

OUR CHAMPIONSHIP

**MOTORCYCLE MECHANICS £4,000 PLUS
PRODUCTION RACING SERIES**

BIG time, big money production racing comes to British circuits this year for the first time, on May 31 at the King of Brands International meeting when the first leg of the six-round *Motor Cycle Mechanics* Production Championship is held.

For production racers and racing fans MCM's brand new championship heralds a major move forward in the development in Britain of a branch of the sport which up to now has taken a back seat at the circuits.

The idea behind the new championship is to show thousands of racing fans, and

Honda's 400-four has proved itself highly competitive in production racing, but will it be able to match the performance of the new Yamaha RD400.



it could be as many as 160,000 over the complete series, that production racing, as no other form of racing does, relates to the bikes they are riding. Equally important, it can be exciting and interesting to watch.

For this year the series will be run under the existing ACU production rules with four important exceptions. First, the five year age limit rule on machines entering is waived. Second, fairings will not be allowed unless fitted by the manufacturer as standard or supplied as an optional extra. Third, street legal lighting must be fitted as standard, except where

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DATES AND PLACES

*King of Brands International, Brands Hatch
International Post TT, Mallory Park.
International Race of Aces, Snetterton.*

*MAY 31st
JUNE 13th
JULY 11th*

modifications are required for track safety reasons. Last, the fitting of big bore kits is banned.

Production racing in the past has frequently been said to be boring, probably because races go on for too long. To prevent this we've limited five of the six rounds to a time limit of 20 minutes with one round at Snetterton extended to run for about 35 minutes. Another move to make the racing as exciting as possible is that a hand-capping system featuring a staggered start will be used with the up to 250cc class bikes moving off first followed by the 500cc class and finally by the up to 1000cc class bikes. An official hand-capper has been appointed for the series.

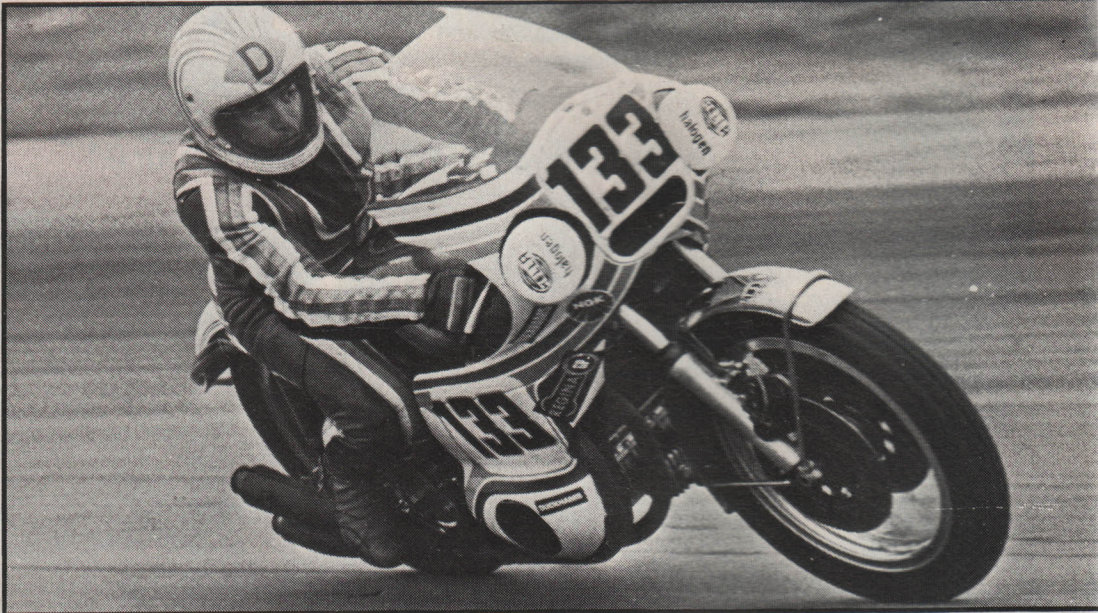
CASH

Cash prizes offered in the series are the highest ever offered in production racing. In total Motor Cycle Mechanics is putting up a cash prize fund of £2,300 and this will be split between each of the six rounds as follows: First £100; Second £60; Third £40; Fourth £25; Fifth £15; Sixth £10. On top of that, series prize money of £800 will be divided as follows: Overall series winner £300 plus MCM Production Championship Trophy and replica; Second £200; Third £100; Fourth £80; Fifth £60; Sixth £40; Seventh £20.

Several major companies in the motorcycle industry have also come into the Championship with cash prizes and bonuses. To stimulate dealer interest in the championship, Honda, Suzuki, Kawasaki, Yamaha and Benelli have all put up £200 for the highest placed machine in the series of their manufacture entered by a dealer.

Laverda importer, Roger Slater, has put up £25 at each of the rounds for the highest placed 1000cc bike.

Ducati dealer and enthusiast, Mick Walker, has put in



Production racing has its moments as Dave Degens shows here getting his 998cc Dresda Honda crossed up under power at Silverstone.

£50 for the highest placed Ducati in the series.

Duckhams Oil offer bonus money of £30 to any round winner using their oil, plus a £100 prize to the series winner if the bike is Duckhams lubed.

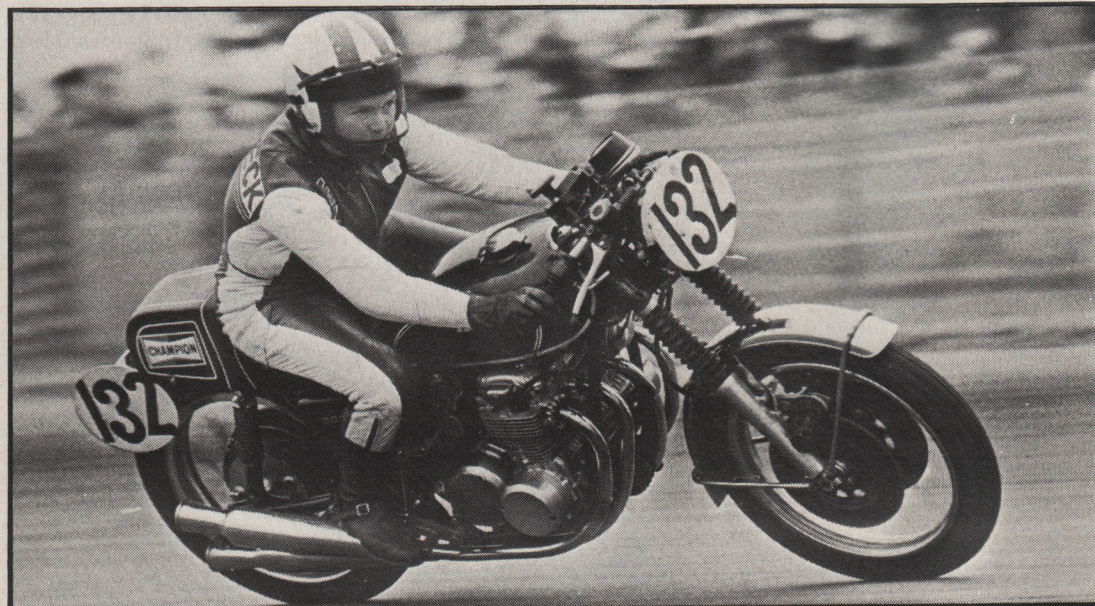
Of the accessory firms to sponsor the Championship, AGV offer £50 to the highest

placed rider in the series wearing an AGV helmet. Honda come in with another £50 to the first rider to finish the series wearing Honda-style leathers and Cobra Lug-gage offer £25 to the winner of any round using two of their helmet stickers on helmet and bike. Cobra also offer a £10 travel bag to the

winner of each class wearing their stickers.

RULES

It's a well known fact that more rule bending goes on in production racing than in almost any other form of racing and, short of stripping

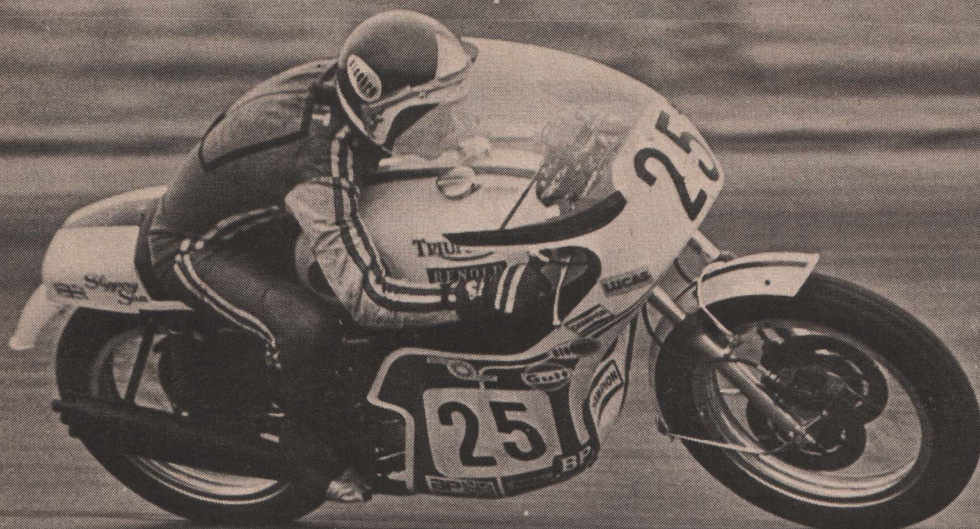


Striking a blow for equality, Eunice Evans is a regular competitor on her Honda 500, and beats quite a few of the men.

**International ACU Championship, Oulton Park
International Race of the Year, Mallory Park.
Powerbike International, Brands Hatch.**

**AUGUST 30th
SEPTEMBER 12th
OCTOBER 31st**

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down the engines of all entrants, there is little that can be done to check on just how standard some production racing engines are. However, we propose to enforce the ACU production racing rules and regulations and if bikes are found to be outside them they will be excluded. An official scrutineer has been appointed for the series and spot checks on bikes, plus spot engine measurement checks will be regularly made throughout the series.

Finally, our thanks to Motor Circuit Developments for their assistance and encouragement in promoting the new championship and the best of luck to all entrants in this exciting new series.

The most famous production racing machine of all time is Les Williams' Slippery Sam. Percy Tait makes it sing.



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