

## **Yorkshire Classic MCC**

Rd.8 Pre Unit Championship

**Report: Neil Anderton**

**Visiting this hilltop venue for the second time this year riders were fearing the worst as driving rain greeted them as they arrived at the start. However by 10.30am the skies were clearing and the sun shone on those who braved the elements for the rest of the trial.**

This compact quarry gives riders plenty of variety and section one and two were in the gully's which are normally deep mud. On this occasion they were easier although the surface on both cut up and made life a bit tricky. No cleans were recorded on the first section the best efforts coming from Paul Jackson on the Velocette and Steve Rayner Matchless both with a dab apiece but both had a clean on section two. Other good rides here on the big AMC machines came from Mark Francis on the AJS springer and Frank Proud on the rigid Matchless.

Section five always a favorite with its steep climbs and adverse camber turns took its usual marks and only Francis managed to keep a clean sheet. Section six was not difficult but the exit had rocks at various angles which needed care to get it right. No pre units cleaned it but six non competitive tiddlers did with Mick Ash leading the field on his James.

Next at seven came the most difficult section a rocky downhill approach to a steep climb on the turn with loose stones just to make things harder. The gale force wind tried to knock riders off line and generally succeeded as only Rayner cleaned it amongst the pre units and only Ash and Malcolm Ellis out of the non comps.

The final three sections were less demanding and gave riders a bit of a breather before tackling it all again. Thanks to all our observers for helping out in such bracing conditions.

## **RESULTS**

**Class A Pre Unit Springers:** Paul Jackson(Velo) 11 marks lost, Steve Rayner (Matchless) 13, Mark Francis (AJS) 15.

**Class B Tele Fork Rigid:** Frank Proud (Matchless) 15, John Feather (R.E.) 21, Chris Nutter (Ariel) 30.

**Class G Twin Cylinder:** Josh Wilkinson (Triumph) 50, John Brindle (Triumph) 65.

**Non Comp. Class:** Mick Ash (James) 0, Malcolm Ellis (Cub) 0, Steve Thomas (Bantam) 1