

# Carne gearing up for a big season in 2012

**Rising star Tom ready to challenge in British 125 series**

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HASLINGDEN rider Tom Carne is hopeful of a top five finish in the British 125GP Championship in 2012 as he prepares for life with Team Repli-Cast.

The 18-year-old made his debut in the championship with RCD Motorsport/FPW Racing last year, finishing 12th in the standings and gaining valuable experience after winning the Thundersport GB series in 2010.

Carne has now joined Barnsley-based Team Repli-Cast and, tipped by their boss Gary Dawson as a future British champion, is set to fly out to Spain in March for pre-season testing before his first race for his new team at Brands Hatch in early April.

The teenager is feeling optimistic about his chances for 2012, saying: "I'd like to finish in the top five. The bike is spot on. I'd like to get a few podiums."

"Last year was a good year, I gained so much experience. I learned a lot, a lot more than I thought I would."

"I'm going to the south of Spain for testing at Cartagena on March 6 so that will be nice and I'm looking forward to that."

"That will be the first time I've ridden the bike. It's about adjusting it to suit you, the brakes,

**PROSPECT** Tom Carne (inset) in action last season



the handlebars and mainly the suspension, that's the big thing." Carne's departure from RCD Motorsport/FPW Racing means an end to his official link-up with Mark Hodgson - father of Burnley's former world Superbike champion Neil Hodgson - but he has been grateful for the guidance he has received from both and has been told he can still turn to them for advice.

His deal with Repli-Cast will see him save money on race costs and also possibly move into road racing during the summer.

Experienced road racer Ian

Lougher is also part of the Yorkshire team.

"The manager of the team spoke to me at the last round of the season and he said he thought he could help me," Carne said.

"It will work out a lot cheaper, so I can put my money towards the bike and making sure it always has new tyres."

"Paying for crash damage is always the thing that costs money but I'm getting that for free because they've said they will pay for that."

"I might be doing some road racing as well in the summer. Ian



Lougher is one of the top riders in road racing, so the chance to ride with him will be great.

"The advice I've had from Neil Hodgson and his dad has been a massive help. Neil has said I can ring him if I ever need any advice and his dad will still be in the paddock, so I can still pop over."

## Awards for juniors are unveiled

MOTOR racing enthusiasts as young as 14 are being given the chance to learn skills behind the wheel after the Association of North Western Car Clubs announced a new junior driver awards.

The awards are part of the ANWCC All Rounder's Championship and build on the success of the inaugural MSA Regional Association Production Car Championship, won by Blackburn 15-year-old Simon Robinson.

The St Wilfrid's Academy pupil claimed the title after winning his class at the Accrington Motor Sport Club event at Blackburn and Darwen Services in December.

It was the culmination of a fine year for the member of Accrington Motor Sport Club and the Under 17 Motor Club North West, who dominated the 11-meeting series during 2011 and is the youngest ever regional championship driver in the UK.

The ANWCC, who have over 100 member motor clubs across the region, are keen to encourage young drivers and



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have now unveiled the new awards for those under the age of 25 on January 1, 2012.

Drivers can start in production car autotests, car trials and junior rally at 14 years old, and at 16 they can drive in autotest, autosolo and many other circuit events.

Junior drivers can take part in events all over the north west that would normally cost £25 to enter, with under 17s able to register for free.

"It's a fantastic opportunity for young drivers and drivers under 17 to gain experience and skills, and it will make them better drivers," said Accrington Motor Sport Club's Steve Johnson.

"It gives them a chance to do three years authorised driving before they pass their driving test."

More details are available at anwcc.org.

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### Good to Soft-Soft in places

#### 12.45 YORKSHIRE-OUTDOORS.CO.UK MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS 5)

£3,900 added 2m	Penalty Value £2,053
P Almadan (IRE) (81) F Murphy 11 0	G Lee
53 Coax (16) P Holmes 11 0	T Siddall
2/UJ43 Creekside (F151) J P Ferguson 11 0	Jack Quinlan (5)
2 Drumadon (IRE) (22) L Corcoran 11 0	J Maguire
Goodness (F211) D O'Meara 11 0	D O'Regan
03 King Of The Celts (IRE) (50) T Easterby 11 0	R McGrath
2 Uncle Bryn (43) J J Quinn 11 0	B Costello
Xclairn (F137) M Hammond 11 0	B Hughes
3 Erycina (IRE) (42) N Wilson 10 0	B Toomey (5)
48U Red Lite (IRE) (15) W Storey 10 7	H Brooke (3)

#### 10 declared

BETTING: 5-4 Creekside, 9-2 King Of The Celts, 5-1 Uncle Bryn, 8-1 Goodness, 10-1 Almadan, 16-1 Coax, Xclairn, 20-1 Drumadon, 25-1 others.

#### 1.15 WAKEFIELD BEGINNERS' CHASE (CLASS 5)

£3,900 added 3m 1f 110yds	Penalty Value £2,534
2/UJ43 Best Legend (IRE) (11) S Crawford (IRE) 10 11 0	P Buchanan
POPO3P Chateau D'au (FR) (17) S Crawford (IRE) 9 11 0	C Gillies
P-43P4 Dechipper (IRE) (26) R Johnson 10 11 0	K Johnson
2/13-5 Dove Hill (IRE) (14) (D) Mrs S Walton 9 11 0	Miss C Walton (7)
25-005 Get Ready To Go (IRE) (17) N King 8 11 0	R McGrath
5/10-30 Honest John (50) (CD) S Gollings 8 11 0	K Renwick
POPO3P River D'or (FR) (14) Mrs S Leech 7 11 0	D Costello
11P-U4 Alexander Road (IRE) (16) (D) D McCain 7 10 7	J Maguire

#### 8 declared

BETTING: 2-1 River D'or, 11-4 Alexander Road, 3-1 Honest John, 6-1 Dove Hill, 10-1 Best Legend, 25-1 Chateau D'au, 33-1 Get Ready To Go, 100-1 Dechipper.

#### 1.45 CATTERICKBRIDGE.CO.UK NOVICES' HURDLE (CLASS 4)

£4,000 added 2m	Penalty Value £2,599
1 Cry Of Freedom (USA) (65) (D) J P Ferguson 6 11 2	Jack Quinlan
41 Star In Flight (15) (CD) D McCain 5 11 12	J Maguire
13 Aegean Destiny (21) (D) J Mackie 5 11 5	Peter Carberry (5)
50 Destiny Blue (IRE) (15) C Grant 5 11 5	J Revely
40 Fantastic Storm (15) R Bastiman 5 11 5	B Harding
Hakuna Matata (F201) B Ellison 5 11 5	D Costello

## Today's Racing

#### 6U Magic Cat (23) Mrs K Burke 6 11 5

2 Maybe I Want (15) J Moffatt 7 11 5	A Voy (5)
200 Mitchell's Way (30) G Swinbank 5 11 5	K Renwick
50 Muwalla (16) C Grant 5 11 5	F Davis
14330- Noble Scholar (IRE) (380) (D) G Swinbank 7 11 5	D O'Regan
Uncle Brit (F615) J Jefferson 6 11 5	B Hughes
00 Countess Comet (IRE) (F101) C Bealy 5 10 12	T Messenger
00 Donna Elvira (15) E Tuer 5 10 12	P Buchanan
Graceful Descent (FR) (17) Mrs K Tutty 7 10 12	B Toomey (5)
La A Dancer (IRE) (F522) D Carroll 6 10 12	F Keniry

#### 16 declared

BETTING: 2-1 Star In Flight, 11-4 Cry Of Freedom, 7-1 Aegean Destiny, 8-1 Hakuna Matata, 12-1 Noble Scholar, 14-1 Maybe I Want, 16-1 Mitchell's Way, 20-1 Destiny Blue, Uncle Brit, 25-1 others.

#### 2.15 NORTH YORKSHIRE GRAND NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (FOR THE DENYS SMITH CHALLENGE TROPHY) (CLASS 3)

£13,200 added 3m 6f	Penalty Value £8,258
U25-8P Hez A Steel (IRE) (74) G Charlton 11 11 12	A Findlay (7)
112-51 Pegasus Prince (USA) (37) K Revely 8 11 10	J Revely
123-06 Cool Mission (IRE) (64) D McCain 8 11 8	J Maguire
F10-23 Shaking Hands (IRE) (17) (BF) D Pipe 8 11 6	T Scudamore
4P21-P Whats Up Woody (IRE) (26) J Wade 7 11 5	B Hughes
016P03 Star Beat (14) (G) Mrs K Walton 9 11 4	R McGrath
14PU21 Dystonia's Revenge (IRE) Mrs S Walton 7 11 4	Miss C Walton
1/5P03 Hennessy (IRE) (34) (D) F Murphy 11 11 1	Lucy Alexander (5)
0/P-P6 Cerium (FR) (12) N King 11 11 1	T Whelan (7)
3-3P11 Apache Blue (IRE) (15) (C) J Wade 8 10 10	K Renwick
31-161 Dermatologiste (29) (D) Mrs C Bailey 9 10 6	A Thornton
B30-34 Posh Bird (IRE) (56) P Niven 9 10 3	G Lee

#### 12 declared

BETTING: 11-4 Shaking Hands, 5-1 Apache Blue, 6-1 Pegasus Prince, 10-1 Posh Bird, Dystonia's Revenge, Dermatologiste, 12-1 Cool Mission, Hennessy, 14-1 others.

#### 2.45 LEEDS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 4)

£5,000 added 2m 3f	Penalty Value £3,249
-40Q21 Amir Pasha (UAE) (11) (CD) M Hammond 7 12 3	J Golliver (7)
064-55 Littledean Jimmy (FR) (15) J G O'Shea 7 11 12	J Wall (10)
16-30 Marino Polo (FR) (17) Miss J Foster 7 11 12	Miss S Drake (7)
20-PF8 Smokey George (28) K Bailey 7 11 11	J Maguire
-40421 Turbolinas (FR) (17) Mrs K Walton 5 11 11	Lucy Alexander (5)

4-4062 Cavite Eta (IRE) (15) M Todhunter 5 11 10	H Brooke (3)
P5-344 Patavium (IRE) (7) E Tuer 9 11 6	C Whillans (7)
0-5600 Brave Spartacus (IRE) (49) C Grant 6 11 5	D O'Regan
OP40P Worth A King's (61) Mrs D Sayer 6 11 3	D O'Regan
520135 Funky Munky (10) (BF) A Whillans 7 11 3	E Whillans (3)
344U25 Hartforth (17) J Bethell 4 10 11	F Davis
0-4F00 Daniel's Dream (26) J E Dixon 12 10 0	S Mulqueen (7)
004300 Carlton Mac (167) S Griffiths 7 10 0	R Walford

13 declared  
2011: SAN DENG 9 10 11 J Colliver (10) 28-1 (M Hammond) 17 ran  
BETTING: 11-2 Amir Pasha, 9-2 Turbolinas, 5-1 Smokey George, 8-1 Littledean Jimmy, Funky Munky, 10-1 Cavite Eta, 12-1 Brave Spartacus, Patavium, 14-1 others.

#### 3.15 W. L. AND HECTOR CHRISTIE MEMORIAL TROPHY (NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE) (CLASS 4)

£5,000 added 2m	Penalty Value £3,249
534-00 Sergeant Pink (IRE) (39) Mrs D Sayer 6 11 12	J Revely
5U-006 Gentleman Jeff (USA) (43) (D) C Grant 8 11 12	D O'Regan
7P-542 Bishops Heir (13) (D) J Ewart 7 11 11	B Hughes
5/34-3 Next To Nowhere (IRE) (14) N Richards 7 11 6	D Costello
-26P5U Zazamix (FR) (7) A Crook 7 11 3	A Nicol (7)
0-U5P5 Olney Landing (IRE) (28) (D) D McCain 6 11 0	
-40392 Otto Quercus (FR) (23) J Wade 7 10 13	K Renwick

#### 7 declared

2011: HEAVENLY CHORUS 9 11 6 Mr C McCormack (7) 7-2 C (K Revely) 11 ran  
BETTING: 2-1 Bishops Heir, 9-4 Next To Nowhere, 7-2 Otto Quercus, 8-1 Lucky Landing, 14-1 Gentleman Jeff, 16-1 Sergeant Pink, 20-1 Zazamix.

#### 3.45 TUNSTALL STANDARD NH FLAT RACE (CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS AND AMATEUR RIDERS) (CLASS 6)

£2,100 added 2m	Penalty Value £1,437
1 Viking Ridge (IRE) (35) (D) K Bailey 5 11 12	E Cookson (7)
Acer Spades C Grant 5 11 5	A Voy (5)
3 JustJoe (IRE) (21) M Hammond 6 11 5	J Colliver (7)
4 Kilcaskin Star (IRE) (7) Mrs K Tutty 6 11 5	Miss P Tutty (7)
15 Ueuteott (FR) (40) J Ewart 4 11 0	Mr D Irving (7)
Big Water (IRE) G Swinbank 4 10 7	Lucy Alexander (5)
0 Old Testament (55) T Easterby 4 10 7	B Toomey (5)
Sibling Rivalry S Gollings 4 10 7	D Bass (3)
Smadynium (FR) D McCain 4 10 7	Brooke (3)
Vintage Red C Bealy 4 10 7	Mr M Stanley (7)

#### 10 declared

2011: BROADBACKBOB(IRE) 6 11 5 Mr B G Crawford (7) 4-1 (S Crawford) 13 ran  
BETTING: 7-2 Big Water, 4-1 Viking Ridge, Ueuteott, 5-1 Smadynium, 7-1 Sibling Rivalry, 10-1 JustJoe, 14-1 Kilcaskin Star, 16-1 Acer Spades, 25-1 others.

## Camelot meet

A NATIONAL B and Clubman Autosolo event will take place at Camelot Theme Park in Charnock Richard on January 29.

Bolton-le-Moors Car Club are promoting the event, which also includes a Clubman Production Car Autotest.

Entries close on Tuesday, January 24 and further details are at anwcc.org.