

BMCRC
Round 03
Cadwell Park

EDlasia Formula 400

After winning six of the opening seven races of the season, Richie Welsh boasted an 86-point championship lead before the weekend at Cadwell Park, but after he missed the action in Lincolnshire, two wins and two seconds for James Seath saw him assume the series' points lead.

The weekend's other two victories went to Marcus Tatchell.

Seath dominated Saturday's races, winning them both in convincing fashion on his Ovenden Earthmoving Kawasaki ZX-R400. He took the chequered flag in race one over 23 seconds up on James Robinson, after pole-sitter Tatchell crashed out on lap one on his Tatchell Motors Honda VFR400.

Third in the opening outing went to Sub-64bhp class winner Sam Digby-Baker.

Coming from the fourth row of the grid, Tatchell came through to second. He got within 10 seconds of winner Seath, but was slapped with a 10-second time penalty for jumping the start. However, he still held onto second, with Robinson third and a further 17 seconds back on track.

Robinson finished just ahead of Alan Cooper and Digby-Baker, who finished first and second in the Sub-64bhp class.

After showing his pace on Saturday, Tatchell improved to win both of Sunday's races, twice beating Seath. However, the additional 40 championship points for Seath meant he left the Cadwell circuit with a four-point series lead.

Robinson finished third in race one on Sunday, before Kevin Neal climbed onto the podium for the first time after finishing third in the final race.

Cooper grabbed a brace of Sub-64bhp category wins to extend his championship lead.

Blue Haze GP and GPF

Kevin Wholey extended his Inta Motorcycles Blue Haze GP championship lead at Cadwell Park, with three visits to the podium: he finished twice second on Saturday, before finishing fourth and third on Sunday.

The wins were shared between Stuart Hall and Phil Atkinson, with two apiece.

Atkinson qualified on pole, but failed to finish either of Saturday's races, leaving Hall and Wholey to race for the win. Twice Hall emerged victorious, with Rik Ballerini twice third.

Atkinson recovered on Sunday, collecting two wins, both ahead of Hall, with Ballerini third in Sunday's first race and Wholey third in the final race of the weekend, but the results mean Wholey extended his series lead.

In the Taymar Motorcycles-sponsored GPF, road bike-based category races Ballerini was again in action, and cleaned up with four wins.

James Seath finished runner-up in three of the four races, before Mark Haigh claimed the silver medal spot in the fourth race.

The third places were split between Denis Halil and Michael Stanley on Saturday. Stanley was again third on Sunday morning with the final podium spot of the weekend going to Richard Hickling.

Chilton Motors BMZRC 250

Arriving 30 points adrift of Chilton Motorz BMZRC championship leader Andy Wales, Chris Rogers finally got his first wins of 2021 under his belt at Cadwell Park, securing all four victories and 100 championship points in the process.

In typical MZ fashion, however, victory was anything but assured.

Rogers just managed to eek out seven tenths of a second on Chris Kent in race one, with Wales third. It was a repeat podium in race two.

If there was a race where victory seemed assured, it was race three, the first of two races on Sunday where Rogers ran out the winner by 11 seconds. This time Wales was second, with Kent a lonely third.

Comparatively, just two tenths of a second was the margin of victory in the fourth and final race of the weekend, as Rogers completed his dominance.

Wales took second, as Peter Woodall made his way onto the podium before the weekend was out, finishing third ahead of Kent.

Team Respro MRO 600 and DART Motorsport Clubman 600

Three winners from four racers stood atop the podium in the Team Respro MRO 600 races, including current series leader Dawid Krawiecki, who managed to taste victory in the final race.

Saturday belonged to Glenn Walsh. On his Walters Medical Yamaha R6 he qualified on the front row before translating that into a brace of victories.

Racing at the front of the field, Walsh was chased hard by Donald Gilbert, Krawiecki, with pole-sitter Martin Morris also in pursuit. However, a red flag ended proceedings early, with Walsh credited with victory ahead of Gilbert and Krawiecki. Alex Barker was the Clubman winner.

Race two was also subject to a stoppage, and in the four-lap sprint restarted race Walsh pulled away to take victory number two. Gilbert was again second. Third went to Clubman class winner Gareth Cunningham, as he held off Toby Shann, as Gilbert, Cunningham, and Shann crossed the line within a second of each other.

The nine-lap opener to Sunday's action saw S and N Tyres Kawasaki-mounted Gilbert narrowly better Walsh for the win, just two tenths of a second the margin of victory. Meanwhile Cunningham finished adrift in third, but added another Clubman win to his tally from the weekend.

Krawiecki and Walsh went toe-to-toe in the final race, both setting their fastest laps of the race on the final circuit in a bid for victory. Krawiecki took the win, with Walsh second and Gilbert third. Cunningham's fourth made it three wins from four in the Clubman class.

Reactive Parts MRO Powerbikes and Syntol Lubricants Clubman 1000

Aiden Patmore had finished no lower than second in the Reactive Parts MRO Powerbikes before the weekend at Cadwell Park. After finishing runner-up in the opening race of the year, he won four on the bounce before round three. At the Lincolnshire circuit he added another two wins to his streak, but a lap-one crash in race three handed him his first DNF of the year.

He qualified on pole ahead of Peter Baker, and won the 10-lap opener by five seconds. Baker lasted until lap nine lap but crashed on the penultimate lap. Philip Baker finished runner-up, making it a BMW S1000RR one-two. Nicky Wilson finished third on his Demon GP/Haslemere Motorcycles Suzuki GSX-R1000.

Luke Dixon finished fourth to collect the Clubman honours.

Patmore and Philip Baker were again first and second in race two, while Peter Baker recovered from the disappointment of race one to finish fourth.

Finishing third, in between the Bakers, was David Shoubridge, a former BMCRC Rookie 600 champion. Kenny Fretwell took the Clubman win in 10th.

Sadly for Patmore he wouldn't complete a lap in the final race of the weekend, which would allow Shoubridge to escape at the front and race to a comfortable victory.

Behind, a gaggle of riders squabbled over the final podium positions. Peter Baker was finally rewarded for his efforts with a podium, as he held off Wilson by a little over a tenth of a second. In turn, Philip Baker was only two tenths further behind, as Ritchie Thornton finished the group off in fifth, under a second down on Philip Baker.

Dixon bagged another Clubman win in 10th place.

ACU Team Green Junior Cup and Senior 300

After a clean-sweep of victories last time out at Snetterton, Finn Smart-Weeden made it another perfect weekend at Cadwell Park, qualifying on pole and taking all four victories.

He was untouchable all weekend, and romped to victory by over eight seconds in race one. Behind, Fred McMullan crossed the line ahead of Dylan Mellor, to make it an all Junior Cup podium. The leading Senior 300 rider was Phil Atkinson in fifth.

Smart-Weeden won the second race by four seconds, as Mellor and McMullan were again fighting it out for second place. This time it went the way of Mellor, with Atkinson improving to fourth to win the Senior 300 category.

After a successful Saturday Smart-Weeden picked up where he left off on Sunday morning, winning again by nearly 10 seconds, this time with the Mellor brothers duking it out for second place in a fight that went all the way to the chequered flag. Owen came out on top of Dylan in the fight.

Atkinson made it three from three Senior wins but crossed the line eighth.

Smart-Weeden was finally made to work for it in the final race, but despite Owen Mellor pushing him to the finish and crossing the line just half a second down, Smart-Weeden made it four wins from four races at Cadwell, and took his eighth victory in a row.

Third went to James O'Mara, as Atkinson's sixth gave him the full house in the Senior 300 class.

BMCRC Rookie 600 and Rookie 1000

Matt Pallett extended his Rookie 600 championship lead over Dan Burnham at Cadwell Park, despite Burnham taking two victories to Pallett's single win.

Burnham was just three points adrift of Pallett in the standings coming into the weekend, and assumed the championship lead with victory in race one, finishing ahead of Pallett in second and Adam Gathercole in third.

With a two-point series lead Burnham won again in race two, with Pallett taking another second place. Matt Gathercole, this time, took third.

Pallett reduced the deficit from seven to two points in race three, getting the better of Burnham to win ahead of the new series leader, and resumed the championship lead after the final race despite finishing second to Ross Clarke.

Claiming 20 championship points, he moved 18 clear of Burnham who crashed out on the opening lap.

Reuben Ward took two third place finishes from Sunday's races.

In the litre bike class, Anthony Hunter arrived with a 12-point championship lead, and after replicating the results of his title rival, Seamus McGlynn, it remained a 12-point lead.

McGlynn won the weekend's opener, with Hunter second, before those positions were reversed in race two.

Hunter's win in race three looked set to help him extend his championship lead, as McGlynn only managed to complete two laps and carded a DNF. However, fate had other plans and as McGlynn recovered to win race four, Hunter recorded a DNF, ensuring it was honours equal.

Michael Clarke took a trio of thirds, with Andrew Williams collecting the other on offer.

Steve Jordan Motorcycles Thunderbike Extreme and Thunderbike Ultra

Josh Harvey extended his undefeated run in the Thunderbike Ultra class, adding four victories at Cadwell Park to his four wins at Snetterton.

Harvey qualified on pole, to make it a perfect weekend, and despite missing the opening round of the season at Oulton, he now tops the points table.

In all four races he beat fellow Ultra class competitor Stacey Killworth, who finished second.

Jack Sim completed the overall podium in both races on Saturday, and with his third place result he picked up the win in the Extreme class to extend his championship lead.

Ultra class James Fearn climbed onto the rostrum in the first of Sunday's two races, though fifth for Sim gave him another Extreme victory, before he made it four class wins from four by finishing third in the last race.

Steve Jordan Motorcycles Thunderbike Sport

Jack Sim was in a class of one in the Steve Jordan Motorcycles Thunderbike Sport races, qualifying on pole and winning four out of four on his Platform Lift Engineers Yamaha R6. After winning two out of three at Oulton, and three out of four at Snetterton, he finally managed a full house.

He took the chequered flag over 11 seconds up on Elliot Fricker in race one, who in turn was eight up on Adam Jamison in third.

It was a Sim-Fricker one-two in the second race, though this time Fricker ran Sim all the way to the line, losing out by four tenths of a second. Matthew Fedrick claimed third.

The hat-trick was complete on Sunday morning, as Jamison and Fedrick completed the podium after Fricker retired on lap two.

Sim, Fricker, and Fedrick were the podium finishers in the final race, as Sim completed his dominance and continued to extend his championship lead.

DFDS Yamaha Past Masters

Scott Carson and Doug Edmondson arrived at Cadwell Park tied on points at the top of the DFDS Yamaha Past Masters championship, but after four races, a DNF apiece, a win for Edmondson and two wins for Carson, it was the latter who left as the new series leader.

The pair were barely separable in qualifying, sitting one-two on the grid in Carson's favour. Carson then went on to win race one ahead of Pete Branton, who kept him honest. But it was a disaster for Edmondson who DNF'd on the final lap with a mechanical.

With swift action in the paddock Edmondson was back out for race two, and finished runner-up to Branton, but, crucially, ahead of Carson.

He'd get another chance to claw back ground on Carson in Sunday's opener, capitalising on a DNF for the championship leader to take the win, though narrowly, as Branton came home a close second. Alan Cooper finished third.

Edmondson could only manage sixth in the fourth and final race, which allowed Carson to extend a series lead with victory, again over Branton who enjoyed a solid weekend after a tricky start to the year with DNFs. Billy Perkins finished third.

Barry Mantell collected three Clubman trophies, with the other class win going to Neil Grant. Dan Sutherland picked up all four Rookie wins.

ProperlyProtected.co.uk MRO Minitwins

Matt Whetherell picked up his first wins of the season in the MRO Minitwin championship at Cadwell Park, his best result until that point a second place at Snetterton. The MSG Racing pilot set the fastest time in qualifying on Saturday morning, but would have to wait until Sunday to grab a pair of victories.

In Saturday's two races he finished second and sixth. His runner-up finish in race one came behind John Reynolds, who set the fastest lap of the race on just lap two to ease away from the field. Third went to Keith Povah, as he and Whetherell formed half of a four-rider dice for the podium positions.

Dan Harris, the championship leader, picked up his first podium of the weekend with victory in race two, his first win since dominating the opening round at Oulton Park. He comfortably finished ahead of Cameron Harris and Povah. Whetherell could only manage sixth and Reynolds seventh on a drying track.

In the Rookie Minitwins Nicholas Baker claimed both of the day's victories.

Sunday and Whetherell finally tasted victory, doubling up to win both races, twice finishing ahead of Reynolds in second.

In the day's first race Reynolds held off Cameron Harris for the silver medal spot, the gap three tenths of a second.

In the final race, as Whetherell pulled out a six second lead out front, less than a second covered the four riders fighting over the remaining two podium spots.

Less than a tenth covered Reynolds in second and Povah in third, with Cameron Harris and Daniel Good missed out on trophies.

Adam Forsyth was twice a Rookie Minitwin winner on Sunday, helping him close in on Mark Gillam's championship lead.