

250GP ACU National Championship & NG Cup

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This year the 250 National Championship will be held over 14 rounds, not to mention round 9 featuring as a support race for the Moto GP at Silverstone on 20th June. Despite the stresses of the global economy, and the well documented exit from the world stage at the end of 09, the series moves from strength to strength kicking off it's 3rd year at Brands Hatch on 20th and 21st March with rounds 1 and 2.

The series once again boasts sponsorship from the award winning and long term NG Club sponsor – Fraser's of Gloucester. Recognising a successful series when they see one, Neal Fraser and the team had no hesitation in stamping their support on the series. Dunlop will also supply tyres for the Dunlop Performance of the Day Awards, handed to anyone whether at the back or the front of the field who puts in a performance above and beyond their station – It's true to say the reigning Champion Jason Davis only collected the Performance of the Day award once throughout his successful 2009 Challenge!

Mixing it with the very best National riders and machinery will be the NG Cup contenders. This Championship is simply open to riders who have a Clubman licence on 1st March 2010, so a Championship within a Championship. Cup riders still score points in the National category, keeping the top boys and girls on their toes – as witnessed last year!



Class of 2009 – Champion Jason Davis heads Championship runner up Mark Davies

With the reigning Champion Jason Davis still holding out his "I've retired" tale, you don't need to look too far to see the names who will top the podium across the 2010 term. Seasoned 250GP campaigner Toby Markham is rumoured to have turned down rides on 4 strokes to stay with his much loved 250's. Toby's biggest fan and Father Dennis has hinted they will contest the full Championship making the vastly experienced Kent ace one of the pre season favourites on board a very fast Aprilia.

Somerset's Alex Kenchington will contest the Dennis Trollope Racing TZ and will certainly improve on his injury hit 2009. Pre injury, Alex proved he is a race winner and with good fortune will challenge for the National title. Never rule out Andy



Stylish Alex Kenchington – one to watch in 2010



Chris McAloran – 9 will head the Irish invasion, Rich Grinling will look to top the podium after going so close last term

Sawford on the stunning St Neot's Motorcycles Yamaha. As demonstrated at Snetterton last year, when things click into place for Sawford, he is unstoppable, capable of taking pole, double race wins and fastest laps all on the same weekend! Add the Honda challenge of 2007 Irish National Champion Chris McAloran to the frame as well. It is only a matter of time before Chris adds this 250 National title to his CV as well as the Irish title. Since taking delivery of his own RS Honda, he improved with every outing last year and has pledged 2010 is his year! Also look out for fellow Irishman David Craig, who will also run at the front if he can adapt to the mainland circuits.

Ant Hodson and Newark's Rich Grinling, plus Mark Linton all have front running pedigree, and will make a mark on the series. A couple of returning riders to the show are 2008 250 National Champion Ben Johnson. The Chesterfield flyer has swapped his title winning RS Honda for a TZ and with lots of fine tuning winter hours now behind him, he can't wait to go racing again. Chay Newton showed tremendous promise at the start of 2008 before a big Brands Hatch crash destroyed his bike, ending his season after only one round. But during that round he challenged for the lead and earned himself a shed load of respect before his untimely cash stricken departure from the frame.

2009 NG Cup Champion Dave Hampton will again contest his trusted Honda but this time the rules state, as Cup Champion he must move up to the National series. Runner up in last year's Cup - Jonathan Stamper also moves up a category having recently upgraded to National, so he is clearly looking to mix it at the front and is more than capable of doing so. Adding spice to the series we have several riders of the fairer sex, although don't mess with these girls! Sian Brooks and Lou Goddard both visited the podium last year in the Cup Championship and with the top 2 from last year both stepping up the National series, watch this space for a Female Champion - Where's the history book? Sam Burman is also a National Championship regular, who is more than capable of putting results together. Collecting the Dunlop Performance of the Day award at the final round last year, she will be desperate to build on that performance.

It's a very rare sight these days – a full grid of pure race machines gunning for a National title, so don't miss out. Catch all the action at Brands Hatch including qualifying on Saturday 20th March at approx. 1030am, and round 1 just after lunch.

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