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A WIN AND A SECOND POSITION SECURES TITLE FOR JACKSON

Feltham's Daniel Jackson secured his first National title at the recent NG Road Racing's Championship event at Anglesey. A dominating win in Saturday's round 11 backed up by a calculated 2nd in Sunday's round 12 was strong enough to clinch the ACU, Dunlop Motorsport's and Willis Developments backed 250GP National Series.

Starting from Pole position, he was never headed in Saturday's race helped along by his main challenger Mike Hose tumbling out of 2nd position at the start of the second lap at the awesome Banking hairpin. Pulling a 6 second gap over the chasing pack, it looked as though the race was over. But 2011 Champion Ant Hodson and Southampton's Dave Hampton visibly towed each other back into striking distance of the Team Sigie TZ mounted Jackson. In the end they ran out of laps and crossed the line just 3 seconds adrift in 2nd and 3rd respectively. Jonathan Stamper had a great ride to 4th with Wiltshire's Darrell Higgins, still struggling from his Oulton injuries picking up 5th.

Leading into the final 4 rounds of the season, Derbyshire's Adam Hoare looked to be the only one who could rock the Jackson boat for the title but Hoare struggled to find a setup strong enough to challenge on his RS Honda throughout the weekend. While his 6th position was a very creditable ride on the unfamiliar Coastal circuit, it allowed Jackson to relax slightly over night, leading into Sunday's race. Cheltenham's John Lewis and the LLG Racing Honda mounted Lee Goddard picked up 7th and 8th while Paul Metcalf on a rare visit from the Isle of Man collected 1st position in the NG Cup and 9th on the road. Carl Hudson rounded out the top 10.

Gary Vines collected 2nd in the NG Cup on board the MPS Heavy Haulage Ltd RS Honda and Lou Goddard picked up another podium on her LLG Racing Honda.



2012 250 GP National Champion
Daniel Jackson
Team Sigie TZ Yamaha

Sunday's race was potentially the title decider, despite the Championship still scheduled to head south to Castle Combe at the beginning of September and for the finale at Thruxton on 6th October.

Recovering from his Saturday crash, Merseyside's Mike Hose got to drop from the lights in wet conditions and never looked back. In a repeat of his stunning win at the wet Donington round back in June, he absolutely dominated the 16 lapper. The title battle ended before it really began as Adam Hoare's Honda was

still receiving some serious attention right up to the point where the rest of the field were heading out



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on their warm up lap, meaning his only option was a pit lane start.

With Hose gone at the front, Jackson settled in a calculated 2nd with Darrell Higgins 3rd, all eyes were on Hoare and how well he could progress through the pack to rescue his title hopes. Despite front runner's such as Dave Hampton and Lee Goddard crashing out in the tricky conditions, and Ant Hodson parking his TZ with a dead engine mid race, Hoare was unable to catch the leading pack and to cap a tough weekend, with just 2 laps to go he retired his Honda to pit lane allowing Jackson to

take the title.

Hose took the flag with a 16 second buffer back to Jackson in 2nd and a well deserved 3rd place for Higgins. Once again Jon Stamper shone through for a great result in 4th with Lewis in 5th. Gary Vines collected the win in the NG Cup with his 6th place overall with Charles Hardisty in 2nd and Paul Metcalf making it 2 podiums in as many days with 3rd.

So with just 2 rounds to go, and only 50 points on the table, Dan Jackson's 77 point lead means he is crowned as the 2012 250GP National Champion. The battle for 2nd is mathematically still wide open between Adam Hoare, Darrell Higgins, who will surely have a strong round next time out on his door step at Castle Combe, Lee Goddard, John Lewis and the very fast Mike Hose, who has won 3 out of the 5 rounds he has contested.



Darrell Higgins and Adam Hoare both want the runner up slot!



Stamper, Hodson and Lee Goddard exit the Banking

With only 34 points difference between Gary Vines, who currently heads the NG Cup table over Roy Keen, this one is wide open. Keen is "coming home" to Castle Combe next time out which is definitely his local circuit and was a real stomping ground for him during title battles earlier in his career.

For the NG Road Racing Club, the visit to Combe on 1st September marks a significant occasion for us all as we "return" to our local patch after many years away. The whole event has a real buzz about it already and the large crowds that will flock to "The Combe" will certainly add to the occasion bringing the very best out of Club racing, and the penultimate round of the 250GP ACU National Championship & NG Cup

Join the crowds for the penultimate round on
1st September at Castle Combe

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