

Yorkshire Classic MCC

Round 5, Pre unit Championship, at Jericho, Thornton, 7th July 2019.

Report by Ian Livingstone.

Mick Clarke tops Wall

Jericho was the venue for Yorkshire Classic's 5th Pre-unit Trial with 10 sections plotted by Clerks of Course, Rob Lowther and Nick Jefferies, to test the 30 riders on a warm dry day. After a steady start on the hillside, 7 sections through the winding rocky stream took the majority of marks from all the competitors, with the final section winding up the hillside catching second placed, Carl Winstanley, for 3 marks and Triumph Twin Class winner, Dave White for 4. Whilst not the biggest mark-taker, it also caught most of the Non-competitive riders, with its loose gravel surface requiring very gentle throttle control, with only Tony Calvert, Mel Dibb, Phil Kendrew and Andrew Greenbank clean.

Stream Sections 4 and 5 were the most difficult for the Pre-units. On 4, the steep drop into the stream, up the banking and tight turn around the tree back into the stream finished up a slippery banking, catching all but winner, Mick Clarke, and Carl Winstanley. Next best was Phil Clarkson on 2, followed by Dave Ingram, on an immaculate AJS for a change, and Gary Ferriman, on his TRW, both on 3. Section 5, starting with a steep drop into the stream and up the grassy banking on the other side took marks here from most riders on the first 2 laps, until a solid base was reached. The steep exit banking and tight right-hand turn to the finish then became the main mark taker, with only Mick Clarke clean, followed by Carl Winstanley and Colwyn Darlow on 1 and Dave White on 2. Section 7, the long rock-strewn stream, caught everyone except the winner and Dave Ingram, with Gary Ferriman on 1 and Johnny Cooke on 2.

In the Non-competitive Class, Tony Calvert stayed clean all day with Steve Gossop and Paul Whitaker on 2, followed by Alan Mills on 4 and Richard Bainbridge on 6. Again, the main mark-taker was Section 5, with only the first 3 clean, and Alan Mills on 1. Section 8 in the stream had an awkward turn through two big rocks, catching Mick Clarke for 3 of his marks and all the Non-competitive except the top 3, along with Mel Dibb and Keith Normington.

Good weather and excellent sections made an enjoyable day. Our thanks to the Landowner, Clerks of Course, Observers, Riders and Barry for Results and photos.

Results

Pre-Unit Springers

Mick Clarke (Ariel) 4, Carl Winstanley (Ariel) 7, Dave Ingram (AJS) 12, Phil Clarkson(Ariel) 13
Johnny Cooke (Ariel) 14, Celwyn Darlow(Norton) 19.

Twins

Dave White (Triumph) 21, Rob Lowther (Triumph) 51.

Non-Competitive

Tony Calvert (Cub) 0, Steve Gossop (Bantam) 2, Paul Whitaker (Cub) 2, Alan Mills (Bantam) 4,
Richard Bainbridge(F/Barnett) 6, Mel Dibb(Cotton) 10, Lawrence Todd(Cub) 10.