

MALDON'S BRAND SIBLINGS WIN ENDURANCE RACING SERIES

Brothers shine in their debut season

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IT HAS been a fantastic first year of racing for the Brand brothers.

Martin and Peter Brand, from Maldon, have swept all before them in their rookie year of three-hour endurance motor-bike racing – winning their class outright.

Racing under the name Brand Brothers Racing (BBR), on Yamaha R6 machines, they competed in the UK's 600cc Hottrax series, travelling to events in Wales, Norfolk, Cheshire, Lincolnshire, the Midlands and Kent.

The first event of the year was at Brands Hatch, a wet and windy weekend last March.

The pair took to the wet weather though, in fact so well that 1,000cc bikes on the same track were being passed by them.

Other events saw them doing equally well getting on the top of the podium more often than not.

The Mallory Park circuit proved to be a frustrating event, they were leading but then held up by a pit lane marshal.

This caused them to lose first place to another team by just 13 seconds at the chequered flag – giving them a second place which was their lowest podium result all year.

The series included events at: Brands Hatch, Anglesey, Snet-



■ Stunning debut year – for brothers Martin and Peter Brand

being used to rebuild and prepare the bikes.

Martin said: "We had a hugely successful year in 2011 and would like to thank all the team, sponsors and supporters for their help.

"We are aiming high for this year and want to win the National Championship.

"It's within our reach and we will be doing everything possible to get there."

Peter said: "The bikes are currently being completely rebuilt and upgraded for 2012, so we can't wait to start testing on

them. We put a lot of time and effort in, but we couldn't have won the championship without the people behind us."

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Mallory Park, Oulton Park, Pembrey and Cadwell Park.

They have been tipped as ones to watch this year when they will be moving up a class to compete in the National Championship, the highest level of endurance racing in the UK.

The winter lay-off time is