

NG Road Racing... Castle Combe | Round 2



Round 2 | Castle Combe | 26th and 27th September 2020

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Step up those who want be crowned King (...of Combe).

Could Max, #21 be the next King and beat the grid as well as Covid ?

What a year!..... it's Septemeber and we are only at round two of this Covid ravaged 2020 season. Castle Combe is not only round two but also the penultimate round of the truncated season.

We had two days at Cadwell Park four weeks ago with two very mixed days racing with cold wet and windy contrasting with dry and sunny.

Max Symonds, Aaron Ridewood, Adam Sherriff, Simon Bastable and Jon Wright were the ones that came away with the big points hauls with Bastable and Wright being unbeaten in their respective Stretstock and pre-injection classes..... But that was last month !!!

Here this weekend we have the Castle Combe Grand National meeting with the King of Combe title to shoot for with Max Symonds, Sean Montgomery, Ricky Elder, Chris Pope hoping to get their name etched on the 2020 trophy. Over the last few years the title has swapped back and forth between Josh Day and Dan Cooper, but with Josh not on the NG grids this term and Dan on a CBR600 rather than a 1000cc superbike it looks like a new name could come to the fore.

Aaron Ridewood is hoping to get back to the sorm we know he is capable off after a year out in 2019, and looks fast going by his Cadwell pace.

The Suzuki Bandits will be another face to savour with once more....and for the third year running James Mchardy and harley Prebble going head to head.... we just hope we can get some spectators through the gate to witness this 2020 Grand National.

This 1.85-mile Castle Combe circuit was developed from the RAF base that was opened in 1941, but was decommissioned just 7 years later in 1948. 1952 saw the first bike race meeting take place with John Surtees taking the 500 race, just three years before becoming World 500cc champion.

The circuit has remained with pretty much the same layout over the last 66 year, but for the introduction of a couple of chicanes. It has seen all the greats race here on four and two wheels from Moss to Senna, and Surtees to Sheene. And remember is also the **ONLY** circuit in Europe that you can walk all the way round as a spectator and continue to watch the racing on track. (Maybe not in 2020!)



2019 podium feature race went to Dan Cooper... but it was Josh Day who took the title over the three races.

Daniel Cooper holds the outright NG lap record here, set in September 2019, circulating in 1 min 08.45sec on his BMW S1000RR, which equates to an average of 98.07mph.

Adding extra interest to the weekend NG Road Racing are again running the British National series for 125cc and 250cc GP machinery. This is the only place in the UK that you will see these ex-GP machines racing for a full British Championship title backed by the ACU (The sports governing body). Gavin Mills is looking unstoppable on his 125 Honda as he bids to regain the title he last held in 2018.

Next.... And Final Round: Pembrey | 10th and 11th October.

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A Grand National like no other.

This years Grand National will be a strange affair as we are committed to running under strict guidelines. The racing will go ahead on track, but behind the fencing it will be another story.

Spectators will only be allowed in with pre-purchased tickets, and even if you can get in there will unfortunately be limited access, and sadly no mixing with riders or taking in a visit to look at the race paddock.

However this is to keep everyone safe and to help us go racing.....

Race Day Timetable

Timetable	Sat	Sun	Timings are subject to change by the promoters and/or circuit management.
Technical Inspection	7:00am	8:00am	
Free Practice	9:00am	9:00am	Watch the riders get familiar with the circuit in free practice.
Timed qualifying	10:30am	-	Timed qualifying to set grid positions.
Championship Races	14:00pm	10:00am	Now it gets serious.....Championship points, trophies and glory at stake.

Admission Prices | Correct at time of printing

In a statement from the circuit we can currently announce.....

Tickets will **ONLY** be available in advance at present but keep on eye on www.castlecombecircuit.co.uk for details. Strictly **NO** camping.

NO under 17's.

Restricted access, meaning **NO** entry to the paddock, paddock shop or café for spectators.

The ACU also states that "...two bubbles must stay apart so the competitors will not be allowed into spectator areas and spectators not allowed into competitor areas.

People will also not be allowed to congregate in groups.... So **NO** groups of more than 6!

For full conditions of admission and online bookings - www.castlecombecircuit.co.uk

Directions to the Circuit

Castle Combe is situated in Wiltshire near J17 / J18 of the M4 and approx.

The circuit is approximately 5 miles from Chippenham on the B4039.

Look out for the brown chequered flag signs. **Sat Nav: SN14 7EY**

What's on track

Saturday sees morning warm-up followed by all-important timed qualifying as the riders compete for that coveted pole position, followed by the first round of championship races.

Sunday has warm-up followed by two sets of championship races.

Each championship race sees 25 points going to the winner, right down to 1 point for tenth place.

That's 30 championship finals over the two days of racing to enjoy.

Feature and Guest races: The Phoenix Open featuring The King of Combe
125/250GP ACU National Championship
The Ducati Sporting Club Desmo Due Series
The Formula Prostocks Racing Series including the Suzuki Bandit Challenge

NG Championship classes: F125 | 125GP | F400 | 500cc | 600cc | Powerbike | Sound of Thunder
Super Twin | Mini Twin | Streetstock | Pre Injection

The 2020 Season.

Round 1	Cadwell Park	29 th and 30 th August	Note: See www.msv.com
Round 2	Castle Combe	26 th and 27 th September	Note: See www.castlecombecircuit.co.uk
Round 3	Pembrey	10 th and 11 th October	Note: Full information to be announced

For all the info...

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