

May 28/29th

Sprint at Enduroland

The Sprint Championship made its first visit to Enduroland in the county of Northants, a really great circuit with good variety. The conditions were dry and windy and in complete contrast to the Wet forest Enduro from the week before.

Daryl Bolter 250 XCF Elite Class – Daryl's results did not reflect his performance on the days of the event, he should have gained a 3rd position each day in the Elite class, the first day he did not hear the reminder over the PA system calling riders to the holding area and was penalised 30 seconds for arriving late, on day 2 when in a strong 3rd position he had issues with the rear brake which caused him to make mistakes and lose valuable seconds. Of course Daryl was bitterly disappointed with the result, but he should take consolation in the fact that his speed was very good.

Greg Evans KTM 350 XCF Elite Class – Greg had an off day and just couldn't quite manage the speed of 450 KTM mounted Tom Sagar and finished in 2nd place. Sunday was a different story though and he came out fighting, after a double DNF at the previous round due to injury, Greg needed a win to keep any championship hopes alive. Greg never one to COMPLAIN just got his head down and pushed Tom very hard in each test and as the day wore on Greg hunted down Tom and eventually took a popular win by just one second after putting in a series of very consistent tests.

Jonny Walker KTM 300 EXC Under 23 Class – KTM and Symprove powered Walker had another good outing, the Under 23 class is probably the most competitive at the moment and these younger riders are challenging the Elite in the overall classification, so Jonny's challenge is a tough one, but the former Trials rider improves each week and he is learning well to race all conditions. On day one he held a good 2nd position until the final test when he fell and lost that position to finish 3rd by a few hundredths of a second. On day 2 and with the reversed course he struggled to match the speed of his rivals and finished 4th, Jonny's answer to that was to go home and race a Bank holiday MX and smoke all the local experts on his KTM 250 SX at Whitters Park, Nr Bassenthwaite in Cumbria.

Julian Stevens Team Manager “Another all round good weekend for the team, there is great depth of talent about at the moment and it's so difficult to win, but we are always knocking on the door -



- all the guys are giving 100% and whatever the event or the conditions I am pleased to say we are always in the hunt. I was really disappointed for Daryl as he did not get the result he deserved, he was riding very well and I was particularly impressed with his technique in the extreme sections, riding very smooth and precisely. Greg was below par on Saturday and didn't look comfortable on the 350F after the previous weeks outing on a 250 2 stroke it just took him time to get his confidence back on the 4 stroke. Day 2 however he was on fire again and so was his brakes !! he never gave up the fight despite cooking his back brake on every test and we recorded temperatures of over 70 degrees more than the any of the other team bikes, we worked hard in the pits to find a solution to keep the temperatures down in the brake and once we did Greg started to put in the fastest Elite times. Jonny after his superb result of the last BEC was full of confidence and determined to battle with Danny McCanney, on Saturday the pair battled closely and only a mistake on the final test cost him 2nd, for Sunday his rivals improved and Jonny just did not have the confidence of day 1 and slipped down the order. Leo and myself prepped the bikes under the awning after the sprint as the machines would leave directly for the second round of the European championships in Romania this coming weekend, so good luck to Jonny and Greg and thanks to Leo for driving the bikes out there and turning the spanners."

Results Overall

Day 1

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| 1. | Tom Sagar | Elite Class KTM 450 EXCR |
| 2. | Danny McCanney | Under 23 Class Gas Gas |
| 3. | Greg Evans | Elite Class KORR KTM 350 XCF |
| 4. | Alex Rockwell | Under 23 Class Husaberg 390 |
| 5. | Jonny Walker | Under 23 Class KORR KTM 300 EXC |
| 9. | Daryl Bolter | Elite Class KORR KTM 250 XCF |

Day 2

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| 1. | Greg Evans | Elite Class KORR KTM 350 XCF |
| 2. | Tom Sagar | Elite Class KTM 450 EXCR |
| 3. | Alex Rockwell | Under 23 Class Husaberg 390 |
| 4. | Danny McCanney | Under 23 Class Gas Gas |
| 5. | Simon Wakely | Elite Class Husaberg TE300 |
| 7. | Daryl Bolter | Elite Class KORR KTM 250 XCF |
| 12. | Jonny Walker | Under 23 Class KORR KTM 300 EXC |

Next Event: Romania UEM June 4/5th for Evans and Walker