

# Supermono-GB

## 2021 ANGLESEY RACE REPORT

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### Report and Pics by Dee and Nick

Well here we are again, the penultimate meeting of the season and what a weekend. It is a very long trek for us foreigners from down south but we left Thursday evening and made a right little holiday out of it. This circuit is well worth the trip, spectacular views out to sea, good facilities and a really friendly feeling around the paddock. The boys had made an effort to set up shop close to the assembly area, no jogging around the circuit this time...hopefully! The one big bonus this weekend was the big yellow ball in the sky The sun seemed to bring out the fun in everyone.



*Our Guv'nor lapping up some sunshine*

We couldn't have asked for better weather, blue skies, nice and warm and everyone in high spirits. Perfect racing conditions. This is what we have been waiting all season for, better late than never. Once again we had a really good turnout and with the championship finale looming it was the perfect opportunity to secure a few more points. A couple of regulars missing this time but some new names keen to give this Supermono thing a whirl. Up early for morning practice which for some was the first trip round this circuit. All went well after a short hold up in the assembly area. Peter Boast securing a front row position for 1<sup>st</sup> race despite never having ridden here before. We had to wait until after lunch before the action started. We had a pretty leisurely morning thanks to the absence of the wet stuff and everyone was looking forward to some competitive racing. Race 1, and as they lined up on grid we noted that Alex Sinclair was going to be starting from the rear due to an un-cooperative bike in the morning practice. Flag down and away they roared into turn 1 and on to the tight banking.



*Oliver Bingham with another clean sweep in the Air Cooled championship.*

Peter Boast had got a good start, with Jamie O'Brien, Andy Widdowson and Dan Ledger in hot pursuit. It only took a couple of laps for a comfy gap of 4secs to build up for Peter. Jamie shook Andy and Dan off but that left the two of them to wrestle it out for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Dan kept the pressure on and came past us on lap 6 in front. With a little clean air he was able to eek out a couple of secs over Andy, he also posted the fastest lap of the race 1:18:396. William Grant had an untroubled ride in 6<sup>th</sup> whilst behind him Dean Widdowson, Oliver Bingham, Steven Colville and Pat Welch were scrapping for the minor places. They went across the line in that order.

A good showing from our novice cup riders all arriving back in the paddock with smiles on their faces and vowing to do better next race. Final Result 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Boast 2<sup>nd</sup> Jamie O'Brien 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Ledger. Only one race Saturday so off to presentation and back to van for supper. We went to sleep with the sounds of someone's music, at least I think it was music, serenading us.

Up with the lark or thereabouts with a race carried over from Saturday we went out onto grid around 10am. Just enough time for the old porridge to go down. Thanks to his fastest lap Dan Ledger sat on pole position, Peter and Jamie alongside him. Peter managed to get away with his nose in front but the others were having none of that. A right royal battle ensued during the first 3 laps with them all trading places up front. Eventually it was Jamie O'Brien who was able to get to the front out on lap 4. The pace had really gone up a gear and Dan's previous fastest lap was beaten by Peter Boast with a 1:17:026 (a new lap record). This time the midfield guys had spread themselves out a bit and now that they were getting to grips with the track their lap times were also showing improvement. It was a good exciting race with plenty going on to entertain the spectators. Back in paddock when helmets came off flushed hot heads and faces were testament to how hard everyone was riding. Final result 1<sup>st</sup> Jamie O'Brien 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Boast 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Ledger. Once again Supermonos had finished in the top 3 places overall. Well done boys!



*Jamie O'Brien on Jeff Miller's Mono was on the pace.*

So finally in the beautiful sunshine and with the meeting running on time we went out for our final race of the weekend. Supermonos filling the front row, Peter Boast on pole. With the roar of the engines off they went and as we scrambled back onto pit wall we could see Peter going round Church bend in front. With Andy Widdowson, Alex Sinclair and Dan Ledger appearing to be stuck together with glue as they came tumbling down the corkscrew, not literally of course, but it is such an exciting set of corners to watch. Brave souls. You got the feeling that Peter had got his head down and by 2<sup>nd</sup> lap had a 3sec lead over Jamie leaving the remaining trio to fight it out and a very close hard fought battle it was. Sometimes a little too close for comfort!! Pat Welch had a good race hunting down Steven Colville making his move on lap 5. His son and team mate Matthew was really enjoying



*Father and son Pat and Matt Welch having a team WRD chat.*

his racing until an old hand injury forced him to retire. The race pace proved too much for Dan who watched from 5<sup>th</sup> spot as Alex and Andy continued to scrap for the final podium place. Andy just missed out by 0.5sec but he had certainly thrown his all at it. Fastest lap went to Alex 1:17:522 good but not good enough to beat Peter's previous best lap. Final Result 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Boast 2<sup>nd</sup> Jamie O'Brien 3<sup>rd</sup> Alex Sinclair. What a glorious weekend. We had been treated to some thrilling racing and the weather gods had played a blinder. So, with only one meeting to go it is for the last time

that we shall be heading off into the unknown. Croft beckons as a fitting finale to our season. Keeping everything crossed for good weather and exciting racing...as ever. Take care and we'll see you there.