

# Talking point

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## 'Nobody will understand the points!'

Much like my TV, phone and washer, the new scoring system for British Superbikes (MCN, November 23) is as clear as mud. Everything in life is getting over-complicated. For goodness' sake, it's a race – they finish, and points are awarded, simples. The bikes, riders and teams fight for points around the most varied tracks in any race series in the world and the tracks themselves are the great leveller – that's why BSB succeeds. The pressure to ride and set up machines to cover all the circuits is mind-blowing but now we need the mathematical skill of our late, lamented, Chrissy Rouse to make sense of it, all, and that's just us punters. **Dave Clark, email**  
*Ed: See this week's poll (below)*



**STAR LETTER**

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## Pointless meddling

I wish BSB organisers would stop trying to artificially create a 'season climax' by introducing yet another contrived scoring system. The series does not need this and to my mind this is an insult to the intelligence of the BSB fans who understand that the fastest and most consistent rider over the whole season is the one who deserves to take the title. MotoGP and WSB don't need this interference, why does BSB? **Mark Edwards, email**



Is the new MV concept a hit or a miss?

## Puddle problem

Reading about Kawasaki's EV project, I noticed they have placed the plug-in part in just the sort of place where water pools when you get wet in an unwelcome area... **Ashley Gunn, email**

## It's just exhausting

In the November 16 issue of MCN there were more examples of corroded exhausts on brand new bikes because the material used is

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## Loving my twin

Just read Steve Davies' thoughts (MCN Letters, November 16) concerning all the twins now available instead of nothing but 'Jap' fours. Has he ever tried one of this new breed of twins? I'd guess not if he's comparing them to the leaky unreliable bikes we were once offered. I am the proud owner of a BMW F900 XR which I rode two-up right across Germany this summer and didn't find wanting in any department. I also own a Honda four which spends most of its life in my garage as the Beemer is so good. Have a go with an open mind. **Steve Jones, email**

## Get yourself inline

Hallelujah! And amen! Thought it was just me. I recently returned to bikes after 15 years in the wilderness only to find everyone

waxing lyrical about V-twins, triples that sound like V-twins and (horror upon horror) parallel twins! Kudos to Steve Davies for saying the emperor has no clothes. Now, can we do something about them looking like an entomologist's wet dream or a superhero's steed? **Jonathan Mackie, email**

## Not all about weight

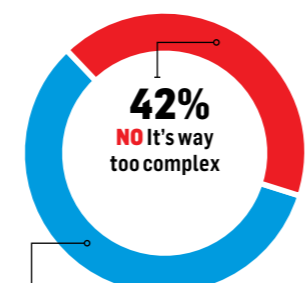
With regard to the rider/bike weight debate, I'd like to point out a couple of things: 1. Michael Reuben Rinaldi is a smaller rider on the same bike as Alvaro Bautista and no one seems to be complaining about his unfair advantage. 2. Toprak Razgatlioglu is a larger rider and I can't remember hearing him whinge. He just got his head down and started winning. **Dave Ainscough, email**

## Double light danger

I accidentally pulled out in front of a motorcyclist at a roundabout this morning. It was dark, the roundabout was poorly lit, and I only realised something was up when I heard a horn, then saw a motorbike in my rearview mirror. It took me a moment to figure out why it happened. The reason is because the bike had twin headlights, and at night when you can't see the machine itself or the rider's body, a twin-light bike looks EXACTLY like a car significantly further away, certainly far enough away to enter the roundabout. Is this aesthetically pleasing and road-illuminating design bad for bike conspicuity? **Jamie D, email**

## READER POLL

Is BSB's new points system sensible?



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### Q 'Van blowout caused crash'

I had an accident caused by a van travelling towards me in the other lane suffering a blowout. Trouble is, my insurer says I can't claim from the other person and the crash will go down as a fault claim on my record. Is this right? **Chris, email**

**A** Drivers have a duty to ensure that their vehicles are roadworthy. If a vehicle is not roadworthy and that is the cause of an accident then the injured person can claim compensation, subject to being able to prove it.

A blowout is different from a puncture. A blowout is a sudden loss of pressure where the tyre is quickly destroyed, making the vehicle difficult to control, while a puncture involves a tyre slowly losing pressure and eventually becoming flat.

A frequent cause of tyre blowout is under-inflation, made worse if a vehicle is overloaded.

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However, it is difficult to prove that a tyre was underinflated once it has burst. If the opposite tyre is grossly under-inflated a court might accept, on the balance of probabilities, that the tyre which blew was also underinflated and thus the vehicle was not roadworthy and this caused the accident. Alternatively, if an examination of the tyre reveals a manufacturing defect then a defective product claim could be considered.

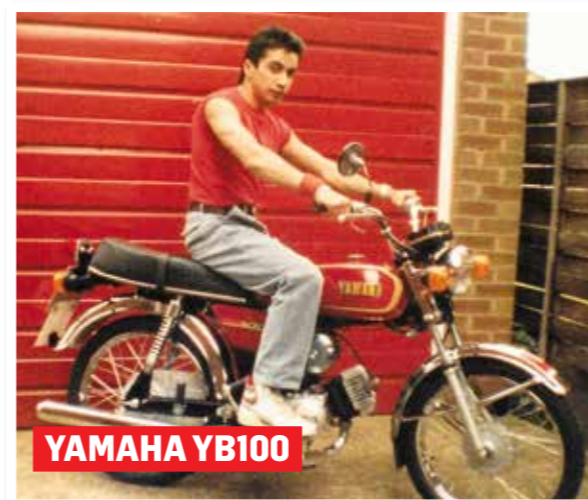
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HONDA VFR400

We were courting and living the dream – motorcycling around the roads of Cumbria! Wish we'd kept that bike, but twins came along. **Julia and Dave Mangan**



YAMAHA YB100

Me on my 1987 Yamaha YB100. **Sonny Bobal**



BRIXTON 125R

I learned on this Brixton 125R and have now passed it on to my son Tobais, who has recently turned 17. **Che Connon**

Pulling a nice little wheelie. This bike started me off in motocrossing, leading to a fair few trophies. Good old days. **Martin Goodland**



SUZUKI TS125



HONDA SUPERDREAM

My first 'proper' bike. Double denim, cowboy boots and daft haircut all present and correct! **Robin Smith**



HONDA CB650R

I passed my test on Christmas Eve 2021 and this Honda went on to be my first bike. **Miles Kitcher**



YAMAHA RD400E

No pictures of me and my Suzuki AP50 but here's one of me with my ex-proddie RD400E. **Ian Hughes**

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