

# NG Road Racing Race Report.....

Cadwell Park – 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April

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## “The Ups and Downs of Record Breaking Wainwright.....”



### Josh Wainwright – Be Wiser ZX10R Kawasaki

.....On his way to setting a new outright NG Road racing Cadwell Park Lap record at 1min 30.61 (86.21mph)

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23 year-old Be Wiser ZX10 R Kawasaki man Josh Wainwright had a weekend of real ups and downs taking wins in both **The Phoenix Open** and the **Simon Consulting Powerbike** on Saturday over his fellow Kawasaki man Josh Day on the WH Bond backed ZX10. He set new NG Road Racing lap record in both classes, and set the fastest ever NG lap around the 2.17 mile Cadwell circuit at 1min 30.61, averaging just over 86mph. The young man exuded confidence and we looked forward to more high speed lappery on Sunday and more wins..... However things did not exactly go to plan as young Mr Wainwright started from his wrong grid position in the Powerbike qualifier. The race day officials had no option but to slap a 10-second “start line infringement penalty”. He won the race on the road by 9 seconds from Josh Day, but that penalty placed him second in the results !!!!!. In the Phoenix Open starting from his rightful pole he was fourth into turn one at Coppice, behind the fast starting Dan Hegarty, Phil Bevan and Josh Day. Wainwright knew he had the pace to win the race and started to push his way through..... however lap 2 at the chicane, now in second and hunting down Day the bike slid from underneath him.....down and out to put an end to his racing for the weekend. Josh Day went on to win over Bevan, Hegarty and Lee Wilson who rode very well all weekend just missing out on the podium finish that would have been reward for his efforts, but a few too many excursions through the chicane slip road prevented that from coming to fruition. Bevan may well have his eye on a fifth consecutive Open title, but he is really being put to the test so far this year. With Wainwright not on the grid for the final Powerbike race of the weekend Josh Day took a dominant 35 second victory over Bevan and Liam Murtagh.

One of the pre meeting favourites Michael Blank was just one of 20 riders to get caught out by the cold track and side wind at the Gooseneck on Saturday and left with no points to add to his tally that had seen him lead going into this weekend.....still roll on Donington..... I can't wait !!

### Wayside Garages 600cc

Top roads man Ivan Lintin topped both 600cc result sheets with his Taylor Lindsey Racing ZX6R. Lintin held off Dale Thomas in both races. Thomas was just over 2-seconds adrift of Lintin as the flag came out on Saturday.....Sunday however saw Lintin in no mood to hang around and soon built up a huge 4-second lead. Thomas got his head down in pursuit lapping quicker than leader Lintin. As the laps counted down, young Welshman Thomas got closer and closer. A long look over the shoulder from Lintin on the last lap confirmed that the 19 year old Dale was ready to pounce, but his experience paid off in the end and grabbed that second win. Chris Hawkes has returned to the open 600cc class in 2013 and took a points haul that sees him and his Station Road Garages GSXR top a very strong points table indeed.

### 125GP / Moto 3

Local man Paul Hedison brought the local support to it's feet with two fine wins in the 125 GP class. Despite being a little off Hedison's pace a pair of runner up spots for Mark Strudwick and his MTS Racing RS 125 elevated himself five place up the points table to lead the championship.

### Steve Lynham Formula 125

After doing the first two rounds of the BSB 125 championship, defending champion Joseph Thomas wheeled out his trusty old RS 125 Aprilia for fun weekend and a fine pair of firsts in the Formula 125 class. Jake Archer and Kai Masters kept him keen in the early stages of each race but Thomas on his ageing Aprilia pulled away as the races progressed.

### Fraser's of Gloucester 500cc Open

Paul Metcalfe and Mark Reeves battled it out for supremacy in the 500cc final, and there was little to choose between the two RS250 Honda riders, but Manxman Metcalfe eventually took Saturday's win and set a new 500cc class lap record. On Sunday though neither man came to the grid and that left the way open for Mark Carkeek on the Steve Hall RS125 Honda to bag the win heading up Bruce Dunn the MCN tester on another RS125.

## **Pirelli UK GP45**

Mark Carkeek is looking very comfortable on his new single cylinder KFX 450 Corby Kawasaki and was again totally dominant. He was never headed in the GP45's. Richard Gothard bagged a pair of runner up spots though, but so far in 2013 the vastly experienced Carkeek is unbeaten.

## **A and R Racing Formula 400**

Two times F400 champion Shannon Hale had a weekend to forget, after falling on Friday's test day she suffered a damaged foot, but she did manage to race on Saturday. However she had no answer to Lee Tyack on his Steve Lynham FZR400. Lee has returned to racing six years after winning the 2007 F400 title and despite feeling race rusty he won in convincing style. Sunday saw Nick Anderson bring out one of Roger Middleton's RMKD ZXR's and he set a storming early pace. Hale then took an uncustomary second tumble of the weekend, and Tyack set about closing down Anderson's lead which stood an almost 3-seconds. Tyack was within half a dozen bike lengths with one lap to go, but got balked by a back marker going into Hall Bends.... His challenge was over and Anderson took the win. Tyack though had mixed emotions after the race as his close friend and rival Neil Parsons had been involved in a startline crash with Corey Smith, both riders needing medical attention.

## **MPH Bikes Mini Twins**

Justin Garrett and Kevin Davies shared the wins in the Mini Twins events with very little to choose between them at the flag. Both races went right to the wire. Davies was left ruing an early race stoppage on Saturday as after a fuelling problem in the qualifier he was forced to retire, and had to start from the back if the grid in the final. Just as he caught Garrett, by setting the fastest lap the red flags came out. As the race had gone 5 of the scheduled 7 laps the result stood, so Garrett on the Nigel and John Reed SV and Davies with the NPMC and UK Aerial Media SV shared the spoils as Davies took Sundays race.....amazingly both races had them separated by 0.13 seconds..... spooky !!!

## **Peter Hammond Motorcycles Sound of Thunder**

Although having a crack at the BSB National Superstock this season on his KTM RC8R this year, NG Road Racing reining Sound of Thunder champion Darren Rumley is still popping back as and when he can in 2013. Cadwell saw him take a pair of wins over impressive newcomer Oliver Hill in both finals. Former champ Paul Willis crashed out whilst leading early on in Saturdays race, but bounced back to grab a podium finish on Sunday despite carrying a nasty wrist injury.

## **Metzeler and DTR Streetstock**

Paul Dawson bagged a pair of wins in the big Streetstock class on this PMD Contracting R1 and he made it look oh so easy as he headed home Simon O'Donnell and Tom Cook in the finals. The maximum points haul sees the Novice jacket wearing Dawson who finished in third in last years competition top this years points table after the first 4 rounds. Robert Bowen and James Harrison shared the honours in the smaller 700cc class, but it was the charges through the field of Rob Starkey that had everyone spellbound.....Starkey is almost habitually poor off the grid (...sorry Rob !) but at least his tardy starts give us the pleasure of his fight back. This weekend after being mired down in the phone numbers he recovered to salvage a second and a fourth.....top job Rob. For those efforts he received the title sponsors Metzeler tyre award on Saturday.

## **TPC Construction Pre Injection**

Mark Ess took a fine double in the 1300cc pre-injection class on his beautifully restored Yamaha FZR750 R. The bike had been an E Bay buy and had been stored in a garden before Ess lavished it with loving care getting the race bike back to its former glory. The Hi-Lite Signs backed FZR headed home Phil Hacker and his rapid FJ1100 on both days. Mark Webber and Kevin Davies shared the spoils in the 700cc class Webber with his CBR 600 and Davies on the very quick SV650

## **CSC Racing Sidecars**

As ever the Sidecars kept the crowds entertained and the highlight of Saturday was a great scrap between last years series runners up Tom and Thomas Quaye and former F2 champions Andy King and Kenny Cole. Father and Son pairing of Tom and Thomas eventually squeezed out a 1.5 second victory on the Meon Valley Racing 600 Suzuki which sets them up well for their first visit to the Isle of Man next month. Sunday had runaway winners Douglas Wright and Martin Hall on the familiar Orange Eddy's Baker Honda collect a special bottle of champagne donated by local habitual trophy sponsor Bill Barrowcliff for their efforts. The Open class outfits were a little scarce this weekend but James Sirrell and Steve Wareham capitalised on their rival's absence and still enjoyed the 2.17 mile Cadwell run out on the RSR 1000 Outfit

## **April UK Newcomers**

Rounding off a stunning weekend Paul Wood won the Open newcomers after a battle with Dave MacKay on his very special KTM RC8 R. Mark Reeves was a relatively easy winner of the 500cc class. Sean Montgomery took his Preston Power Steering SV to Mini Twins newcomers honours after earlier finishing on the podium in the main Mini Twin final.

## **Wayside Garages Performance of the Meeting**

Kevin Davies – No163 – Neil Pearson Mini Twin Specialist and UK Aerial Media SV650

## **Bardahl Top-Oils Newcomer of the Meeting**

Oliver Hill – No 113 – Fastline Superbikes Triumph 675.

## **Edna Gardner Sound of Thunder Trophy Race**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Darren Rumley	Please Help KTM RC8
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oliver Hill	Fastline Superbikes Triumph 675
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Willis	Willis Developments KTM RC8

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