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Thank you for taking the time to look at our advertising package for 2001 season.

4&3 Racing was formed in the summer of 2000, although the team is newly formed, there is a wealth of experience and talent within the team as a result of many years of competing at various levels within motorcycle racing.

For 2001 season the teams aim is to guide our rider, Craig Thomas, to the MRO National title. Once we have raised the required funds, we will be able to give Craig an opportunity to show his natural talent on a race track at a very high level.

The MRO National Championships attracts good media coverage and at present the MRO are in talks to raise some TV coverage, should this materialise, it could be a very cost effective form of national advertising for your company.

Any company or individual who invests in our team can be guaranteed that the team will aim to promote their product and business 110%. Please read through the contents of this portfolio and if you would like to discuss anything mentioned in the portfolio please contact me. Once again, thank you for your time

Yours in sport

Dave Hughes
(Team Manager)



MRO NATIONAL CUP DATES 2001 SUPERSPORT 600

DONINGTON PARK	March 11th	Round 1
MALLORY PARK	March 25th	Round 2
SILVERSTONE	(includes RACE OF THE YEAR) April 8th	Round 3
OULTON PARK	April 16th	Round 4
SNETTERTON	April 22nd	Round 5
CASTLE COMBE	May 19th	Round 6
THRUXTON	May 20th	Round 7
BRANDS HATCH (GP)	June 17th	Round 8
OULTON PARK	July 14th	Round 9
BRANDS HATCH (Indy)	August 12th	Round 10
CADWELL PARK	August 19th	Round 11
SNETTERTON	September 9th	Round 12
BRANDS HATCH (Indy)	October 14th	Final Round



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CRAIG THOMAS

Craig first started competing at the age of 15, firstly by entering enduros and scrambles and very soon raced his way up to expert level. He then bought his first road bike and was soon hooked on road racing.



Craig began the 1998 season as a novice and soon began to climb his way up the ladder. He won his first race in April 1999 and has hardly looked back, even becoming the Welsh Champion and the Cheshire and North Wales Champion in the same year.

Having set himself the targets of retaining his titles of Welsh Champion and Cheshire and North Wales champion for the 2000 season, Craig went into the 2000 season with high hopes. Listed below are the results he achieved last season riding a standard Yamaha R6.

- CHESHIRE CENTRE & NORTH WALES CHAMPION, 600 CLASS
- WINNER OF NEW BRIGHTON PROM RACE, 600 CLASS
- SET NEW LAP RECORD AT NEW BRIGHTON PROM RACE, 600 CLASS
- HOLDS LAP RECORD AT THREE SISTERS RACE CIRCUIT, 600 CLASS
- HOLDS LAP & RACE RECORD AT ANGLESEY RACE CIRCUIT, 600 CLASS



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- **RODE FOR WALES IN THE CELTIC 600 CLASS**
- **FINISHED 2nd TO ADRIAN ARCHIBOLD AT MODELLA PARK, IRELAND**
- **FINISHED 2nd TO JASON GRIFFITHS AT ABERDARE PARK**
- **FINISHED 2nd TO TIM POOLE AT ANGLESEY GRAND**
- **RECEIVED ARTHUR SCOTT MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR THE MOST CONSISTENT FASTEST LAPS AT THREE SISTERS**

IMAGINE WHAT CRAIG COULD ACHIEVE ON A TUNED RACE BIKE AND A LARGER RACE BUDGET

Over the page are a few examples of write ups that Craig has had in the press over the previous season



▼ **Motorcycling**

RACE ace Craig Thomas came home a happy man after a string of impressive performances at a national invitational at Aberdare Park.

The 32-year-old from Cefn Mawr, who was up against a host of former Isle Of Man TT winners, took a highly creditable sixth place in the meeting's showpiece final, as well as third place in a shortened first race. He also notched-up two fifth-places, a seventh and an eighth in the weekend's motorcycling.

Thomas, who took first place at New Brighton Promenade last month, made an excellent getaway from the grid in his first race at the south Wales venue and had taken third place by the first corner. He moved into second on the following lap before the race was curtailed after only five laps following a serious accident with Craig coming under serious pressure from third-placed Robert Price.

In the two-legged Welsh King of The Singles qualifiers which followed, Thomas secured seventh and sixth from a 16-strong field that included a number of TT veterans.

But Thomas saved his best for last, shining in Sunday's finals. Qualifying after finishing fifth and sixth, he was embroiled in a race-long battle for sixth in the final.

"It was unbelievable to meet all those top riders and race against the likes of Ian Lougher, who has held the Isle of Man TT championship four times," said Craig. "I am also very glad I came home in one piece - I was a little scared when I arrived as it was a new circuit to me. But I'm pleased with my overall performance considering the class of riders."

Revved up: Craig's in gear for ride of his life

Speed king

RACE ace Craig Thomas's career has come to a fork in the road and he is looking for the fast track to success.

This weekend, he will be competing in a race which could ultimately decide his racing future. The 32-year-old from Cefn Mawr will travel to Aberdare to compete in the invitational open where he will be looking to impress prospective big name sponsors. And Craig, who is the current Welsh 100cc and North Wales and Cheshire Open champion, is well aware of the task facing him. "It will be a nice experience to be able to ride with some top class riders," he said. "I hope to do myself proud by having some good finishes."

Craig was invited to attend the Aberdare meeting after he was the star of the show at the New Brighton Promenade Invitational meeting last month. He came away with four wins against some high class opposition.

And with the backing of his bike-danatic wife, Sue, he has all the encouragement he needs to succeed.

"I really hope he does well because he deserves a chance at a higher class of racing," said Sue. "I hope that he goes out there and enjoys himself. I'm really looking forward to it as much as he is and I want him to do well, but I want him to do well safely."

"The track in Aberdare has had its crashes, I just hope that he can gain the backing of the crowd by performing at his high usual level," added Sue.

Craig has been an avid racer since childhood when he used to race motor-cross. He raced on the dirt tracks for nearly 10 years and it was not until

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Motorcycling

he was 20 years old that he bought his first road bike after a track day at Cadwell Park.

Since then he has polished his competitive edge, first buying a 92 Honda CB1000 from a friend and using it for a season, before buying his current Yamaha 100.

One of Craig's main ambitions for this year is to retain 10 championships, which he treasures, for another year.

He is currently running ahead of the field in the North Wales and Cheshire Championships and, seemingly, all he has to do is stay on the bike to clinch it again. Craig also has another ambition which will take him to the salted roads on the Isle of Man for the Manx Grand Prix next year.

He travels to all his meetings with his family and his father-in-law, John Heyward, who also competes and is just at home on the track as Craig.



Speed star: Craig Thomas with his racing motorcycle at home in Cefn Mawr



Hands on: Craig keeps his bikes tuned in his home workshop

John said: "It is an incredibly racing career and it's also a chance to show his talent in

front of a sticky audience. "He has proved himself all around the local circuits and everyone is fearful of him after all he has achieved around here. That's why it is time for him to move on and prove himself on a bigger stage. I also think it's someone else's turn to try and emulate his success on the local circuits." ● Craig is looking for new sponsors - to help, call him on (01978) 624773.

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