

# NG Road Racing... Pembrey Preview.



Pembrey | 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September | The Final Championship Round

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The 250GP ACU National series has again come down to the final round. Phil Atkinson (2) and Ant Hodson (4) are separated by just 3 points !!!!

## The Season Finale.

Well, this is it, the final round of 2015. After visiting most of the best circuits in the UK, including Brands Hatch, Cadwell Park, Oulton Park, Castle Combe, Thruxton and the stunning Anglesey Coastal circuit we end the year at the clubs longest standing track....Pembrey. This demanding circuit never fails to deliver close racing, but has often been known to bite, so it needs to be treated with respect. At the end of play this weekend all of the hard fought 2015 championship will have been decided.

## The Circuit.

This 1.456-mile Pembrey circuit throws up a series of demanding challenges for the riders. The circuit has two very distinct sections split by the Hatchets and Brooklands hairpins. The technical section from Hatchets, through Spitfires, Diben, Paddock and the Esses changes after heavy

braking at Brooklands as the fast sweeping sections through the Speedway, Woodlands and Honda Curve take over. Despite the hairpin sections lap speeds in excess of 90mph are needed for glory.

## The Fastest.

Local hero Phil Bevan set the fastest Club lap around Pembrey at an April meeting back in 2009 on his 1000cc R1 Yamaha at 58.07 seconds, which equates to 90.26 mph. Can we see the first sub 58 second lap this weekend?

## The Phoenix Open.

This is the NG Road Racing premier class and for the seventh successive year Welshman Phil Bevan sits at the top of the table, and is un-catchable for the championship. Being brutally honest, and not showing any disrespect to his rivals, it is difficult to see who will stop this weekend. For his rivals it is all about who can nick a race win. Roo Cotton has been in good form recently, as has Darren Rumley who is new looking at home on his new ZX10 Kawasaki. Chris Pope too is getting now his all new R1 Yamaha to his liking, and that is a very rapid bike. But his challenge could come from closer to home as John Day on his R6 Yamaha is out to prove a point, and second in the series despite missing half the season whilst campaigning in BSB is on the cards.

## The 250 GP ACU National Championship.

These former 250cc world championship spec machines are pure race bikes and are designed with one thing in mind, to race, and this is the best place to see them. Ant Hodson and Phil Atkinson are separated by just 3 points as we go into this final weekend, with former champ Hodson having the advantage, but Atkinson has taken victory at five of the last six rounds and is on a charge. Another former champ Daniel Jackson is out there, but we also have proven winners Dave Hampton and Darrell Higgins looking for points and podiums.

## The Ducati Desmo Due Series.

NG has taken over the popular Ducati series that is for the 600 and 620cc Ducati monster and Supersport twins. Andy Claridge, Matt Lawson and Dallas Hornblow will be out for class A glory whilst class B is all about Scott Wilson in 2015, so he will have a big target on his back this weekend.

## Ones to watch.

It might seem like an obvious choice, but I make no apologies, but Phil Bevan is THE man around here, and has been for over 10 years, whether it be on 996 Ducati, GSXR thou or R1. Despite Phil running a track day school here he does not do as many laps as some people think (most of his time is spent in the office organising or running at slower pace as an instructor). Phil took on the challenge of switching from his old R1 to a new ZX10 this year, but is ominously for his rivals, leading the Open and Powerbike series.....he is the benchmark.... he is THE man to beat.

Elsewhere Ben Broadway will be hoping to hold off Peter Carr and Dave Irons in the Sound of Thunder, while Tom Blackwell is doubling up in Super and Mini Twins where he takes on Aaron Silvester, Richard Goode and Paul Wardell. Tim Bradley if the pick of F400's with Ben Harrison, Dan Tilley and Anthony Van Looy in chase. Liam Delves is out for double glory too in the GP125 and 500 Open classes. The 500 also see Dave Hampton on the stunning 450 Enigma Tigcraft and Paul Metcalfe on the TZ250. Josh Day, Sean Montgomery, Mark Hughes, Max Symonds and Pete Carr head a strong 600 grid.

12 year old Caleb Smith has taken the F125 crown but will be pushing for another win to round the year off.

Defending sidecar champs Jim Hamilton and Mick Fairhurst will have to hold off Rob Biggs and Ben Ransley to take the title for a third time, but the F2's are quick here so watch out for Nev Jones and Giles Stainton.

With Streetstocks...Pre Injections and Newcomer classes also on the grid a tight weekend it on the cards.....

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Number 13.... Phil Bevan  
Welshman Phil has been almost untouchable at Pembrey over the years, whether it be on Ducati... Suzuki... Yamaha... or now Kawasaki. Can anyone better Phil this weekend ?

## This Meeting.

This final round of 2015 sees us at Pembrey. The 1.456 mile track that has a bit of everything, from the flat out Woodlands kink to the hard-on-the-brakes Hatchetts hairpin.

All the NG championships will be tied up by end of racing on Sunday evening.

The 250GP ACU National Championship will possibly be the highlight of the weekend with former 250 champ Ant Hodson and UK based former South African off road champ and British Triumph Triple champ going head to head. After 11 rounds there are just 3 points between them, making this a win or bust weekend. Race winners Darrell Higgins, Dave Hampton and Dan Jackson are bound to play a part in the championship outcome though.....plus can Gary Vines carry on his recent MGP winning form and grab another short circuit podium ?

## Admission Prices.

Adults **£12** (each day)  
Children (U14) **Free** (accompanied by an adult)  
Paddock Access **Free**

For full ticket information go to [www.pembreycircuit.co.uk](http://www.pembreycircuit.co.uk)

**Note** : See the circuit web site [www.pembreycircuit.co.uk](http://www.pembreycircuit.co.uk) for full conditions of admission

## Directions to the Circuit – Sat Nav: SA16 OHZ

The circuit is situated in Carmarthenshire, South Wales near Llanelli. It is approximately 10 miles from J48 of the M4. The Race Circuit brown signs are evident from the motorway

| Race Day Timetable   | Sat     | Sun     |   |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---|
| Technical Inspection | 7:00am  | 8:00am  | See the bikes being checked by the Scrutineers, and wander round the pits |
| Free Practice        | 9:00am  | 9:00am  | Watch the riders get familiar with the circuit in free practice           |
| Qualifying Races     | 10:30am | 10:00am | The competitors race for grid positions for the finals                    |
| Championship Races   | 14:00pm | 14:30pm | 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 split into qualifiers and final for each of the classes. That means some 8 hours of on track action each day. The finals will be scheduled to start at approximately 2pm, but I suggest you get in nice and early, soak up the atmosphere as the riders go through technical inspection and free practice before taking to the track in anger. Then they line up for the qualifiers in seeded championship order, and race for their vital grid position for the main finals

**Feature races:** 250GP ACU National Championship (backed by ACU, DTR Racing and Watchwood)  
The National Prince of Pembrey  
The Phoenix Open (Backed by Phoenix Motorcycles of Trowbridge)  
The Ducati Sporting Club Desmo Due Series (Backed by Dunlop and Pro Tyre)

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