



**LAMBRETTA GP 150**

This scooter cost a week's wages (£25) and was risky in the dark as applying the brakes turned off the lights! **Brian Jones**



**BSA ROCKET GOLDSTAR**

My 1962 Goldstar pictured on the Old Bath Road, Twyford. It cost £369 from Miles Motors, Uxbridge and was good for 100mph. **Gwyn Jones**



**TRIUMPH 3TA T21**

This was my first proper bike. It looks like a really flash café racer but was in fact a 350cc 3TA T21 with all the tinware chopped off. **Brian Newbold**



**HONDA CX500**

My lads Peter and Christopher. We all have bikes now, Peter (front) has a Blade, Chris has a CBR600 and I have a Victory. **Paul Arnold**



**SUZUKI BANDIT 600**

My first bike after passing my test last December. **Graham Prince**

# YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR FIRST BIKE

A blast down memory lane  
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**AJS 350**

Yes that's me about aged four on the tank of my dad's AJS 350. Happy memories! **David Mitchell**



**YAMAHA FIZZY**

This is me on my FSI-E at 16 in 1974. I wish that I still had it... glad to have lost the hair and double denim though. **Danny Kerwood**



**KAWASAKI ZX-6R**

Bringing my mate up the right way on his first track bike. **David Cotton**

## MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

### Q 'I don't want the driver to get away with it'

I was injured in an accident which was a car driver's fault, but instead of prosecuting him they let him off with a driving course. I'm making a claim, but am considering a private prosecution because I feel he got off too lightly. Will this mess with my claim?  
**Alan Smith, email**

**A** The police often allow drivers to take a driver improvement course instead of a formal prosecution, particularly where they haven't committed a similar offence in the last three years. Generally, bringing a private prosecution wouldn't prejudice the claim, although it would likely delay it substantially, as the civil courts want any criminal prosecution to be resolved before the civil side is addressed. In this case, however, I don't think you would be able to bring a private prosecution because it appears the defendant has accepted a driving improvement course in lieu of a prosecution. Notwithstanding any person's general right to bring a private prosecution, there are a number of situations where you

### 'Any prosecution would delay your compensation'

can be prevented from doing so. Of particular relevance to your case would be cases where the prosecuting authorities (including the police and CPS) have promised the defendant that he or she will not be prosecuted. If the defendant accepted a driving awareness course as part of an agreement to avoid a formal prosecution, then it's unlikely they would let you bring that prosecution privately.

#### Andrew Campbell

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# McPINT



## 'Cal? Well he's different gravy....'

How one-make series have been the making of our biggest stars

I've been trying to keep up with all the one-make series out there to develop young talent. The period that sticks in my mind is the R6 Cup which produced riders like Cal, Tommy Hill and Tommy Bridewell. You also had riders like Johnny Rea and Eugene Laverty coming up through Redbull Rookies.

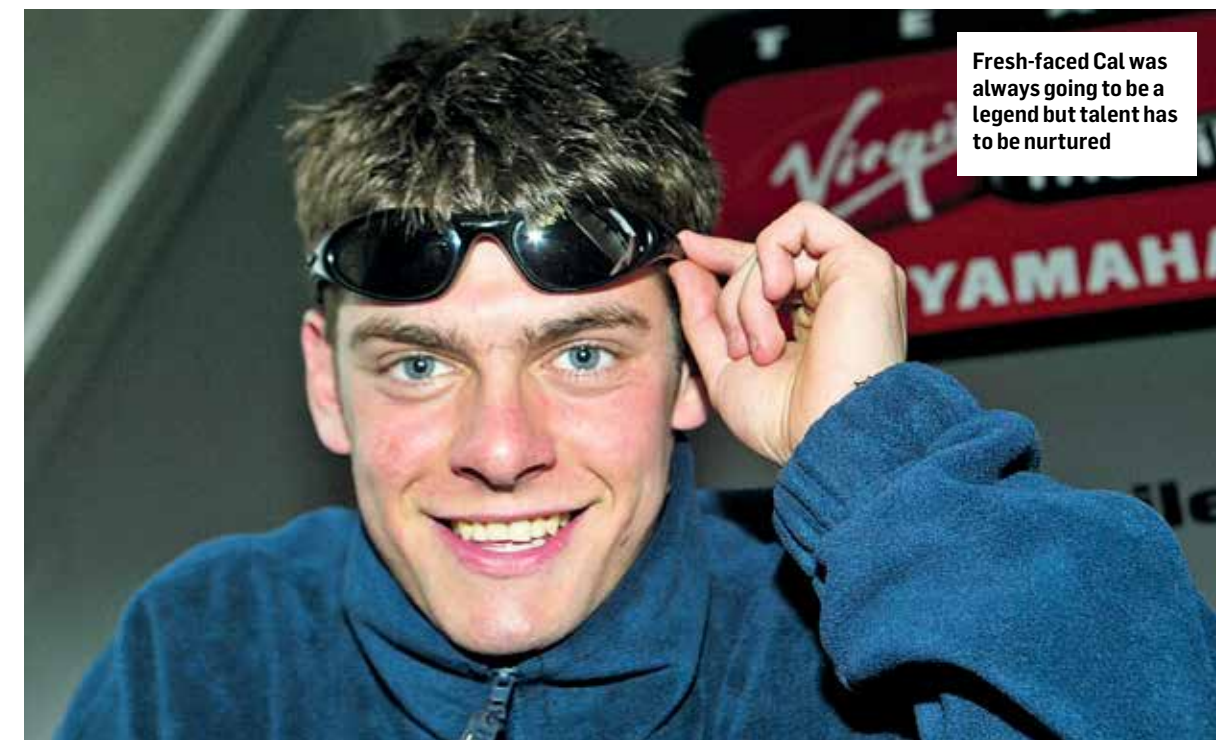
You can go back even further. In 1991 I was a Superteen racing Suzuki RGV250s and Kawasaki KR-1Ss against 400 four-strokes and if you go down the list there

### 'CAL'S FOUGHT FOR THINGS OTHER LADS WOULDN'T'

were a few interesting names. You had me who's done alright, Sean Emmett who did alright and David Jefferies who did alright, while Jason Vincent went on to be 250GP rider.

At the other end you've got Rory Skinner who won the British Talent Cup, but instead of being in Moto3 he's now in British Supersport. For me he's a kid that can do it, Rory will make it because he doesn't just try hard, he believes in himself.

I think wherever you are, the stand-out guys stand out. They've all taken their chances and done well. You could argue that these guys were always



Fresh-faced Cal was always going to be a legend but talent has to be nurtured

going to make it. Look at Cal - he's different gravy again isn't he? He'd fight you for it. He's fought for things a lot of other lads wouldn't.

So for me this type of racing for young riders has to be good. Countries like Spain and Italy have been investing in one-make series and academies and they're leading the way. There are always a lot of fast Spaniards in MotoGP, and it's fair to say they've done a bit. Then there's Rossi whose academy is producing Moto2 world champions and MotoGP riders.



Riders like Cal are a different class but the R6 Cup gave him a leg up in racing

### ASK McGUINNESS

Do you actually enjoy Guinness?

**Chris Haddy**



Yes definitely. I wouldn't say it's my drink of choice, even though I have a pint of the black stuff on my leathers, but if somebody hands me one I'll definitely I enjoy it....

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