

NG Road Racing... Brands Hatch Race Day



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Round 1 | Brands Hatch | 16th and 17th March 2019

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Has all the winter preparation paid off ?..... Let's get on the grid and find out !!!!



Josh Day | Josh was the man to beat in 2017 and 18. He is back to defend his Open and Powerbike titles. Who....if anyone can step up and take the fight to him in 2019 ?

The long winter months working away in the garages all over the country by the UK's hard core club and national level riders is now done, the wait is over, it's time to get back out on track.

The lucky ones will have been down to Spain to test, the not so lucky ones will have been to Mallory Park or Pembrey for a finger freezing test session. What ever your pre-season prep.... today you find out if all the work has paid dividends. Last seasons form book is ripped up and everyone has the chance to make a name for themselves.

Last seasons top man was Josh Day on his ZX10 Kawasaki, but a host of new challengers on new machinery are out to topple last years Open and Powerbike double champ.

Social media has been awash with riders announcing new

plans for 2018 so it will be great to see who can turn talk into wins and points.

Many of last years champions are back to defend, but some have taken on the challenge of new bikes.

2019 will see Philip Atkinson going for his fourth 250cc National Championship in five years, and he stays with the Declans Team for another year. He will have a few new names to take on this year as the likes of young Joey Thompson who has stated he is out to contest as many rounds as possible.....and will be on the grid to win !!

Rather than me make predictions (.....big cop out !!) lets see how things pan out in 2019. One thing we can be sure of it full grids, great racing, great paddock atmosphere a little bit of drama and a few spills and thrills.

As many of you will remember last years Brands meeting was called off due to the arrival of the Beast-from-the-East, so it's a big fingers crossed that we get a positive weather forecast for this seasons opener.

Lets get the season underway, but remember as any seasoned racer knows,...."you cannot win that championship at round one, but you sure can loose it !".... very wise words.....now, lets get racing.

Brands Hatch Circuit

The Brands Hatch Indy circuit is just 1.198 miles long but packs in 6 big corners. On a bike the machine is never actually upright as the "so-called" straight sections, like the Cooper straight are so short, and are linked by some big corners. Just take a look at the circuit map, and you will see what I mean.

Brands Hatch has a great place in UK racing with a track that dates back to 1926, although a switch of direction in 1964 to the more recognisable layout proved a hit. It is one of the only venues in the world to hold WSB, F1, GT Car, WTCC, Indycar and Nascar. It was rammed back in the late 1990's when Carl Fogarty was at his peak in World Supers pulling in over 80,000 punters for race day.

NG's Fastest Rider at Brands Hatch

Josh Day is the NG Road Racing lap record holder here putting in a lap at 91.94mph that's a time of just 47.29sec, set back in March 2017 on his ZX10R Kawasaki when he was battling all weekend with Chrissie Rouse. However such is the nature of this circuit that Kyle Ryde got his RS GP Honda round in just 50.16 sec in 2011...that's 86mph.....less than 3 seconds slower !

Adding extra interest to the weekend.....

NG Road Racing is again running and promoting 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 in the UK). We also have the Ducati Desmo Due Series and the Formula Prostock runners.

Where do we go from here.....

After Brands we head off for Snetterton on the 200 circuit on the **13th and 14th April** where we will also welcome the ACU/FSRA F2 British Sidecar Championships to join the regular NG series.

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2019 Starts right here, and right now.... But be careful.... Brands can bite !!!

The 2019 NG Road Racing season sees eight rounds staged between March and September at all of the UK's premier circuits with Brands Hatch, Snetterton, Donington, Cadwell, Pembrey, Anglesey, Castle Combe and Oulton on the list.

This great spread of venues means that the very best riders end up as class champions.

At each meeting the season long championship runners are joined by wild-cards that dip into the series for one off outings to spice things up nicely.

This meeting sees Brands Hatch host the traditional NG season opener. Brands can be a daunting prospect if the temperatures are low. This will set the scene for the year, but as any rider will tell you the championship cannot be won at the first meeting for the year.... but it certainly can be lost !!!..... points are at a premium to kick off 2019.



Race Day Timetable

Timetable	Sat	Sun	Timings are subject to change by the promoters and/or circuit management.
Technical Inspection	7:00am	8:00am	See the bikes being checked by the Scrutineers, and wander round the pits
Free Practice	9:00am	10:00am	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	11:00am	Now it gets serious.....Championship points, trophies and glory at stake.

Admission Prices.

Ticket Type	Sat	Sun	
Adult	£16	£16	Online discounts available One-day ticket £12 Two-day ticket £20
Children (13 to 15)	£10	£10	Only if accompanied by an adult Online discounts available at £8 per day
Children (U13)	Free	Free	Only if accompanied by an adult

For full conditions of admission and to take advantage of online bookings | www.msv.com

Directions to the Circuit

Brands Hatch is situated in Kent, approximately 3 miles from J3 of the M25 and just off the A20 near Longfield.

Brands Hatch Circuit signs are evident from all directions | **Sat Nav: DA3 8NG**

What's on track

Up to 20 NG Road Racing championship races each day split into qualifying and championship races 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, they then take to the track for timed qualifying. There is then battle for one set of championship points on Saturday and two sets of points on Sunday when the riders come to the grid.

Feature and Guest races: 125/250GP ACU National Championship including The TSGP Two-stroke GP Series
The Phoenix Open
The Ducati Sporting Club Desmo Due Series
The Formula Prostocks Racing Series

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

The 2019 Season

Round 1	Brands Hatch	16th and 17th March	Round 5	Pembrey	13th and 14th July
Round 2	Snetterton	13th and 14th April	Round 6	Anglesey	10th and 11th August
Round 3	Donington Park	11th and 12th May	Round 7	Castle Combe	31st August and 1st September
Round 4	Cadwell Park	1st and 2nd June	Round 8	Oulton Park	28th September

For all the info...

For full information regarding this event, including the meeting preview and post race reports check out the NG Facebook page which can be found by searching in the usual way... then just click like... or log on to | www.ngroadracing.org

For more Brands Hatch specific information take a look at | www.brandshatch.co.uk | www.msv.com

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