



ITALJET 50

My Italjet 50 with my little bro, 'Wee Trig', getting his first taste of two wheels. He now has an R1. **Jarno Barratt (aka Big Trig)**



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Simon and Christopher Ellis on their first bike, an Italjet 50cc. One of them is about to turn 40 (Simon) and both still ride motorcycles. **Marie Ellis**



YAMAHA DT100

My younger brother Jon on his first bike, a Yamaha DT100 in 1976. Sadly he sold the Yamaha and joined the RAF. **Rob Day**



DUCATI DARMHA SS

I swapped a Vincent Comet 500 for this Ducati Darmah. My mum knitted the natty Desmo jumper to go with it. **David Reed**



SUZUKI GT250 X7

This picture shows my first road bike, a Suzuki X7, and my future wife in the summer of 1979. **Steven Scuffham**



INDIAN

This Indian scared the kerjeebaz out of me. I found it again last year at an auction. It sold for thousands! **Tim Hunt**



BMW F650GS

The face says it all, Sabine van Holten last year on her first big bike. She now has an R1200GS. **Stephen Midgley**



KAWASAKI ZX-6R

Visiting my mum and having a photo with her on the back of the bike after passing my test in 2007. **Ian Cadd**

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Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'They've been spying on me'

I have a personal injury claim following an accident in 2018. I was badly hurt and was off work for nearly a year. Although my injuries have hampered my hobbies, I have continued to work on my bikes and DIY projects. Last week my solicitor called me to say the Defendant has surveillance footage of me working in my open garage. They say that this shows that I am not as injured as I claim. Can I do anything to stop them?
Clive, Scunthorpe

A Surveillance filmed from a public place is not illegal but the agents are not permitted to trespass. There is not much a legal representative can do to prevent an insurer carrying out surveillance or object to its use in court. It is a widely used tool by Defendants in personal injury cases because if the footage shows that the extent of the Claimant's injuries is not as severe as they have suggested, the compensation can be reduced.

'There is little you can do to prevent filming in public'

A claim can even be completely dismissed if a judge decides the Claimant has been dishonest and fraudulently exaggerated the injuries and their impact. Claimants can be assured that if they are honest and consistent when reporting the impact of injuries then surveillance is unlikely to harm their claims. Sometimes such surveillance even helps to show the day-to-day impact of the injuries. Make sure your solicitor requests the unedited footage and agent witness statements.

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McPINT



'Where will we find the next Cal?'

It's a sad day that we don't have a top Brit in the premier class

It's not 100% certain just yet as we don't know exactly if Bradley Smith will be racing, but it's a sad, sad day when there are no Brits in MotoGP. I'm still reeling that Cal won't be on the grid next year and it worries me that there is nobody obvious to replace him. With all due respect to Bradley, we need a Brit on the right bike capable of doing something. The trouble is we haven't got rows of Moto3 or Moto2 riders lined up to go into MotoGP. If you look down your list of BSB riders

'We need real investment in racing, we need an academy'

for someone that could make their mark in MotoGP, then I'm sorry, and there is no young Brit ripping through the WSB paddock either. Redding had a go and while I really like John McPhee, he's not the full package. Don't get me wrong, we have good riders but none that warrant a Repsol Honda ride. The managers in MotoGP are unique. Some of the decisions they make leave me scratching my head, but they know what they are on about. Take this year: Binder won a race, Oliveira won two and Mir took the championship. But when they got

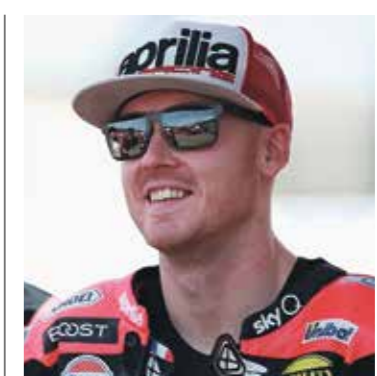


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Cal shook things up but there is nobody to follow him

GOLD AND GOOSE

signed I was wondering if bosses were looking at the same riders I was looking at. What it shows is that no matter how much experience you have trying to be a pundit, you can still be wrong. From a British point of view, maybe the thing to do is take on an inexperienced hotshot and throw him in at the deep end with a load of backing. The winner of the British Talent Cup, for example. We need investment, we need an academy, we need to be following the lines of what they did to produce Lewis Hamilton.



Smith is a talent but McPint doesn't think he is the next Cal Crutchlow

ASK MCGUINNESS

How do you rate Rossi's 2020?

Leigh Tomlinson
Well it didn't go to plan! Saying that, he's 41, he had Covid, his bike shat itself twice and then in the final round he finished half a bike's length behind Yamaha's No.1 man, Viñales.

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