



MCRCB TRIBUNAL (NATIONAL COURT)

Background

On 20th October 2023 the Motorcycle Circuit Racing Control Board (MCRCB), following receipt of a report from the MCRCB Stewards present at Brands Hatch (13th - 15th October), stated that they wished to investigate the circumstances of potential irregularities concerning post-race technical control following the Pirelli National Superstock Championship race (2) on Sunday 15th October.

Accordingly, under Article A6.3 of the MCRCB Sporting Code (2023), this Tribunal (National Court) was appointed by the MCRCB.

The composition of the Tribunal is as follows:

Mrs Jillian Shedden (MCRCB Director) – Chair

Mr David Francis – appointed by the MCRCB

Mr Gary Thompson – ACU Representative

Procedure

It was established that the Tribunal would hear from interested parties concerning the post-race technical control processes following the Pirelli National Superstock Championship race (2) on Sunday 15th October, and also to consider whether there had been a breach of class technical regulations involving the front brake master cylinder of competitor #4 Dan Linfoot (Optimum Bikes Honda).

The Tribunal obtained written statements from;

1. The BSB Chief Technical Official
2. The BSB Technical Director
3. The MCRCB Chief Steward
4. A representative from Optimum Bikes Honda
5. A representative from AMD Honda
6. A representative from Honda UK
7. Representatives from Brembo & Mode Performance

Findings – Post-race technical control processes

The Tribunal found, from the statements received and from its further enquiries, that there had been a number of significant weaknesses in the post-race technical control processes following the Pirelli National Superstock Championship race (2):

1. Access to individual motorcycles in parc ferme was not restricted to authorised officials (and necessary team personnel); this particularly applied to those machines in parc ferme adjacent to the winners' podium.
2. Poor communication which allowed a motorcycle (#4) to be released from parc ferme, when investigations into a possible breach of its eligibility were still ongoing.



3. The post-race timelines were a cause for concern. The race result was approved at 14.08 hrs. A protest was received at 15.38 hrs and this was rejected by Race Direction on the grounds that it was “out of time” (by 90 minutes) and was not accompanied by the appropriate fee; an Appeal (to the Stewards) against that decision, with the appropriate fee, was received at 17.29 hrs and subsequently withdrawn at 18.05 hrs.

4. The motorcycle in question had been released from parc ferme before the Protest had been received, hence rendering questionable, both (a) any meaningful subsequent technical examination and (b) the referral of this issue to this Tribunal.

5. As part of the Tribunal process, the team of #4 was requested to present the motorcycle for re-inspection at Donington Park on 31st October, with the same front brake master cylinder as at Brands Hatch on 15th October; the machine was presented at Donington with a different front brake master cylinder (identified by a different casting number).

6. There were unfortunate gaps in the levels of detailed understanding of the MCRCB’s Protest and Appeal regulations.

7. There was an absence of a specialist Superstock technical official, able to be consulted by and to liaise with Teams at this event and throughout the season.

The Tribunal will be writing to the MCRCB and MSVR, recommending improvements to address the above matters, in time for the start of the 2024 season.

Findings – Breach of class technical regulations

The Tribunal convened on Thursday 23rd November by electronic meeting, and has decided that #4 Dan Linfoot (Optimum Bikes Honda) should be excluded from the results of the Pirelli National Superstock races at Brands Hatch on 14th & 15th October (Article B 4.5.1.2).

The Tribunal has based its decision on reports received from three independent technical consultants that the front brake master cylinder on the motorcycle of #4 was not as originally produced by the manufacturers for the homologated machine - see Article 5.2.7.10.7 of the MCRCB Sporting Code (2023), and the failure of the team of #4 to prove otherwise. The Tribunal acknowledges that the decision was arrived at despite a consensus that the use of the component was not likely to be performance-enhancing, and despite the failure of the post-race technical control procedures and the absence of an appropriate protest against the eligibility of the motorcycle (see above).

There is no right of appeal against this decision - see Article A6 a) of the MCRCB Sporting Code (2023).

Decision published on Tuesday 28th November 2023.



MCRCB Tribunal (National Court)

Jillian Shedden

David Francis

Gary Thompson MBE BEM

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Encl: Revised Race Results (Brands Hatch, 14-15th October)
Revised Championship Points



POS	NO	NAME	NAT	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	3	Billy McCONNELL	AUS	Honda - C&L Fairburn Properties Jackson Racing	12	18:53.602			92.72	1:32.942	11
2	34	Alastair SEELEY	GBR	BMW - SYNETIQ BMW Motorrad	12	18:59.102	5.500	5.500	92.28	1:33.582	8
3	19	Joe TALBOT	GBR	Honda - JR Performance Racing	12	19:02.129	8.527	3.027	92.03	1:33.746	8
4	99	Ben LUXTON	GBR	Honda - Ben Luxton Racing	12	19:05.501	11.899	3.372	91.76	1:32.902	10
5	45	Scott SWANN	GBR	Yamaha - Swann Racing	12	19:05.587	11.985	0.086	91.75	1:32.970	11
6	5	Richard KERR	IRL	Honda - AMD Motorsport	12	19:14.920	21.318	9.333	91.01	1:34.591	11
7	55	Ash BEECH	GBR	Honda - Jones Dorling Racing	12	19:21.806	28.204	6.886	90.47	1:33.158	12
8	59	Matt TRUELOVE	GBR	Honda - TAG Racing	12	19:22.030	28.428	0.224	90.46	1:35.282	4
9	12	Luke HEDGER	GBR	Kawasaki - MAD Racing	12	19:25.896	32.294	3.866	90.16	1:35.719	8
10	54	Tim NEAVE	GBR	Honda - Marvel HCL Motorsport	12	19:25.904	32.302	0.008	90.16	1:35.312	10
11	37	James HILLIER	GBR	Yamaha - LAMI OMG Racing Yamaha	12	19:49.314	55.712	23.410	88.38	1:36.255	9
12	57	Richard WHITE	GBR	BMW - Trackdudes powered by Hilltop Motorcycles	12	19:53.300	59.698	3.986	88.09	1:37.611	12
13	40	Joe FRANCIS	GBR	Kawasaki - STAUFF Fluid Power / GR Motosport	12	19:59.222	1:05.620	5.922	87.65	1:38.335	9
14	27	Max SYMONDS	GBR	Yamaha - Symonds Racing	12	20:02.000	1:08.398	2.778	87.45	1:36.817	12
15	15	Nathan HARRISON	GBR	Honda - Quayside Racing	12	20:02.159	1:08.557	0.159	87.44	1:37.179	10
16	77	Brent HARRAN	ZAF	BMW - WSE Racing	12	20:10.277	1:16.675	8.118	86.85	1:38.171	9
17	90	Rory PARKER	GBR	Suzuki - RP Racing	12	20:10.312	1:16.710	0.035	86.85	1:36.177	11
18	31	Sam COX	GBR	BMW - Sam Cox Racing with Armada Marine Cables	12	20:10.586	1:16.984	0.274	86.83	1:37.173	11
19	87	Clayton GROVER	GBR	Yamaha - Grover Stunts & Exclusive Fishing	12	20:11.538	1:17.936	0.952	86.76	1:37.140	11
20	2	John McGUINNESS	GBR	Honda - Milenco by Padgetts Motorcycles	12	20:11.595	1:17.993	0.057	86.76	1:36.557	11
21	17	Matty WHELAN	GBR	Honda - Milestone by ATS Racing	12	20:12.060	1:18.458	0.465	86.72	1:38.579	11
22	96	Kieran SMITH	GBR	Honda - Corkie Racing	12	20:26.467	1:32.865	14.407	85.70	1:39.413	8
23	6	Sam OSBORNE	GBR	Suzuki - MSG Racing Suzuki / A.F Scaffolding	12	20:26.844	1:33.242	0.377	85.68	1:40.093	12
24	41	Peter ECCLES	GBR	Kawasaki - LAP Racing	11	19:01.844	1 Lap	1 Lap	84.38	1:41.076	9
25	61	Martin RUITENBEEK	NLD	Yamaha - Holland Motorstore Racing	11	19:12.359	1 Lap	10.515	83.61	1:42.208	7
26	13	Jake CAMPBELL	GBR	Kawasaki - MAD Racing	11	19:12.664	1 Lap	0.305	83.59	1:41.823	11
27	30	Phil ROOKE	GBR	Kawasaki - Fly a Spitfire Racing	11	19:41.440	1 Lap	28.776	81.56	1:44.854	2

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DNF	80	Callum BEY	GBR	Suzuki - Jones Dorling Racing	7	12:20.648	5 Laps	4 Laps	82.79	1:44.386	4
DNF	8	Lewis ROLLO	GBR	Aprilia - IN Competition / Aprilia	5	7:59.797	7 Laps	2 Laps	91.28	1:33.816	5
DNF	69	Ryan DIXON	GBR	Yamaha - Ryan Dixon Racing	5	9:20.860	7 Laps	1:21.063	78.09	1:44.437	5
DNF	10	Joe SHELDON-SHAW	GBR	Suzuki - Forward Vision Racing	3	5:06.140	9 Laps	2 Laps	85.84	1:39.313	3
DNF	26	Joe MOORE	GBR	Suzuki - Clearline Racing	1	1:49.014	11 Laps	2 Laps	80.35		
DNF	33	Connor THOMSON	GBR	Kawasaki - Sound Advice Hearing Racing	1	1:49.034	11 Laps	0.020	80.34		
DQ	4	Dan LINFOOT	GBR	Honda - Optimum Bikes Racing Ltd							

FASTEST LAP

99	Ben LUXTON	GBR	Honda - Ben Luxton Racing	10	1:32.902	94.29 mph	151.74 kph
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Weather / Track : Cloudy / Wet

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Race Distance: 12 Laps / 29.19 miles

Brands Hatch GP: 2.4332 miles

Date: 14/10/2023 Start: 15:12 Finish: 15:31

Race Director : Stuart Higgs S. Higgs Digitally Approved at 10:57 Tuesday, 28 November 2023	Stewards :	Timekeeper : Richard Evans R. EVANS Digitally Approved at 10:57 Tuesday, 28 November 2023
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POS	NO	NAME	NAT	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	5	Richard KERR	IRL	Honda - AMD Motorsport	14	20:35.576			99.25	1:27.404	3
2	19	Joe TALBOT	GBR	Honda - JR Performance Racing	14	20:35.965	0.389	0.389	99.22	1:27.503	7
3	34	Alastair SEELEY	GBR	BMW - SYNETIQ BMW Motorrad	14	20:36.865	1.289	0.900	99.15	1:27.421	7
4	3	Billy McCONNELL	AUS	Honda - C&L Fairburn Properties Jackson Racing	14	20:37.026	1.450	0.161	99.13	1:27.400	7
5	12	Luke HEDGER	GBR	Kawasaki - MAD Racing	14	20:43.891	8.315	6.865	98.59	1:27.918	8
6	8	Lewis ROLLO	GBR	Aprilia - IN Competition / Aprilia	14	20:43.922	8.346	0.031	98.58	1:27.760	2
7	99	Ben LUXTON	GBR	Honda - Ben Luxton Racing	14	20:50.142	14.566	6.220	98.09	1:28.299	4
8	15	Nathan HARRISON	GBR	Honda - Quayside Racing	14	20:57.401	21.825	7.259	97.53	1:28.607	8
9	37	James HILLIER	GBR	Yamaha - LAMI OMG Racing Yamaha	14	20:57.501	21.925	0.100	97.52	1:28.614	3
10	55	Ash BEECH	GBR	Honda - Jones Dorling Racing	14	20:57.560	21.984	0.059	97.52	1:28.551	5
11	45	Scott SWANN	GBR	Yamaha - Swann Racing	14	20:59.634	24.058	2.074	97.35	1:29.071	3
12	31	Sam COX	GBR	BMW - Sam Cox Racing with Armada Marine Cables	14	21:04.378	28.802	4.744	96.99	1:29.003	6
13	40	Joe FRANCIS	GBR	Kawasaki - STAUFF Fluid Power / GR Motosport	14	21:09.968	34.392	5.590	96.56	1:29.579	9
14	10	Joe SHELDON-SHAW	GBR	Suzuki - Forward Vision Racing	14	21:10.043	34.467	0.075	96.56	1:29.600	13
15	27	Max SYMONDS	GBR	Yamaha - Symonds Racing	14	21:10.115	34.539	0.072	96.55	1:29.506	13
16	2	John McGUINNESS	GBR	Honda - Milenco by Padgetts Motorcycles	14	21:11.884	36.308	1.769	96.42	1:30.007	13
17	96	Kieran SMITH	GBR	Honda - Corkie Racing	14	21:12.843	37.267	0.959	96.34	1:29.581	13
18	77	Brent HARRAN	ZAF	BMW - WSE Racing	14	21:12.961	37.385	0.118	96.34	1:29.504	14
19	17	Matty WHELAN	GBR	Honda - Milestone by ATS Racing	14	21:14.461	38.885	1.500	96.22	1:29.638	12
20	26	Joe MOORE	GBR	Suzuki - Clearline Racing	14	21:17.029	41.453	2.568	96.03	1:30.067	12
21	69	Ryan DIXON	GBR	Yamaha - Ryan Dixon Racing	14	21:17.226	41.650	0.197	96.01	1:29.979	12
22	80	Callum BEY	GBR	Suzuki - Jones Dorling Racing	14	21:17.388	41.812	0.162	96.00	1:30.115	12
23	90	Rory PARKER	GBR	Suzuki - RP Racing	14	21:25.911	50.335	8.523	95.37	1:30.624	2
24	57	Richard WHITE	GBR	BMW - Trackdudes powered by Hilltop Motorcycles	14	21:36.799	1:01.223	10.888	94.56	1:30.072	11
25	6	Sam OSBORNE	GBR	Suzuki - MSG Racing Suzuki / A.F Scaffolding	14	22:03.196	1:27.620	26.397	92.68	1:33.085	11
26	87	Clayton GROVER	GBR	Yamaha - Grover Stunts & Exclusive Fishing	14	22:03.214	1:27.638	0.018	92.68	1:32.941	12
27	61	Martin RUITENBEEK	NLD	Yamaha - Holland Motorstore Racing	14	22:04.808	1:29.232	1.594	92.57	1:33.304	12
28	16	Scott McFARLANE	GBR	Suzuki - True Heroes Racing	13	20:49.873	1 Lap	1 Lap	91.11	1:34.802	9
29	41	Peter ECCLES	GBR	Kawasaki - LAP Racing	13	20:52.222	1 Lap	2.349	90.94	1:34.725	8

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DNF	33	Connor THOMSON	GBR	Kawasaki - Sound Advice Hearing Racing	8	12:14.834	6 Laps	5 Laps	95.36	1:30.138	6
DNF	59	Matt TRUELOVE	GBR	Honda - TAG Racing	2	3:03.965	12 Laps	6 Laps	95.23	1:29.424	2
DNF	54	Tim NEAVE	GBR	Honda - Marvel HCL Motorsport	1	1:37.836	13 Laps	1 Lap	89.53		
DNF	13	Jake CAMPBELL	GBR	Kawasaki - MAD Racing	1	1:42.000	13 Laps		85.88		
DNF	30	Phil ROOKE	GBR	Kawasaki - Fly a Spitfire Racing	0						
DQ	4	Dan LINFOOT	GBR	Honda - Optimum Bikes Racing Ltd							

FASTEST LAP

3	Billy McCONNELL	AUS	Honda - C&L Fairburn Properties Jackson Racing	7	1:27.400	100.22 mph	161.29 kph
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Weather / Track : Cloudy / Dry

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Race Distance: 14 Laps / 34.06 miles

Brands Hatch GP: 2.4332 miles

Date: 15/10/2023 Start: 13:35 Finish: 13:55

Race Director : Stuart Higgs

S. Higgs

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Stewards :

Timekeeper : Richard Evans

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2023 Pirelli National Superstock Championship with Santander Finance
RIDERS POINTS AFTER FINAL ROUND - AMENDED



		TOTAL	GAP	DIFF	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Wins	Seconds	Thirds
					7th - 9th April	Silverstone National	29th April - 1st May Oulton Park International	19th - 21st May Donington Park GP	16th - 18th June	Knockhill	7th - 9th July Snetterton 300	21st - 23rd July	Brands Hatch GP	10 11th - 13th August	Thruxton	26th - 28th August Cadwell Park	15th - 17th September	Oulton Park International	29th Sept - 1st October	Donington Park GP	13th - 15th October	Brands Hatch GP			
1	Richard KERR (Honda)	346			16 16	22	25	22 22	18	18 18	22 22	6	22 20	8 14	20 35								2	6	1
2	Dan LINFOOT (Honda)	324	22		18 22	25	22	25 25	25	25	20 25	22	25 25	14 6									8	3	1
3	Alistair SEELEY (BMW)	318	28	6	6 14		20	16 20	14	25 20	16 10	20	20 22	20 18	30 27								1	2	7
4	Joe TALBOT (Honda)	303	43	15	14 18	18	18	14 10	16	22 16	10 12		18 10	25 25	27 30								2	2	1
5	Billy McCONNELL (Honda)	272	74	31	20			12 18	20	20	25 20	18	4 12	22 22	35 24								2	2	4
6	Lewis ROLLO (Aprilia)	236	110	36	10	12	16	18 2	6	16 14	18 18	16	16 16	18 20	20								0	0	1
7	Alex OLSEN (Honda)	152	194	84	25 20		14	20	22	5 22				10 14									1	2	2
8	Ben LUXTON (Honda)	149	197	3	8 10	6		3		12 6	5 4	14	5 18	12 4	24 18								0	0	0
9	Ashley BEECH (Honda)	137	209	12	2 3	5	3	8 5	4	3 12	14 16		14 6	4 8	18 12								0	0	0
10	Luke HEDGER (Kawasaki)	135	211	2		16	5	6 14	8	10 8	3	10	6 8	5	14 22								0	0	0
11	Franco BOURNE (Honda)	93	253	42	22 25	20		10 16															1	1	1
12	Joe FRANCIS (Kawasaki)	80	266	13	12 12		4	5 6		14	2 2		2	6 3	6 6								0	0	0
13	David ALLINGHAM (Honda)	72	274	8	5 8	10	10	4 4	3	5	3	12	8										0	0	0
14	Brayden ELLIOTT (Kawasaki)	70	276	2	4		8	2 8	12	6 10	4 8	8											0	0	0
15	Matt TRUELOVE (Honda)	68	278	2	4 6	3					6 5	3	1 4	10 10	16								0	0	0
16	Tim NEAVE (Honda)	63	283	5							12 14	25		12									1	0	0
17	Scott SWANN (Yamaha)	60	286	3			6					2	3	5 12	22 10								0	0	0
18	Shaun WINFIELD (Honda)	50	296	10		8	2	3 1	5	2 3	8 6	4	3 5										0	0	0
19	Fraser ROGERS (Aprilia)	44	302	6									12	16 16									0	0	0
20	James HILLIER (Yamaha)	39	307	5						1	8 2			2 2	10 14								0	0	0
21	Brent HARRAN (Honda / BMW)	35	311	4			12	1 12	10														0	0	0
22	Joe SHELDON-SHAW (Suzuki / Kawasaki)	29	317	6	3 5	14				1	1 1			4									0	0	0
23	Nathan HARRISON (Honda)	19	327	10		1								2 16									0	0	0
24	Simon REID (Honda)	13	333	6			1			4 1		5	2										0	0	0
25	Conor CUMMINS (Honda)	10	336	3		4			2	4													0	0	0
26	Sam COX (BMW)	9	337	1		1									8								0	0	0
27	Richard WHITE (BMW)	9	337	0															1	8			0	0	0
28	Max SYMONDS (Yamaha)	9	337	0		2													1	4 2			0	0	0
29	Matty WHELEN (Honda)	3	343	6															3				0	0	0
30	Kade VERWEY (BMW)	3	343	0	1 2																		0	0	0
31	Kieran SMITH (Honda)	2	344	1												1	1						0	0	0