

## **Yorkshire Classic MCC**

Rd. 5 Pre Unit Championship

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**This latest round of the Pre Unit series took in a new venue at Cowling Pinnacle near Keighley with the course laid out by Chris Riley and Ian Johnston. On a steep rocky hillside on a wet and windy day they found ten sections just right for the big bikes on a course that was easy to ride round.**

Mal Cocking showed that with concentration you could go clean but he was pushed all the way by John Feather on the rigid Royal Enfield and Ady Brayshaw on the BSA C12 who both finished on two. The first section was a gentle climb but with a twist between two large rocks to the finish. It looked harder than it was and put a few doubts into rider's minds as to whether they could squeeze through the gap. Chris Nutter having a good ride on the rigid Ariel showed the way but even then only four big bikes had cleans.

Section three was easy to start with but as the rain made the grass slippery the downhill drop onto the rocks became a bit more of a challenge. Noticeably the small non competitive bikes on this occasion did worse than the big bikes who used their engine braking to ease them down the greasy slope for a more controlled ride.

Section six observed by Keith Blackburn was the biggest mark taker of the day. Another section that looked worse than it actually was but riding round a boulder on a lumpy grass ledge proved the undoing of many. Steve Rayner winner of Class A on the Matchless had it weighed up and cleaned it each time as of course did Mal Cocking with Ady Brayshaw also keeping a clean sheet.

Section seven was the only rocky section in the trial where a turn on the second pile of stones caught out the unwary. Dabs galore kept riders on track but Mick Culf suffered a five which didn't help his score amongst the generally low scores on the day.

The final section was a slippery downhill track followed by a sharp climb and across a camber which all got worse as the trial progressed. Less than a third of the non competitive bikes cleaned it with Derek Brookes and Alan Mills both getting into difficulties while John Feather and Chris Nutter both showed it could be done on a rigid.

Thanks to the observers for sticking it out in some poor conditions and well done to the new course markers on a difficult piece of land.

## **RESULTS**

**Class A Pre Unit Springers:** Steve Rayner (Matchless) 4 marks lost, Ian Alderson (Ariel) 11, Mick Culf (R.E) 17.

**Class B Tele Fork Rigid:** John Feather (RE) 2, Chris Nutter (Ariel) 3, Ike Myers (AJS) 7.

**Class G Twin Cylinder:** Mal Cocking (Triumph) 0, John Brindle (Triumph) 25.

**Class J Small Pre Unit Springer :** Adrian Brayshaw (BSA C12) 2.

**Non Competitive:** Mick Driffield (James) 0, Steve Thomas (Bantam) 0, Pete McCanna (Greeves) 0.