



HARD KORR

The 2010 season sees an exciting new team added to the paddock in the form of the KTM Off-Road Racing team (KORR). Headed by Julian 'Smooth' Stevens and supported by KTM UK the team will concentrate its efforts on the British Enduro Championship and the newly formed British Enduro Sprint Championship. The team consists of current British E1 Champion Daryl Bolter, Welsh Champion Greg Evans and Expert class rider James Giddings. With each rider bringing their own unique skills and knowledge to the table the team looks set to attack the 2010 season with full force. We caught up with the team at a practice day held before the first round of the BEC and asked the lads about their 2010 campaign. ➔

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Julian Stevens

How does it feel to be part of a new team for 2010?

JS: Well to be perfectly honest KORR is more of a face lift of an existing team rather than a brand new venture. The team was previously known as KTM D3 Racing but I was promoting my dealership D3 racing, which I sold two years ago. KTM D3 Racing ran for six seasons and I helped take the likes of David Knight and Tom Sagar to championship success. The new KORR team is supported by a number of KTM dealers and therefore the name had to be changed. It also gives the team a new lease of life and a fresh start for 2010. This is my 21st year as a professional mechanic and yet my motivation to be part of a professional winning team has never been stronger. I feel this new team is the result of several years of hard work that has come together for this season. I always enjoy being part of a team but this year I know we have a winning formula with fantastic riders and supportive, hard working sponsors.

JG: It feels amazing. I've never been involved with a team before so it's all new to me! Being a part of a team like KORR is something that very few people will get to experience,

Julian has vast experience and I have been given the opportunity to learn a huge amount, not only about bike preparation but also rider preparation.

DB: I'm really excited about the new KTM team this year; I think it's great for the sport and great for us as riders. Julian is 100 percent behind the team and has worked tirelessly to put this together for us and I'm just looking



Daryl Bolter & James Giddings

forward to getting going at the first BEC and doing the best I can do. It is always exciting working with new people, everyone has their own views and opinions to offer, which will benefit the team as a whole.

GE: Julian and I have worked together for the last couple of seasons which has been really good. To be part of a new KTM team is a privilege and has boosted my confidence immensely; entering the New Year as a team means I have all the backing I need.

James, you're still a reasonably new face to the Enduro paddock. Tell us a little about your background.

I was 16 when I got involved with bikes through my Uncle (Rob Thorn), he has been around off-road racing forever. He taught me to ride on a Yamaha TTR 90 and then a Honda XL250. I started tagging along to some Enduros and soon started racing myself, I then bought myself a 125, entered the SEEC (South East Enduro Combine) Championship and won the Clubman class in my first season. I won the 2008 South West Enduro Championship and the 2009 SEEC Championship in the premier class. I might have started late but I've been bitten by the bug now!

Daryl, you had a pretty good year in 2009 finishing top of the E1 class in the British Enduro Championship and topping the GBXC series. How do you want to improve on this in 2010?

2009 was a really good year for me; it was my first year onboard a KTM so as you can imagine I'm pretty happy with my results. Obviously I always aim to win and do the best I can but winning the British E1 Championship, GBXC Championship and the Welsh Two Day were goals I had set myself for this year! This

season I want to do the same but I will be fighting for the overall British Championship and also the overall British Enduro Sprint Championship.

Each of you rode as separate individuals last year. How is riding in a team going to help get the best from you?

DB: I've known Greg since our motocross days and always got on really well with him, I've often walked tests with him and talked about

different lines and bike set up so to be in a team together is great. James is the newest member of the team and he's a really nice guy too, I think that all of us in the team have something to learn from each other which should help us on our way to winning races.

GE: Not only is riding as a team important for results but being able to pass ideas around about bike set up is priceless. Being able to walk tests together and share information means we will all benefit and I feel I'll be a more complete rider.

JG: Riding in this team will give me a competitive edge. Being the new kid means I have the most to gain I suppose and I'll get valuable information from some of the best riders in the world. We are all focused on our individual targets but will work together to achieve Julian's goals, after all he is the Boss! Racing, riding and practising with Daryl and Greg on a regular basis will improve my speed and give me the inside knowledge I need to get to the next level.

Julian the KORR team is made up from riders with varying levels of ability. Why were these riders chosen?

I've worked with both Greg and Daryl in the past; I've supported Greg for the last two seasons and I started helping



Daryl last year when KTM asked me to. After David Knight I believe that Greg and Daryl are two of the fastest and most promising riders in Great Britain today. They are both great characters and both appreciate the help I give them, this motivates me to push them that little bit further. James is the apprentice if you like; he'll be making plenty of tea and cleaning Daryl's & Greg's boots! (laughs) No in all seriousness he was spotted by one of our main sponsors Azego who requested that we help him and it's great to have him on board. It will be a new challenge having a rookie rider with us and I'm looking forward helping him develop his skills. Every rider I've ever helped has had their best season with me and my team and I know I can get the best from each and every one of the riders.

Where do you want to take the team in 2010?

Our main goal for 2010 is to establish the KORR team name and to compete within the UK Enduro race scene. We want to become one of the most professional teams both on the race track and in the paddock. In terms of results we want to win all classes of the BEC and BESC; although we have set our aims high I feel the team has a great chance of reaching these results. As a team I'd like to be able to take the lads to some of the international events but this all comes down to cost. We will be organising some training schools and set up days which will hopefully help finance some international competition.



What support will you receive from the team?

JG: I have been given a bike (provided through Premier Bikes) and semi factory WP suspension, both of which have been breathed on by Julian. HGS have provided the exhaust system; Putoline Oils, Raptor Foot pegs, Renthal Bars, and Metzeler are helping with tires. Daryl helped me get in touch with Sammy at MD Racing who has been fantastic; he agreed to help with clothing and plastics. This is not an exclusive club however, both I and the team are constantly on the lookout for new sponsors, so don't be shy! Julian will be attending all the major events; receiving advice and set up tips will be something that money cannot buy, this and riding with Greg and Daryl are the things I am most excited about to be honest.

DB: The team has a lot of support for this year from many different sponsors; I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for their continued support. I'd especially like to thank John Hayden of Putoline Oils for his continued support, without people like him it simply wouldn't be possible. Check out my website, www.darylbolterracing.co.uk and the team's website, www.ktmoffroadracing.co.uk to see what sponsors are on board.

What events will you be focusing on during 2010?

GE: As a team we will mainly focus

on the BEC, BESC and the Welsh Two Day Enduro. I'll also be contesting the European Enduro Championship and a few other selected events.

JG: My focus will be on the BEC, the new BESC and the 24hr Dawn to Dusk. I'm hoping to compete in at least one round of the European Enduro Championships if time and the budget allows.

DB: You'll be able to find me at all the BEC and BESC rounds during 2010. We will tackle the Welsh Two Day Enduro as a team, plus some other selected events which are yet to be finalised.

Obviously the KORR team principal is Julian Stevens. How will he guide you through this year?

GE: Smooth is awesome to work with, he feels what we as riders need and knows how to get the best from both the bikes and the riders. I've already picked up a good understanding of suspension settings from him and this year I know I can learn more. He is never afraid to share his knowledge with the team!

DB: Julian has helped me out so much already and the year has only just started, he understands exactly what it takes for that particular rider to go fast, like I said earlier he knows

what it takes to win a world championship and has years of experience - something you can't buy! I'm

looking forward to working with him as part of a team and putting his experience into my riding.

JG: Julian's guidance has already been brilliant. Anything I've needed to know about the bike, training or anything race related, he's given me all the information I've needed and more. I will also pick up a lot of bike setup information and training advice from him. His passion for the sport is outstanding and I'm looking forward to working with him this season.

Apart from the BEC and the BESC are there any other events or championships you plan to contest as a team?

JS: If we want to be successful we must choose which events and championships we attend and stick to the plan rather than trying to go to every race on offer. Our main focus this year will be the BEC and BESC plus local events which is a total of 17 days of racing. That's a lot of riding for an amateur team with riders who also work full time. Cross-country events are fun and an easy format which suits a lot of people but this style of racing does not improve special test times which are the most important thing to us right now. This year we want to reach a higher level of competition so we will concentrate on Enduro and the odd MX race. If we can we will compete in some European or World Enduro Championship rounds but as with most things finances will decide if this is possible.



Greg Evans



KORR MOTORCYCLE SPECIFICATIONS & SPONSORS

Daryl Bolter 2010 KTM 250 EXC-F Class E1-4 ,
Greg Evans 2010 KTM 280 EXC-F Class E2
 Suspension: - WP Cone Valve fork and WP Trax shock tuned by KORR using Putoline Suspension Fluids
 Engine:- EXC-F Tuned by Julian Stevens with Close Ratio Gearbox Daryl and stock Gearbox Greg, modified crankshaft, cylinder head and Camshafts all lubricated by Putoline, Standard Carb modified and fitted with Powerblade, Gregs motor fitted with 280 Kit from KTM Hardparts catalogue. High Efficiency Race Rads fitted to provide extra cooling and strength.
 HGS Exhaust system for power and to meet FIM noise levels
 Raptor Titanium pegs
 996 and 997 Renthal Twin wall Bars and Renthal Medium grips
 Regina O ring chain and Renthal sprockets
 Metzeler Tyres and Injection Mousse fitted to stock wheels
 Solid rear Disc
 Ride PG Race grafix with exclusive team design
 Hardparts plastic Sump guard
 Stock Brakes with Carbon Lorraine pads

James Giddings 2010 KTM 125 EXC Expert class
 Suspension:- KTM SXS Fork and stock shock modified by KORR
 Engine: - Mostly stock with cylinder and carburettor modifications by KORR, standard gearbox
 High Efficiency Race Radiators fitted to provide extra cooling and strength.
 HGS Exhaust system for power and to meet FIM noise levels
 Raptor Titanium pegs
 996 and 997 Renthal Twin wall Bars and Renthal Medium grips
 Regina O ring chain and Renthal sprockets
 Metzeler Tyres and Mousse fitted to stock wheels
 Solid rear Disc
 Ride PG Race grafix with exclusive team design
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