

BSEC Rd 3 & 4 Monmouth

In complete contrast to the first rounds of the British Sprint Enduro Championship teams were welcomed with Sunshine and very dry conditions to Monmouth, South Wales. The special test at this event combined some woodland with very fast open fields and an old MX track. After the riders walked the track on Friday they nearly all opted for taller gearing, without any doubt this was not the place for a 125 and best suited to the bigger bikes.

Greg Evans KTM 350 XCF Elite class – Greg finished 2nd overall in the event on both days and had several test where he was very close to Knighters times. The test was taking around 13 minutes and there was 7 stages on Saturday and 6 on Sunday. Of course Greg was pushing extremely hard to get close to David and if it had not been for several crashes it is possible that he could have been very close to beating David on a few tests, with his best test time being within 4 seconds of David.

Greg “Its been a great event for me, 2nd each day to David and not along way off his times for such a long stage, I just need to improve on my consistency, the bike was working mega but maybe I was just trying a little too hard to beat David and crashed too many times, it felt like every test on Sunday I made a mistakes but most importantly I have moved up to 2nd in the championship”.

Daryl Bolter KTM 250XCF Elite Class – Daryl finished 4th both days without any drama's, the course certainly favoured the bigger bikes and Daryl experimented with gearing and other things to try a get more top speed from his small 4 stroke.

Daryl “I'm very pleased with the way I rode, after a disappointing ride at the Muntjac I just needed to get back on the pace, on the long fast fields the bigger bikes just simply pulled away and I was loosing time to them, we tried a few things but there's only so much you can do with a 250F enduro bike, but we made some very good chassis and suspension adjustments here and the bike is now working very well for me”.

Jonny Walker KTM 300 EXC Under 23 Class – This was Jonny's first ever sprint race and the former trials rider cannot be considered a high speed expert just yet but he showed tremendous potential running 2nd in class most of Saturday and eventually finishing 3rd with



a consistent ride on Sunday for 4th in class. Jonny finished inside the top 10 overall each day beating many established Elite runners and showing despite very limited time in Enduro that he is a fast learner.

Jonny “I have never been to a Sprint before so I did not know what to expect, I just have to follow what I am told, simple things like turn on the petrol !! and gas it !! (Team Joke) . I have learned so much from this race and actually surprised how well I have gone, we made only two adjustments to the bike all weekend and it ran fantastic.

James Giddings KTM 125 EXC Under 23 – James did not have the best of weekends, a big crash on Saturday knocked his confidence and several mistakes meant he did not show his true potential.

Team Manager Julian Stevens “Of course we are really pleased with the results this weekend, to have 3 riders overall in the top 10 is a great result when there are so many good teams in the paddock now. Everything went very well without any drama's and thanks to all the helpers and mechanics Leo and Rob”.