

Yorkshire Classic MCC
Rd2 Pre Unit Championship
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Held at Nab End on the hills above Halifax 49 riders turned out to compete in the clubs second Pre Unit of the year. The weather was better than forecast and was almost pleasant for such a lofty venue renowned for being bleak in the winter and spectacular in the summer.

Section one was an easy opener before riders dropped down to a marshy bit of land which usually makes riders work hard to keep forward motion. This time however the boggy bits bottomed out to give most riders a clear passage through the deep water and up the muddy tracks to the finish. This weeks winner Mark Feather on a very smokey Triumph Twin cleaned it on each visit as he did on all the other sections to finish on a very creditable one mark lost and keep up his excellent recent form.

Section three was a rocky climb which took marks from the unwary catching out Dave Emmott on the rigid AJS and doubling his score. The small quarry sections didn't cause problems for most riders though the rigids did struggle with sections four and five which both had steep climbs and tight turns to negotiate and took a couple of marks off John Feather the winner of the rigid class.

Section seven an old favourite at Nab End proved to be the undoing of most riders. A steep downhill drop over rocks followed by an even steeper climb on the turn to the end cards proved troublesome. Rocks kept getting disturbed and blocked the line resulting in only two clean rides. Steve Rayner on the Matchless and Tom Emmott on his Triumph twin both did really well to stay clean.

Nobody managed clear rounds amongst the non competitive riders but four tied on one mark lost with the overall class win going to Richard Thorpe.

This small piece of land with its good variety of sections sent riders and observers home happy after a good day out in fine weather.

RESULTS

Class A Pre Unit Tele Fork Springer: Pete McCanna (Royal Enfield) 2 marks lost, Andy Greenbank (Ariel) 3, Maurice Brayford (Matchless) 4.

Class B Tele Fork Rigid: John Feather (R/E) 6, Dave Emmott (AJS) 8, Colin Pawson (Matchless) 32.

Class C Girder Fork Rigid : Ian Barker 11.

Class G Twin Cylinder: Mark Feather (Triumph) 1, Mal Cocking (Triumph) 4, Tom Emmott (Triumph) 4.

Class J Small Pre Unit Springer : Mick Clarke (C10) 2, Adrian Brayshaw (C12) 7.

Non Comp. Class : Richard Thorpe (James)1, Steve Thomas (Bantam)1, Chris Gascoigne (Bantam) 1.