

PRE-UNIT TRIAL

Round 5, Pre-Unit Championship, at Walls of Jerico, Bradford – 15th June 2014

Clarke Writes the Script

Heavy drizzle greeted the 46 riders for the 4th round of the Yorkshire Classic's pre-unit championship but the skies lightened and the observers were thankful not to get wet when the rain stopped.

The majority of sections set out by Mick Culf and Adrian Brayshaw were in the tiny stream which lies at the bottom of the steep sided vale and were just the job for the big old bikes and vintage two strokes the series is aimed at.

Sections 1 and 2 were the exception being on the hillside which had by now been lightly dampened by the precipitation but few lost many marks here except Pre-unit series leader Gordon Imrie (Ariel) lost 5 on the loose rocky climb of no 2 to complete what for him was a poor day at the office.

The stream sections 3 to 5 took few marks from the pre-unit competitors, the exception being Per-Unit springer runner up Carl Winstanley (Ariel) dropping one of his two marks on the twist in and out of section 5.

The large rocks of section 9 were the main mark takers of the day. As Barry Pickard commented, it was a true pre65 section that would have been a real mark taker in its day and only 6 riders avoided penalties on every lap including Mick Preston having an excellent day on his little James to easily win his class.

Pre-Unit winner Mick Clarke (Ariel) showed his class and was the only rider to stay clean on this and every other section to win the event outright.

In the pre-unit rigid class, Steve Cordon got back to winning ways to close the gap on series leader Steve Rayner who finished second and Malc Cocking lost only 2 marks to consolidate his lead in the twin Cylinder class.

The non competitive riders on their lightweights had a closely fought day as usual with 7 riders losing under 10 marks. Keith Hobson (Cub) once again took the win this time from the back on form Garry Mitchell (Bantam) on the oldest rider rules as both riders lost just one mark. Joel Brayford was unlucky to concede a five on section 5, his only loss.

Results

Pre-Unit Springers

1st Mick Clarke Ariel – 0 2nd Carl Winstanley Ariel – 2 3rd Paul Jackson (Velo) – 5

Pre-Unit Rigid

1st Steve Cordon Matchless – 10 2nd Steve Rayner Matchless – 12 3rd Mick Driffield Ariel - 16

Twins

1st Malc Cocking – 2 2nd Graham Wilkinson - 21 3rd John Patefield – 23 all Triumphs

Pre-unit under 250

1st Chris Bacon C10 - 20

Vintage 2 stroke Springer

1st Mick Preston James – 6 2nd Ady Brayshaw James 20

Vintage 2 stroke Rigid

1st Eric Atkinson – James – 34

Non Competitive

1st Keith Hobson Armac Cub – 1 2nd Gary Mitchell Bantam – 1 3rd Mick Dickenson Bantam – 2 4th Steve Thomas Drayt Bantam – 2 5th J. McCanna B40 - 2