	10	4	6
5	4	Martin Woodcock	12	6	6
6	6	Paul Fry	12	6	6

BRCA Bike National Mendip Tech Chart

Name	Make of Bike	Model of Bike	Front Tyre	Rear Tyre	Lipo Make / Fuel Used	Motor
1 Peter Vater	RG	BK1R	GRP M3	GRP M3	Intellect 8400	Surpass V4S
2 Ross Bartlett						
3 Alan Leighton	PCR	PCR 18	Roadie B3	Roadie B2	Interlect 5500	Fantom
4 Alex Wynn	Jabber	2015+ish	GRP R2	GRP R3	Turnigy Ultimate	LRP X12 17.5
5 Neal Vater	ZH	417	Roadie B2	Roadie B2	8400 intellect	G force
6 Roy Davies	ZH Racing	ZH418B	Roadie B2	Roadie B2	Sunpadow 8400	17.5 Tekin G3
7 Mark Plested	KP	KP21	Roadie B2	Roadie B3	Nano-Tech	Phantom
8 Dave Richards	Dean tech		Roadie B2	Roadie B2	Ultimate	Speed passion
9 Martin Woodcock	Lightscale	Jabber CFK 2015+	Roadie B3	Roadie B3	Orion ultimate HV	Takin redline 17.5T
10 Pail Fry	M3R	M3R	GRP M3	GRP M3	IP 7600mah	Skycr
11 Matt Book						
12 Dave Hall						
13 Ken Gospel						

In Conclusion

Best summed up as "What a Meeting"; great atmosphere, good racing and most of all good fun.

Thanks to the Mendip Club for looking after us all so well over the weekend, Meeting ran as smooth as silk, one of the best meetings of the year and we will be back, thanks again.

Thanks to everyone who helped out, JulieR our scrutineer, just don't try and get anything past Julie.

Thanks to everyone who attended throughout the year, you all make it worthwhile.

They think it's all over.....Not yet

This being the last round of the National series we were able to take the opportunity to present the Series trophies and celebrate our Class Champions.

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Best 8 Rounds To Count. Tie Break: Countback

Moto 2 (17.5)

Pos	Name	Abil	Points	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
1	Peter Vater	100%	800	100	100	100	98	100	100	100	100	100	100
2	Alan Leighton	97%	777	98	98	94	97	92	93	98	98	98	96
3	Ross Bartlett	96%	770	97	94	0	0	97	98	96	94	96	98
4	Neal Vater	96%	768	96	97	96	95	96	96	95	95	97	95
5	Alex Wynn	96%	766	95	95	95	94	95	95	97	97	95	97
6	Mark Plested	93%	743	93	92	92	92	91	91	94	96	89	93
7	Dave Richards	92%	734	94	96	0	0	89	88	93	89	93	92
8	Matt Book	92%	732	92	91	93	93	88	90	89	90	92	91
9	Dave Hall	90%	722	90	90	91	91	86	87	91	91	90	88
10	Derek McLarney	91%	548	91	93	0	0	90	89	92	93	0	0
11	Paul Fry	88%	531	0	0	0	0	84	84	90	92	91	90
12	Darren Johnson	98%	392	0	0	97	100	98	97	0	0	0	0
13	Gary Sims	95%	382	0	0	98	96	94	94	0	0	0	0
14	Roy Davies	93%	373	0	0	0	0	93	92	0	0	94	94
15	Martin Woodcock	87%	349	0	0	0	0	87	86	0	0	87	89
16	Ken Gospel	86%	345	0	0	0	0	85	85	0	0	88	87

MotoGPn (Nitro)

Pos	Name	Abil	Points	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
1	John Veal	100%	598	100	100	98	100	0	0	100	100	0	0
2	Martin Woodcock	98%	588	97	97	100	98	0	0	98	98	0	0
3	Ken Gospel	97%	580	96	96	97	97	0	0	97	97	0	0
4	Karl Boak	98%	196	98	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Alan Watkinson	96%	192	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	96	0	0

Moto2

1st Peter Vater

2nd Alan Leighton

3rd Ross Bartlett



MotoGPn

1st John Veal (actually Ross in disguise)

2nd Martin Woodcocks

3rd Ken Gospel



Rookie of the Year

Paul Fry



Top six in the 2019 Championship in Moto2 and podium places In MotoGPn

