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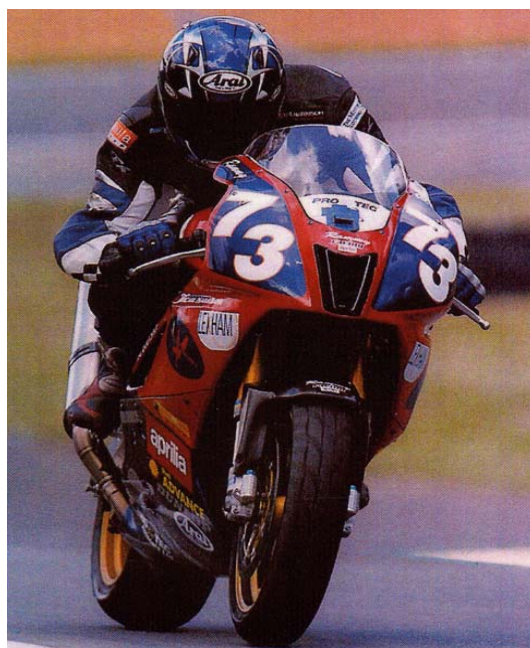
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**MRO – Powerbike Tour**

**Pembrey - Round 5**



**Pictured above Marcs 5<sup>th</sup> MRO Ride at Pembrey**

# Rammy Racing #73

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## ROUND 5 – MRO – POWERBIKE TOUR PEMBREY – SOUTH WALES

Set off on Thursday morning ready for the long journey ahead! 360 miles and 6.5 hours later we arrived at Pembrey paddock. We got set up (Marc & I) and just had time to cycle round the track and start sorting out braking & turning points, while we awaited the rest of the gang. Friday came along with good sunny weather which enabled me to put in some good times straight off, matching those of the other contenders. I had booked in for Saturday's races (super twins) again for more testing time. Race one started from 11th grid position, it was raining cats & dogs (maybe sheep for the welsh?) time to test new Michelin wets, got a good start into 3rd on 1st lap on 3rd lap rear brake locked on going into "spitfire" not good when off the throttle and going into turn. I managed to save it and pulled off out of the race. Race 2 back of grid but finished 7th. Race 3 was the "open 1000" 22nd on grid but finished up in 5th place, it was good for testing and good that I had now had time in both dry and wet conditions

Round 1	Snetterton	21st Mar
Round 2	Croft	4 <sup>th</sup> Apr
Round 3	Oulton Park	8 <sup>th</sup> May
Round 4	Brands Hatch GP	31 <sup>st</sup> May
Round 5	Pembrey	27 <sup>th</sup> Jun
Round 6	Brands Hatch	11 <sup>th</sup> Jul
Round 7	Cadwell Park	22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug
Round 8	Silverstone	26 <sup>th</sup> Sep
Round 9	Lydden Hill	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Round 10	Brands Hatch Indy	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct

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### RACE DAY

After a reasonable test day with good weather, and a practise race day with crap weather, the sun was out over Wales so I went for a cycle round the track to check braking & turning points (once again!). Warm up went well, but decided to change gearing for qualifying, BAD idea seemed to go backwards and the times on lap timer were not good at 1.03.94 being the best lap, every time I passed the pit board it just had a plus sign in it so I knew they wanted me to go faster! But sadly the gearing I had chosen would not allow. I qualified in 6th position with not a second between 1st and 8th place it was close! When I pulled back in I knew they would be disappointed but I had already decided to change the gearing back for the race.

**RACE** – Got an absolute flyer of a start into the 1st turn in 2nd place, lap 2 leading for 3 laps out braked into Honda Curve on lap 4 back in lead next bend we chopped and changed places for the entire race. On the last lap flat out in 2nd place pulled along side leader when he ran WIDE I had nowhere to go but run wide or crash into him!! 3rd place man went up the inside of both of us to take the win. I finished 3rd not happy when I had lead most of race! But hey "that's racing" more good points and still laying 3rd in the championship with a good lead on 4th!

### \*\* SPECIAL NEW MERCHANDISE \*\*

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### **BRANDS HATCH**

As you can see from the details above Brands Hatch circuit is the next meeting. It's a couple of hours journey, but a fantastic circuit if you fancy a ride out!! Brands is situated just off the M25. Check for details on [www.mapquest.co.uk](http://www.mapquest.co.uk) .