

NG Road Racing... Thruxton Preview



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The Final Round | Thruxton | Saturday 8th October

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Campbell...Cobb ...Seagrave..... It must be Thruxton time!

Iconic corner names for an iconic circuit and what better place for the final round of the 2016 NG Road Racing season.

It will be a big day for so many riders, and what a track to host this round, the fastest on the UK mainland, and as we all know racing is about going fast, whether it be on a 125...a Superbike or a sidecar. It seems a long time ago now that the 2016 campaign kicked off at Brands Hatch back in March. There have been thirteen championship rounds, and now we are poised to crown all the new champions, and nominate all the special award winners for the season.....but before that they all have to tackle the challenge of Thruxton. Racers are always racers though, and if a coveted championship is out of reach then race wins and trophies are always cherished, especially with this being the final meeting of the year. As every racer will tell you..."...it's the last result of the season that keeps you going through the winter !"

Left | As well as the high speed corners there is the infamous Club Chicane that sees lots of hard braking on the entry after the run up Woodham Hill, but also the need to keep your mid corner and exit speed high for the drive to the finish line.
Here, Mark Clayton (now in BSB Moto3) shows the way to do it on his RS125 Honda....

The Circuit.

Thruxton is without doubt quick, and I mean quick. Speed and power, and lots of it are vital. But a fast bike is not enough, the 2.356mile Thruxton circuit takes skill to ride fast, and bravery to master. With Superbikes able to lap at near 110mph and topping out over 170mph the 40 strong grid is not a place for the feint-hearted. Expect the big bikes to push the pace, but do not be surprised if some of the 250 GP's and 600's start mixing it, as slipstreaming can keep the lighter bikes in touch.

The Fastest.

BSB Supersport rider Luke Jones set the fastest NG Road Racing lap here two years ago on his BSB spec Accumen Industrial Services 675 Triumph Daytona. He took the Supersport triple round in 1min 17.86 seconds.... That's an astonishing average speed of 109.11mph... Believe me when I say... "...That will take some beating!"

Who to look out for out on track.

The 250 National series is once more set to climax at the final round with defending champion Philip Atkinson holding a slender 10 point lead over former champ Dan Jackson. Third place is still all to play for too as another former champion Ant Hodson aims to hold off the challenge from Dave Hampton. All of them ride Yamaha's TZ250's. Arnie Shelton and Stephanie Waddelow will continue their person 125GP battle on RS125 Honda's.

All the NG classes (except Newcomers) are in action this meeting, from the Junior F125 class where Josh Singh takes on fast new boy Blake Chapman. Dave Hampton has finally got his nose in front in his big for 500cc class glory, he leads Greg Maden. Hampton's season has been blighted by a few untimely mechanical issues, and will be hoping his Tigcraft will stand up to the rigours of Thruxton. Maden is also contesting the GP45 class and is head to head with Tony Bridgefoot, both ride the class dominating 450 Aprilia RRV's.

Tim Bradley is gunning for a season 100% record of first or second place finishes in the F400 class, but will have Tom Harrison, Simon Wilkins and Simon Gates out to spoil his plans.

This years 600cc champ Josh day will take on last years champ for the first time in 2016. 2015 man Sean Montgomery has concentrated on pure road events this year, but returns for some short circuit fun with Josh, Sam Thompson, Dean Richards, Alistair Haynes and Mark Hughes.

The Powerbikes are a real handful around Thruxton so expect some wild action from Roo Cotton, Chris Pope, Michael Blank, Levi Day, Dave Irons, Nick Williamson and Greg Allsop on the big class machines.

Add in Streetstock with Paul Jeffery and Richard Hughes, Tom Williams and Eddie Whitehurst.... Pre Injections with Adam Jeffery, Paul Harlington, Thomas Payne, Kev Clayton, Mike Hobbs, Jon Wright, James Griffiths and Damon Smith another cracker is on the cards....and so will the Sound of Thunder, Mini Twins, Super Twins and Prostock.

2016 champs Nev Jones and Tom Bryant head sidecars, but they will have ex NG, British and Euro Cup champ Roger Lovelock and Rick Lawrence to company.

Don't miss this end of year blast around the UK's FASTEST circuit....

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No holding back now.... It's win or bust for 2016 !!.



NG Road Racing's Thruxton lap record holder Luke Jones on the Acumen 675 Triumph on his way to that stunning 109.11mph lap record.....

As ever there is the full compliment of classes as well as the 125/250 GP ACU National runners, plus the Sidecars for this 2016 season finale meeting.

Thruxton is the fastest UK mainland circuit, and is no place for the faint-hearted as laps well in excess of 100mph are a must for anyone looking for race glory (the lap record is 109mph). That allied to the circuits reputation for being notoriously bumpy (...I prefer challenging!!) a well set up machine is a must.

With this being the last round of 2016 everyone is out for wins, whether that be for a championship or simply some end of season glory.....there is no point in holding back anything in reserve now !!!!!

Admission Prices.

Adults **£12** (Online discounted tickets are available at just £10)
Children (Under 15) **Free** (When accompanied by an adult)
Grandstand Tickets **£5**
Paddock Access **Free**

For full ticket information and to take advantage of the online discounts go to www.thruxtonracing.co.uk to take full advantage of online discounts.

See the circuit web site www.thruxtoncircuit.co.uk for full conditions of admission

Directions to the Circuit – Sat Nav: SP11 8PN

Thruxton is situated in Hampshire, approx. 5 miles from Andover, and just off the A303. Look out for the brown chequered flag signs from all directions.

Race Day Timetable Sat

Technical Inspection	7:00am	See the bikes being checked by the Scrutineers, and wander round the pits
Free Practice	9:00am	Watch the riders get familiar with the circuit in free practice
Qualifying Races	10:00am	The competitors race for grid positions for the finals
Championship Races	14:00pm	Now it gets serious.....Championship points, trophies and glory at stake

Note : All timings are subject to change by the promoting organisation or the circuit management.

What's on track

20 NG Road Racing championship each day split into qualifiers and final for each of the classes. That means some 8 hours of on track action each day. I suggest you get in nice and early, take a wander around the paddock and soak up the atmosphere as the riders go through technical inspection and free practice before taking to the track in anger for the qualifiers, in seeded championship order. The main finals kick off early afternoon when all the championship points and prizes are contested.

Feature races: 125/250GP ACU National Championship The Ducati Sporting Club Desmo Due Series
The Phoenix Open The Formula Prostock and Bandit Challenge

NG Support classes: F125 | 125GP | Moto 3 | F400 | GP45 | 500cc | 600cc | Powerbike | Sound of Thunder
Super Twin | Mini Twin | Streetstock | Pre Injection | Formula Prostock | Sidecars

The Season

Round 1	Brands Hatch	19th and 20th March	Round 5	Castle Combe	2nd and 3rd July
Round 2	Cadwell Park	16th and 17th April	Round 6	Anglesey	13th and 14th August
Round 3	Donington Park	7th and 8th May	Round 7	Pembrey	17th and 18th September
Round 4	Oulton Park	11th June	Round 8	Thruxton	8th October

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