

Jackson's "thriller" at Pembrey

With the recent washed out Mallory Park round 3 now a distant damp and windy memory, the Dunlop Motorsport, Willis Development's and ACU backed 250 National Championship series headed for Pembrey in South Wales, for rounds 4 and 5. Wiltshire's Darrell Higgins sat firmly in control of the standings following his double at the season opener way back in mid March.

The Team Sigie TZ Yamaha of Daniel Jackson sat in pole for the 14 lapper but it was Higgins who made the hole shot and held the lead for 3 laps over Jackson, with Cheltenham's John Lewis a close 3rd. On lap 4 Jackson squeezed past Higgins and found his rhythm stringing together some every consistent lap times to put a 1.5 second between himself and the chasing pack. Lee Goddard placed his LLG Racing Honda RS in a safe 4th for the duration, but behind Goddard, there was an epic scrap involving Derbyshire's Adam Hoare vs NG Cup front runners Royston Keen and Gary Vines.

Lap 12 changed the race completely with Higgins slipping off the Dennis Trollope Racing TZ at the tricky Diben left hander and within a blink of an eye, Colin Wilcock slid out of a strong 7th on his return from a huge crash at Assen last year.

With the pressure of Higgins gone, Jackson took a comfortable win from John Lewis 2nd with Lee Goddard completing the podium. Adam Hoare took 4th just 1 second ahead of the scrap for the win in the NG Cup between Gary Vines who just piped Roy Keen to the flag for 5th and 6th respectively.

Tom Snow took 7th Paul Metcalfe 8th on the road, strong enough to collect 3rd in the NG Cup. Carl Hudson slipped down to 9th following the addition of a 10 second penalty after "anticipating" the start and Guernsey's Phil Guillou completed the top 10 on board his immaculate TZ.

The Championship is supported by Dunlop Motorsport, the tyre of choice for the 250 GP machines with a complimentary rear tyre up for grabs for the Performance of the Day, which can be awarded to anyone from the winner to the last place finisher.

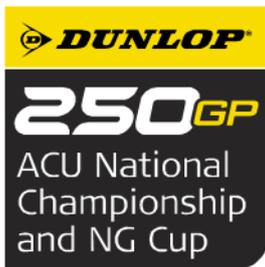
For round 4, Gary Vines started his MPS Heavy Haulage Ltd RS Honda from 10th on the grid and had a cracking race through to 5th on the road and a win in the NG Cup.

Sunday's round 5

Sunday's race was a more decisive affair in favour of Jackson. He stormed to a lights to flag win while his rivals suffered. Higgins was able to hold onto Jackson's coat tails until his Dennis Trollope Racing TZ stopped with a failed motor half race distance. This left John Lewis in second and Adam Hoare in third, push by Lee Goddard's Honda RS. But similar to Higgins, Goddard toured into pit lane on lap 13 also with a broken mo-



tor. Carl Hudson's DWH Racing Honda was



next up which is how it finished. Gary Vines took 5th position on board the MPS Heavy Haulage Ltd Honda, which included the win in the NG Cup category. Royston Keen was 6th overall and 2nd in the Cup closely trailed by Paul Metcalfe in 7th picking up 3rd in the Cup.

Dave Hampton, Tom Snow and Charles Hardisty completed the top 10 respectively.

The Dunlop Performance of the Day award was presented to Royston Keen for his run through the pack from 14th at the end of lap 1 to a creditable 6th position.



Pictured, Gary Vines on his way to a Dunlop Performance of the Day Award while Higgins, 38 slips out of Saturday's race while chasing down Jackson.

Championship standings after 5 rounds

Jackson 77, Goddard 56, Higgins 50, Hudson 45, Lewis 40, Vines 40, Snow 35, Keen 32, Hoare 29, Hardisty 23

Cup

Vines, 95, Keen 73, Hardisty 38, Harrison 32, Metcalfe 32,

Next round's— 6 and 7— are at **Donington Park** on 2nd and 3rd June and includes 2 rounds of the European 2 Stroke Cup, in a packed entry list of series regulars plus challengers from mainland Europe

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