



The accolades keep rolling in for Steph Waddelow as she once again blew away the boys during Saturday's three MRO Superteen races, and again during Sunday's showpiece event. Many neutrals present were amazed at the depth of talent and professionalism shown from these kids who put on a breathless show for the BSB fans. In Saturday's opener Waddelow powered her SS Racing Aprilia to victory but neither this nor any of her races were dealt with in comfort.

Fraser Rogers made the hole-shot but Waddelow nipped ahead of the West Country youngster and set the scene for the day. Rogers though, kept the Ely schoolgirl in check for the most part but simultaneously had to deal with Scottish teenager Matthew Paulo who looked strong on his first visit to the Kent venue.

Championship leader Jack Blake was looking to better last season's corresponding best result of fourth but Paulo was defending his position well. Out front there was no evidence of the clutch hassles Waddelow was experiencing in qualifying as she withstood the challenge from Rogers well. On the final lap Blake completed a move on Paulo to grab a third, a position vital the championship leader.

Tommy Dale (no 74), the Romford 15-year-old, was forced from the opener with a broken gear lever to his Aprilia. But in race two he was well in the hunt out-determining Waddelow and the efficient starting Rogers to take control early on. Blake in the meantime, who reverted to his latest Aprilia engine after discovering a split in the exhaust port of his number two motor, was still struggling to break out of the top six in these early laps. To prevent Waddelow from eating into his championship advantage even further Blake needed another podium result at the very least.



Although he left it late the Romford student nevertheless bullied his Aprilia through the pack to third. Waddelow went to the front early on with Rogers maintaining a fine second. Dale though, after a great departure, retained a strong position but suffered a broke piston ring on the last lap and finished fourth as a result.



Fraser Rogers' dash to the front was becoming a familiar sight as he led the pack into Paddock for the start of race three. But on lap two Waddelow was in front with Dale and Paulo pestering Rogers for the second spot. Lap four Dale led a six-bike scrap for that second position and managed to haul in leader Waddelow as well. Soon after, Dale jammed his Aprilia up the inside of Waddelow at Paddock for the lead. As the pack exited Stirlings for the final time Blake had sped into third and the result was on a

knife-edge as the train rounded Clearways. Waddelow, Dale and Blake crossed the line as one with Waddelow getting the verdict.

After grabbing her fourth Waddelow said, 'It's been a fantastic weekend. Four from four, I can't believe it. I want to thank Derek Price from Magnum Motorsports and Steve Shepherd from SS Racing/Signal UK who have helped make all this possible.'

Despite experiencing gearing problems in qualifying and posting a third row position as a result Chase Collyer (no 48) nevertheless made the hole-shot in the Dyna-Pro Supersport 600 opener. But both Thomas Dean, Castrol Yamaha R6, and Liam Lyon, Seton Tuning Yamaha R6, were past him on lap two. Soon, championship leader Lyon was making a good impression out front taking a second a lap out of Dean and Collyer.



In the meantime Jess Trayler, MSS Kawasaki, looked to have developed a real cutting edge about his work as he defended a fourth spot with some conviction. Reigning Bemsee Rookie 600 champion Sy Langford was having another good run on the Purkiss Brothers Suzuki GSX-R and Trayler was certainly in his sights at mid distance. However, one of the problems for Langford was the close

interests of Dave Shelvey who continues to amaze on board his aging Suzuki. Then Shelvey in turn was forced to deal with the Triumph pairing of James Wainwright and Mark Cringle.

There was certainly a big battle raging for the top six positions, but out front the pace was equally as hot. Dean, the 23-year-old, appeared to have the second spot wrapped up, but Collyer thought otherwise. With two to go Collyer, the Cheshunt locksmith, was into Surtees a little too hot, but make a mistake, make it look cool was exactly what the 24-year-old did, recovered quickly and clinched the third place on the Mike Smith Tuning Yamaha R6. Dean was second and Lyon the winner.



'I really had a slow start,' explained Lyon. 'But once I had got Thomas at Graham Hill and Chas at Clearways I had a clear run to the finish. The Seton Tuning Yamaha worked perfectly all the way.' For race two the Seton Tuning crew changed the geometry slightly and used a different compound tyre on Lyon's Yamaha. This made little difference to the young Scot's getaway but he eventually overhauled Dean and Collyer to comfortably take the win by a 12-second margin. Earlier on lap two Langford crashed out of contention and received treatment for a hip injury. This was a pity for Langford who had just started picking up results following electrical

problems in the early rounds. But for the podium it was a volcanic young gun battle between Dean and Collyer, which went all the way to the flag with Dean taking the runner-up spot. Paul King and Paul Smyth upheld the honour of the Clubman by finishing fourth and fifth respectively overall and first and second in class.

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