

Surrey Schoolboy Trials Club - Round 4; Roy Elliot Saturday
Trials 11th April 2009 @ Brackendene

... Rain stops for play...

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With the previous days persistent rain we all thought that the venue of Brackendene, near Addlestone more would be waterlogged but it seemed to just be on the surface. The rain had stopped for the start and stayed that way throughout the day. Eight sections in an anti-clockwise saw numbers below the 30 mark because of the Easter holidays and with Harry Colman and Aiden Bowker contesting the British Youth Trials at Shropshire.

The bombhole was at section seven, using the high banking then dropping down before getting lined up to attempt the pit with the logs laid out at the top. Once into it was up the incline of exposed tree roots to make life difficult. Intermediate rider Tony Slark showed all his old sparkle and just dropped a silly one here, on his third attempt. The top three riders in the small wheel category, namely Jack Frearson, Toby Smith and Millie Ray all recorded clean sheets here. Across the bmx track to section eight, which was laid out alongside the stream using the concrete spiral staircase that the novice riders would use. The idea here would be not to stop and keep going, Ross Kerr had a dab at the foot of the stairs but then stalled when more stairs were climbed, due to fuel problems. All of Toby Smiths eight marks of the day were lost on this section, although he had cleaned it on his first encounter. Thomas McCabe, with plenty of leg movement, had a dab and his only one, and rode to victory in his class. Across the water laid section three another staircase but more slippery. Sisters Becky and Rachel Mealyer breezed through and had clean cards, both finishing on single figures.