

KTMOFFROADRACING UK

February 28th 2010

Event: British Enduro Championship Rd1, "Muntjack", Brandon

Muddy Muntjack

The weather couldn't have been worse leading up to this event, solid days of rain and even the sandy base of the Muntjack forest couldn't take that amount of water and hold up. Also a fear of high winds threatened the running of the race, but the Diss Club as usual put on a very good event despite the conditions and ran what was a true Enduro, not to dissimilar to a Muddy Welsh round.

All three KORR riders, Evans, Bolter and Giddings were very keen to get out and test themselves despite the weather, we have had several weeks of training and testing but your never confident of your pace until you have tested yourself against the competition. James is new to KTM and this would be his first real test on the 125 in the Expert class and Greg has moved from E1 to E2 on a big bore KTM 300EXC-F so he needed to get used to the different characteristics of the bikes engine. Daryl was on his familiar 250 EXC-F.

Right from the start it was obvious this event would be very tough and the special test would be a real challenge, with each subsequent test the ruts got deeper and some deep holes appeared which trapped some riders. The riders had to change their lines and strategy each run through. Test times here are always so close and one small mistake can cost you a position or two, I doubt any rider had a perfect run through the test, all complaining of getting stuck or a small mishap, experience of tough enduro's was really important here. Both Daryl and Greg had one out of the 4 tests where they were slowed by a mistake but overall they showed they had the pace to match everyone but Knighter who revels in such conditions.

The course after 3 laps had started to become very difficult with over 200 riders and lots of rain, trying to stay on time was a test in itself and only a handful of riders stayed clean. Daryl easily made the checks but Greg only just scraped through after waiting too long before the test. The organising club sensibly decided to scrap the last two laps of the forest and so the event was decided on the 4 special tests instead of 5, and both our riders now hold 2nd position in their respective classes E1 and E2.

Results – Championship Class Overall

- 1 David Knight KTM 530 EXCR
- 2 Paul Edmondson Suzuki
- 3 Daryl Bolter Premier Bikes KTM 250 EXC-F**
- 4 Si Wakely Husqvarna
- 5 Tom Sagar Suzuki
- 6 Greg Evans Mounters KTM 300 EXC-F**

Results – Expert Class Overall

- 7 James Giddings Premier Bikes 125 EXC

Next Event: ACU British Enduro Sprint Championship, 27/28th March

