

MCE BSB's starter class takes shape for 2013

The 2013 Monster Energy Motostar grid is shaping up as teams and riders make the choice to either run the traditional 125cc GP machines or embrace 4 stroke Moto3 hardware. In recognition of the two mechanical divisions within one race, the series will be run in two classes, with separate race and championship classification.

In the GP125 division provisional entries have been lodged by:

SP125: Tom Carne, Jordan Weaving and Elliot Lodge

RS Racing: Catherine Green

Fireplace Warehouse: Milo Ward with a second rider to be announced

Replicast: Paul Jordan and Asher Durham

SGR: Jason Vernon and Gary Jordan

Banks Racing: Ed Rendell and Adam McLean

e3 Motorsport: Arnie Shelton and Taz Taylor

RCD : Callum Bey

TAD Racing: David Wales

KTM will have a second year of representation with Tarran Mackenzie; however the youngest son of former GP rider Niall will be onboard the Austrian manufacturers Moto3 machine. Sam Burman and Chris Taylor have also lodged Moto3 entries. Other Moto3 entries are in the pipeline for Joe Irving, Joe Francis, Olly Simpson, Ryan Watson, Justin Waring and James Hobson, whilst multiple race winner Bradley Ray is planning a limited Motostar Moto3 campaign between his Spanish CEV and Rookies Races.

Series Director Stuart Higgs said: "The intention of the Motostar Energy Motostar Championship was to allow the long standing 125cc two stroke and new 250cc four stroke machines to co-exist and it's important that both divisions receive recognition. Clearly the new Moto3 machines are more expensive than the machines they were intended to replace and it makes no sense to switch the class totally to Moto3 spec. **The joint situation of 125 two stroke and 250 four stroke machines together will continue for as long as the teams and riders support it.** A recent article quoting £50,000 to buy a Moto3 bike was however very misleading as this sort of figure would be a full season budget for Moto3 machines in a domestic championship. Conversely the price for a 125GP machine has fallen and a well prepared machine can be obtained for £7,500 ready to go, making the important British Championship starter class perhaps more accessible than ever before. There is also an interesting, competitive rivalry emerging between the 2 stroke and 4 stroke fraternities, so the Champion of Champions accolade will be fiercely contested!"

Don't miss the opening round of the 2013 MCE Insurance British Superbike Championship at Brands Hatch on 5/6/7 April. For more information and to book visit www.brandshatch.co.uk or call 0843 453 9000.