

One's to Watch...

NG Road Racing – Brands Hatch Championship Rounds One and Two – March 20th and 21st

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Top teams take on NG regulars in Brands Hatch season opener

A host of top British racing teams will be using this NG Road Racing meeting as testing for the up coming British championship meeting. MAP Centurian Triumph with Allan Venter and Jimmy Hill and the full KRP 125 GP team including the much awaited arrival of American teenager Dakota Momola and new signing John McFee. KRP are also debuting the two new KRP Racing Steps Foundation riders Wayne Ryan and Fraser Rogers.

That KRP team will face some tough opposition in the 125GP classes from Lee Jackson and Tom Weedon as well as the cream of the NG Road Racing grid headed by Bradley Hughes and Sam Burman.

MAP Centurian's Venter and Hill will also have to fight hard in the 600 classes (which after all is why they are here this weekend !) because former NG star and ex 125 British Champion Dan Cooper is out on his new 675 Triumph. Another former 125 champ Matthew Hoyle too is making a bid for 600-class glory in 2010 after a frustrating 2009 season. Leon Jeacock will be making his NG debut on his BMC Racing R6 after stepping up from the EMRA series that he won last year. Defending Club 600 champion Josh Day will also be out to prove a point against the BSB teams as he embarks on a very important year under the new Air Environmental Team banner with a pair George White Superbikes R6 Yamaha's in the garage. Throw in Rich Bearcroft on his GSXR600 and Chris Beverley with the France and Li Asia CBR from the NG regular front-runners and we are in for a cracking set of 600 battles.

The Superbike classes also have more than their fair share of talent with Billy Mellor, Sam Warren and Victor Cox from the BSB paddock taking on NG's best headed by last years Superbike runner-up Lee Keeble on his new CTS GSXR 1000 and another former NG champ Shaun Hennessey. Hennessey has shown great speed in early season testing on his new K10 GSXR Suzuki. Throw in James Kiff, Dan Kift and Gary Teague, Chris Pope and Paul Shook all looking for a good start to the year more high-speed action is assured.

As well as all the regular NG Classes including Formula 400, Mini Twin, Sound of Thunder and Newcomers, we have the first round of the all new GP45 class which allies 450cc single motors to especially designed purpose built road race chassis. 450cc single racing is huge in Europe....watch out for Steve Pond as he debut's his new GP45 this weekend.

With the 250GP ACU National championship in it's third year with NG Road racing at the helm we must (...on form) be looking towards either Alex Kenchington or Andrew Sawford for championship glory.

As ever at Brands there will be a strong Sidecar grid headed by Dave Molyneux/Gary Partridge.... It will be interesting to see if the recently re-surfaced Brands Hatch Indy Circuit still gives "Moly" the opportunity to slide his 600 all the way through Clearways.

I suggest you pick a good spot in one of the Grandstands and take in all the action, before treating yourself to a walk around the race paddock to see the bikes and riders up close.

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