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Clinquant Cadwell

The weekend of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of August saw the team travel to Cadwell Park in Lincolnshire for the penultimate round of the Bonhams British Historic Grand Prix Championship 2011.

Chris would be riding the #1 Molnar bike as Steve Tomes was otherwise engaged elsewhere. Cadwell is a favourite track for us having many successes over the years. We arrived on Friday with the sun shining and little wind (most unusual but gladly received) and began setting up for the weekends frivolities.

Qualifying began on Saturday what was to be a great weekend for us, Toffa dialled straight-in and within 5 laps he had clinched the #1 position for race one to be held later that day.



BONHAMS BRITISH GP CHAMPIONSHIP 2011

CADWELL PARK 2.173 Miles

QUALIFYING

13/08/2011 10:19

Qualifying started at 10:19:03

Pos	No.	Name	C	Bike	Best Tm	Diff	Lap Speed	In Lap	Laps
1	42	Chris Firmin		Norton Manx 499	2:01.280		64.502	5	7
2	12	Ian Bain		Norton Manx 500	2:01.468	0.188	64.402	6	7
3	5	Chris Palmer		Matchless 500	2:01.923	0.643	64.162	5	7
4	29	Luke Notton		Norton Manx 499	2:03.328	2.048	63.431	6	6
5	68	Mike Russell		Norton Manx 500	2:03.345	2.065	63.422	6	6
6	19	Vanni Jenson		Norton Manx 499	2:05.286	4.006	62.440	6	6
7	9	Tim Jackson	*	AJS 7R 350	2:07.988	6.708	61.121	6	6
8	7	Duncan Fitchett		Norton Manx 500	2:08.775	7.495	60.748	6	6
9	25	Andy Molnar	*	Norton Manx 348	2:10.967	9.687	59.731	5	5
10	17	Stuart Tonge		Norton Manx 500	2:12.034	10.754	59.248	6	6





Race 1:

Conditions continued to be perfect as Toffa ran his sighting lap, he lined-up and waited for the lights to go out. From the start Toffa led the way, pushing hard at the front to ensure that he could maximise on the great qualifying result. Lap after lap he edged his way further out in front to finally cross the line with nearly a 3 second gap, close but comfortable.... Cracking start to the weekend!



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CADWELL PARK 2.173 Miles

RACE 5

13/08/2011 14:52

Race (6 Laps) started at 14:52:43

Pos	No.	Name	C	Bike	Laps	Total Tm	Diff	Avg. Speed	Best Tm	In Lap	Lap Speed
1	42	Chris Firmin		Norton Manx 499	6	10:48.796		72.344	1:46.625	3	73.367
2	68	Mike Russell		Norton Manx 500	6	10:51.547	2.751	72.039	1:46.465	5	73.478
3	29	Luke Notton		Norton Manx 499	6	10:53.999	5.203	71.769	1:46.876	4	73.195
4	7	Duncan Fitchett		Norton Manx 500	6	10:54.488	5.672	71.717	1:47.234	4	72.951
5	5	Chris Palmer		Matchless 500	6	10:57.030	8.234	71.438	1:47.503	2	72.768
6	12	Ian Bain		Norton Manx 500	6	10:57.828	9.032	71.351	1:47.473	4	72.789
7	19	Vanni Jenson		Norton Manx 499	6	11:32.428	43.632	67.786	1:53.896	2	68.684
8	17	Stuart Tonge		Norton Manx 500	6	11:38.209	49.413	67.225	1:54.819	5	68.132
9	25	Andy Molnar	*	Norton Manx 348	6	11:41.231	52.435	66.935	1:55.287	4	67.849
10	9	Tim Jackson	*	AJS 7R 350	6	11:47.560	58.764	66.336	1:56.088	4	67.387

Race 2:

Andy checked the bike over between races and with everything looking perfect she was left whilst we took the opportunity to watch some cracking racing in perfect conditions. Cadwell Park, in the sun, is a lovely circuit, rolling hills, chicanes, the Mountain and wooded section plus its rather nice to ride ;o)

Race 2 was a carbon copy of race one, Toffa got his head down and lead the way from the front posting his best lap time of 1:46:515 on his second lap. Each lap was neigh on perfect with almost identical lap times and inch-perfect positioning on the track. When he crossed the line he was again almost 3 second's head of the nearest rival...

So that was two for two. WHAT a day!





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CADWELL PARK 2.173 Miles

RACE 14

13/08/2011 18:14

Race (6 Laps) started at 18:14:23

Pos	No.	Name	C	Bike	Laps	Total Tm	Diff	Avg. Speed	Best Tm	In Lap	Lap Speed
1	42	Chris Firmin		Norton Manx 499	6	10:49.898		72.222	1:46.515	2	73.443
2	29	Luke Notton		Norton Manx 499	6	10:52.788	2.870	71.904	1:47.210	5	72.967
3	68	Mike Russell		Norton Manx 500	6	10:52.848	2.950	71.895	1:46.164	5	73.686
4	7	Duncan Fitchett		Norton Manx 500	6	10:53.493	3.595	71.824	1:46.951	6	73.144
5	12	Ian Bain		Norton Manx 500	6	10:57.738	7.840	71.361	1:47.944	5	72.471
6	5	Chris Palmer		Matchless 500	6	11:07.389	17.491	70.329	1:48.916	2	71.824
7	9	Tim Jackson	*	AJS 7R 350	6	11:31.512	41.614	67.878	1:52.722	6	69.399
8	25	Andy Molnar	*	Norton Manx 348	6	11:32.139	42.241	67.814	1:53.964	4	68.643
9	17	Stuart Tonge		Norton Manx 500	6	11:33.010	43.112	67.729	1:53.731	6	68.783
10	19	Vanni Jensen		Norton Manx 499	6	11:33.494	43.596	67.682	1:53.911	4	68.675

As evening approached the melodious sound of generators began to spring into life, followed by the smell of barbeque food being eagerly cooked by the (very) full paddock. Andy and Toffa once again checked-over the bike and ensured that she was ready for day two then covered her up and sat down with a very welcome plate of food to watch the sun set and natter about all things motorcycling.... A magical motorcycling moment, Bliss...!

Race 3,

As the paddock began to stir the sun was rising over another perfect day. A cursory check of the bike and equipment and then for some food and to then while away the hours for Race 3.

Toffa was very fired-up for this race, the bike was responding perfectly and with two wins under his belt and with Pole Position in the bag he wasn't going to let this go of this perfect run.

Toffa got an amazing start, creating a couple of bike lengths by the time he was heading into turn 1 (a left hander called Coppice). He continued his push forward and posted the fastest lap of the race 1:45:804 on lap 4, nearly a second quicker than anyone else... Toffa was on-it and had raised his game considerably. When he crossed the line he was nearly 5 seconds clear, a very long way when you consider that the race is six laps in total!



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BONHAMS BRITISH GP CHAMPIONSHIP 2011

CADWELL PARK 2.173 Miles

RACE 16

14/08/2011 18:30

Race (6 Laps)

Pos	No.	Name	C	Bike	Laps	Total Tm	Diff	Avg. Speed	Best Tm	In Lap	Lap Speed
1	42	Chris Firmin		Norton Manx 499	6	10:43.975		72.886	1:45.804	4	73.937
2	88	Mike Russell		Norton Manx 500	6	10:48.737	4.762	72.351	1:46.892	3	73.321
3	29	Luke Notton		Norton Manx 499	6	10:57.841	13.866	71.350	1:47.697	5	72.637
4	7	Duncan Fitchett		Norton Manx 500	6	11:00.048	16.073	71.111	1:48.281	6	72.259
5	5	Chris Palmer		Matchless 500	6	11:00.612	16.637	71.050	1:48.753	6	71.932
6	19	Vanni Jensen		Norton Manx 499	6	11:23.925	39.950	68.829	1:52.587	2	69.482
7	9	Tim Jackson	*	AJS 7R 350	6	11:24.417	40.442	68.579	1:51.151	6	70.380
8	25	Andy Molnar	*	Norton Manx 348	6	11:25.673	41.698	68.454	1:52.019	5	69.835
9	17	Stuart Tonge		Norton Manx 500	6	11:36.861	52.886	67.355	1:54.227	6	68.485
10	52	Robin Stokes	*	Norton 348	6	11:52.196	1:08.221	65.904	1:53.804	6	68.739

Race 4:

So, it was now 3 from 3 with one race left to run, could Toffa make it to four top podiums...? We discussed the situation and Toffa was adamant that this was his race to lose, he felt good, the Molnar Manx was perfect and the conditions were the stuff of dreams... He was going to go for it!

The lights went out and Toffa shot-off, riding the Molnar Manx as if he had stolen it. The next 6 laps seemed to take an eternity, however Toffa smashed the classic lap record on Lap 4 with an astounding 1:44:929 over 2 seconds faster per lap... OUTSTANDING...!

When Toffa crossed the line he was a massive 7.183 seconds ahead of the nearest machine and a whopping 47 seconds ahead of the 5<sup>th</sup> place machine of Chris Palmer.





BONHAMS BRITISH GP CHAMPIONSHIP 2011

CADWELL PARK 2.173 Miles

RACE 7

14/08/2011 14:37

Race (8 Laps) started at 14:37:25

Pos	No.	Name	C	Bike	Laps	Total Tm	Diff	Avg. Speed	Best Tm	In Lap	Lap Speed
1	42	Chris Firmin		Norton Manx 499	8	14:13.782		73.300	1:44.829	4	74.553
2	7	Duncan Fitchett		Norton Manx 500	8	14:20.985	7.183	72.688	1:48.240	4	73.633
3	29	Luke Notton		Norton Manx 499	8	14:21.695	7.913	72.627	1:45.681	5	74.023
4	68	Mike Russell		Norton Manx 500	8	14:22.020	8.238	72.600	1:45.594	5	74.084
5	5	Chris Palmer		Matchless 500	8	15:01.257	47.475	69.439	1:49.600	2	71.376
6	19	Vanni Jensen		Norton Manx 499	8	15:07.324	53.542	68.975	1:51.318	4	70.274
7	9	Tim Jackson	*	AJS 7R 350	8	15:14.112	1:00.330	68.462	1:51.498	8	70.181
8	25	Andy Molnar	*	Norton Manx 348	8	15:14.810	1:01.028	68.410	1:52.104	8	69.782
9	66	Richard Ellis		Norton Molnar Manx 500	8	15:38.915	1:25.133	66.654	1:54.852	8	68.112
10	17	Stuart Tonge		Norton Manx 500	8	15:39.222	1:25.440	66.632	1:55.453	8	67.757

What a celebration, Pole position, 4 wins from 4 starts and the lap record...!

Well deserved victories and a cracking result for Toffa given the hard work and effort he has put in all season.

We were not going to be running at Castle Combe for the last race of the Championship due to other priorities (namely the Bol d'Or Classic) so this would be our last foray at the 2011 Bonhams British Historic GP Championship and with us moving to the CRMC for 2012 it was a fine way to end the season!

Overall Toffa finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Championship and given the penalties we receive for running 18" wheels and high-level exhaust it is an amazing result.

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### 500cc BONHAMS BRITISH HISTORIC GP CHAMPIONSHIP

2011 Castle Combe



Position	Riding number	Rider	Points
1st	29	Luke Notton	309
2nd	68	Mike Russell	263
3rd	7	Duncan Fitchett	262
4th	4	Steve Tomes	213
5th	42	Chris Firmin	205
6th	5	Chris Palmer	191
7th	17	Stuart Tonge	152
8th	1	Glen English	146.5
9th	21	Andy Reynolds	109
10th	27	Derek Bunning	81





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