

Jackson and Vines collect doubles at Cadwell

Cadwell Park was the setting for rounds 9 and 10 of the ACU, Dunlop and Willis Developments backed 250 National Series and NG Cup.

Daniel Jackson headed the title hunt with a clear 29 point advantage from Adam Hoare, who is shaping up to be the main challenger to Jackson's campaign entering the 2nd part of the season.

The 20 minute qualifying session set the tone as Jackson scorched to a pole time over one second quicker than his nearest rival, Ant Hodson. Hodson's performance to go 2nd on the grid was all the more remarkable when you consider this was the reigning 250 National Champions first outing of the season, due to a lack of machinery for a season challenge. Completing the front row in 3rd was Adam Hoare on his RS Honda.

The NG Cup challenge was headed by title leader Roy Keen setting a time good enough for 11th on the grid. Wiltshire's Keen is the only rider to score points in each race so far this year, a consistency that saw him lead the NG Cup Championship entering Cadwell, just ahead of Gary Vines. Lou Goddard had a great qualifying session that put her 13th on the grid and 2nd quickest Cup contender.

With near perfect conditions for a change, round 9 charged off with Jackson taking advantage of his pole start. The other notable start was that of Ant Hodson. He hit reverse on his loaned Team Snagglepuss Racing TZ and was way down in 15th entering the super quick Coppice left hander turn 1.

Jackson was in no mood for a head to head though, as he appeared to comfortably gap the pack and was never headed over the 10 laps to the flag.

Adam Hoare also had a strong race to 2nd chased initially by Southampton's Dave Hampton on his J&RB Racing TZ Yamaha. All eyes were on Hodson and his battle through the field from his shocking start. In the process he set the fastest lap of the race on lap 9. Gloucestershire's John Lewis also had a great race coming through from a 3rd row start to narrowly miss out on a podium in 4th.



Lee Goddard took his LLG Racing Honda to 5th having picked off Hampton mid race. Hampton eventually settled for 6th chased by a heroic Darrell Higgins in 7th, still unable to move around on the Dennis Trollope Racing TZ following his huge crash at Oulton last time out. Rich Grinling brought his TZ home in 8th, with Carl Hudson returning from injury following a Donington crash in 9th and Gary Vines' completed the top 10 on his MPS Heavy Haulage Ltd RS Honda.

With 10th on the road, Vines took a very well deserved NG Cup win, all the more satisfying following a couple of difficult rounds at Donington and Oulton. Mr Consistent Roy Keen took 2nd in the cup and Louise Goddard completed the podium in 3rd just pipping Sian Brooks at the line.

The story of round 10 was the battle for the NG Cup win. As Daniel Jackson controlled from the front with a calculated gap over Hodson, from Adam Hoare, there was a

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real battle raging for 9th position on the road which translated to the battle for supremacy in the NG Cup. Lou Goddard was having the race of her life making up for a poor start to the point with 1 lap to go, she was right on Vines' pipe looking for the win. Her problem was Simon Hunt who was equally as close behind her on his Jules Todd Racing Honda. As the 3 exited Barn for the final time, they fanned out across the track and within just .8 of a second Vines Hunt and Goddard crossed the line in that order for the podium places in the closest finish on record in an Cup race, with a rare Honda 1, 2, 3. Roy Keen collected 4th after dropping back from an early head to head with Vines and co.

The Championship podium was confirmed as Jackson, completing a near perfect weekend of pole position, and a double victory, Ant Hodson with a brilliant result in his first outing of the year and Adam Hoare who's consistency will surely be rewarded in the final standings. 4th was Dave Hampton, with Lee Goddard in 5th, Darrell Higgins in 6th, Bruce Dunn in 7th after his result was unfortunately corrected by a jump start penalty, Carl Hudson in 8th just ahead of the superb NG Cup argument in 9th 10th and 11th.

Awarding the popular Dunlop Performance of the day award was a difficult process as there were several outstanding performances throughout Saturday's race. But the sheer dominance of Daniel Jackson deserved the complimentary rear boot. Sunday's round 10 was equally as difficult however, for her gritty run through the field from a poor start and her involvement in the great scrap for the Cup win, a delighted Lou Goddard was presented with a rear Dunlop tyre.



Gary Vines—clearly enjoying his return to form with a stylish double in the NG Cup

Next up is the superb Anglesey Circuit where Jackson will look to stamp his mark on the 2012 series, but with Mike Hose returning, plus Adam Hoare hungry for his first victory, things are nicely set for a thriller.

Championship standings

Jackson 160, Hoare 117, Goddard 98, Higgins 93, Lewis 79, Keen 65, Hudson 60, Hose 58, Vines 57, Hampton 52.

Cup Championship standings

Keen 176, Vines 165, Hardisty 131, Lou Goddard 90, Hardisty 131, Hunt 65, Metcalfe 56, Ellis 23, Cox 10, Trattner 10.

Next round Anglesey

18th 19th August 2012

NG Test Day Friday 17th August.

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