
These journalists don't know when to stop !!

Posted by Savo - 2010/03/11 15:49

I'm dismayed by this one !!. This is doing nobody any favours. C'mon Walker get your pen out will ya and back the sport up in its hour of need :angry:

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/roadracingsquos-future-called-into-question-by-coroner-14715021.html>

Re:These journalists don't know when to stop !!

Posted by scrz - 2010/03/11 16:00

I havn't read the paper yet just seen the headings, but in JW defence he has a column headed something like 'Why no one has the right to stop speed heros'
Lets hope the story is as good as the heading.

Re:These journalists don't know when to stop !!

Posted by lorry - 2010/03/11 17:48

You wont get much help out off him, the man hasnt a clue about road racing in Ireland.

Re:These journalists don't know when to stop !!

Posted by thedrifter - 2010/03/11 18:27

Road racing will be watched very closely this year,and if anything goes wrong then these journalists and media personnel will make as big a storey as they can out of it.
This is why there will probably be decisions to be made this year that will not please everyone, but if the sport of road racing is to continue then there probably is no alternative.

Re:These journalists don't know when to stop !!

Posted by Savo - 2010/03/11 18:30

Not sitting on the fence with this one.

"Most roadracing fans never feel danger in the air" that's true Jimmy but reading the two pages in the Tele I feel there is danger in the printed media. As for the "factfile" section !!!!my heart just sank.

JW journalistic article could have been a lot better. If your happy reading "Road racing heroes have been part of the Ulster psyche since the 1920s and our road racers have gone on to become some of the worlds greatest sportsmen and road racing is there because riders want it etc etc so be it but these worn out punch lines should be kept for a "Forward" to one of these coffee table style books.

I am really starting to see the softly softly approach coming in from the anti brigade. Its creeping slowly and quietly in at a certain angle, filling out the column inches and people are reading and being influenced by it. C'mon Walker up yer game the horses can wait !!

Re:These journalists don't know when to stop !!

Posted by tyrewarmer - 2010/03/11 19:04

:ohmy: Savoooooooo Savoooooooo you tell it the way you see it. You are going to get some slugging for it later.

Re:These journalists don't know when to stop !!

Posted by PaulM - 2010/03/11 20:06

I'm going to make one comment on this thread as this type of article really winds me up...

If you take into account how many innocent parties are injured or killed on the roads around the UK every year, pedestrians, drivers or passengers, and you applied the logic that Mr Leckey is spouting on about, would cars, bikes and all other types of transport be in doubt?

Why is it that roadracing is made out to be such a life threatening sport? I guarantee there are more people killed every year through climbing ladders etc, than are lost or injured in any type of bike racing.

Its about time those involved in the sport stood up for the sport and themselves, and stopped these so called 'experts' painting such a bleak picture of something they either can't stand or don't understand!

Re:These journalists don't know when to stop !!

Posted by Bigdog - 2010/03/11 21:08

don't know how it is in your parts of the world but the sport with the most severe injuries and the most deaths in sweden is - horseback riding.

to be fair the statistics is limping a bit if you compare with motorcycling, but it's interesting anyway as it's a subject that often gets forgotten.

Re:These journalists don't know when to stop !!

Posted by kato - 2010/03/11 21:32

i agree someone needs to try and protect the sport. i also agree what mr lecky said about the organisers, it is great that they are keeping the sport running, but at the end off the day they are amateurs, and they need someone who can decide on circuit safety who has knowledge of the worlds best circuits, eg surface, run off, airbags, viewing areas. if you think about all the man made chicanes there has been they all attract accidents.

Re:These journalists don't know when to stop !!

Posted by scrz - 2010/03/11 22:51

Try reading the the coroner's letter,without the intertwined bits put in by the Telegraph. I don't think this a man that wants road racing banned.He just wants it made safer. The riders and a fair number of spectators know it is dangerous but a lot do not seem to realise how dangerous it can be. This is where education is needed not money. Other things can be fixed with money and I think it is a good opportunity for clubs to push for more money and help. This would include legisaltion to remove all BT and NIE poles and putting in underground services, removal of high kerbs, erecting removal fencing and sign posts etc, a charge put on spectators and all monies ploughed back into safety. These are all things that are in the power of the Minister.

While other sports and activities may incur more injuries and deaths, it is not for us to point the finger, we don't like it when others do it to our sport.

Re:These journalists don't know when to stop !!

Posted by Robertjohn - 2010/03/11 23:40

couldn't agree with ya more here SCRZ!

and like if it's money they need, as a spectator, i will pay the amount!

i look at it this way, i watched some of the UTD v. Milan match last night, and passion and dedication of the United fans can't be denied, and like its obvious they would go to the lengths to save their sport and their team, well national road racing is my United! lol. and id go to the lengths for it as a spectator!

But i will say one thing, i am getting more and more frustrated with the lack lustredness the MCUI are displaying, in my eyes. To be honest im not too impressed with them.

Re:These journalists don't know when to stop !!

Posted by joe - 2010/03/12 00:34

watching a programme on the discovery channell the othernight, in canada some 80 tree fallers are killed every year in the lumber jacking trade, we dont see much of this on our news
i know its nothing to do with our sport but the sastic is there

Re:These journalists don't know when to stop !!

Posted by johnc - 2010/03/12 15:23

Pointing out how dangerous other sports are will not help this sport.

It is a very dangerous sport for riders and spectators and it is run by amateurs. If the sport is to continue we all have to think out of the box and stop this attitude of everyone being against us.

I have stood at Tandragee trying to sell programmes and the number of people who refuse to buy programmes is disgusting, these are the same people who will tell you that they are great race fans and are now beating thier chest because they are worried they will not get anymore free days out.

Re:These journalists don't know when to stop !!

Posted by Lenny - 2010/03/12 20:50

While other sports and activities may incur more injuries and deaths, it is not for us to point the finger, we don't like it when others do it to our sport. Couldnt agree more scrz.

as we also are aware when very little is happening in the news anything to do with road racing seems to get a twist put on it as it stirs passions for and against it therefore sells papers. yes we need to protect our sport to the best of our abilities and make it as safe as possible.... but there will always be a danger element to it. that cant be removed. problem is anybody involved in safety is trained with the notion all accidents are avoidable and preventable but unfortunately this is not the case. you cant eleminate every factor that can contribute to an accident in any sport just minamise the risks as much as possible. i feel that all cubs promoting races be it amature & volunteers and even clubs that do get help from outside consultants do as much as they can to minimise these risks. we will have to accept that no matter how much we love our sport there will always be someone somewere wanting to bad mouth it, thats something we will just have to accept.

Re:These journalists don't know when to stop !!

Posted by sosume - 2010/03/12 20:50

very true! and ive watched the same people hurl abuse at marshalls when asked to vacate prohibited areas!or even vacate the road when the bikes are goig round,,,

wev`e got a very unique passion here that no one from the outside understands!or even cares about,,until someone gets injured or god forbid loses their life.

so the onus is on us from within to look after our ownB) B) B) B)

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Re:These journalists don\'t know when to stop !!

Posted by thedrifter - 2010/03/12 21:03

In my opinion a lot more of the blame for the state of motorcycle racing in this country,should be laid at the door of the MCUI.

What have they had to say lately,and any organisation is only as good as it's leader.

Not so much noise now from some of the people who do all of the talking at meetings,just get hold of a set of minutes and you will see what i am talking about.

A few years ago when some younger people showed an interest in the organisation,they were talked down at every opportunity and so the experts who thought that they knew best are now leading a sinking ship.

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Re:These journalists don\'t know when to stop !!

Posted by Savo - 2010/03/12 21:09

A very interesting piece from Paul Lindsay here;

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/sport/motorsport/farquhar-reveals-his-fears-over-sport-in-turmoil-14717931.html>

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Re:These journalists don\'t know when to stop !!

Posted by thedrifter - 2010/03/12 21:23

Savo that is exactly the point that i was trying to make ref the MCUI.

Ryan was even one of the people that i was referring to as being one of the younger ones who were drove away.

That organisation is in a mess.

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Re:These journalists don\'t know when to stop !!

Posted by breva - 2010/03/12 22:03

Is it time for the race organisers and riders in NI to open talks with the Dept of Culture Arts & Leisure on setting up a new organisation to run road racing and forget about MCUI? Government funding does seem to be available if spent correctly and the Minister has recognised the potential benefits to tourism.

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Re:These journalists don\'t know when to stop !!

Posted by scrz - 2010/03/12 22:26

Like him or hate him, #77 is a straight speaker.

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I got told off last week for being sarcastic.

"experts" No need for that attitude scrz. A drag strip is what you need :laugh: and I am entitled to my opinion you know!!! but then again I was told earlier in the week the sausage suppers have got to my brain and there was me thinking it was that darn Blossom Hill red stuff.

#24.....help us.

as usual the person they call thedrifter is spot on.

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Re:These journalists don't know when to stop !!

Posted by lorry - 2010/03/13 11:26

The MCUI has done bugger all for the sport since the late Davey Wood passed away, he is very much missed.

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Re:These journalists don't know when to stop !!

Posted by viking - 2010/03/13 15:01

i don't like the word amateur it says we are some how haphazard or unable to do this job correctly the only thing that is amateur is that we are not paid after that it is very professional

on an other note i would like to see more exriders getting involved with running events and bring their wealth of knowledge to bear

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