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Natterjack Enduro BEC Final Greg Evans and KORR British Champion's

The 2011 British Enduro championship concluded this weekend at Bordon's tank training grounds, the famous Natterjack Enduro organised by the Army's REME team was once again a great event with two superb tests, the Motocross sand bowl and a very technical and interesting cross-country test in the tree's adjacent to the start area and opposite the pits, the perfect layout for spectators and service crews at Enduro's.

Going into the final race of the 6 round championship all the main class titles were still to be decided, at the top of the tree and for the overall championship our very own Greg Evans had a 11 points advantage over former BEC champion Tom Sagar, Daryl was trailing Paul Edmondson in the E1 class and Jonny Walker had a slim chance to take the E3 title if Danny McCanny struggled, and of course David Knight was back to show everyone that he is still the man to beat and won both days on his Factory KTM 500.

Greg Evans Azego KTM 350 EXCF:- All Greg had to do was keep close to Tom each day in the results, Greg is not particularly a sand specialist and prefers the Welsh mud, but he put in two safe and solid rides on the new 2012 350 EXC. By finishing 4th and 5th overall each day it was enough to take the title and win his first overall British Enduro championship to add to the European crown he won last week. However it must be said that Tom Sagar rode exceptionally well and gave it his all on the KTM 450 to try and win both days so the pressure was on until the very last test.

Jonny Walker Azego KTM 300 EXC:- Again Jonny's first days result suffered, but not all his fault, on the first test the timing transponder came loose and jammed his steering and he lost around 30 seconds, this also happened to a few other riders. The transponders had been fitted overnight in the parc ferme without the team's or rider knowledge, normally we fit our transponders before technical control and tape them securely, after the issue we fixed it more adequately but the damage had been done, he eventually finished 8th but would have been 4th without the first test issues. On day 2 and without further issues he finished 4th overall on his 300 two stroke, a very creditable result for his first visit to the Natterjack and also finished the season in 4th overall for the British Championship. He did not gain enough points to take the E3 title and finished 2nd in class.



Daryl Bolter Azego KTM 250 XCF:- This would be another weekend to forget for the defending E1 champion, Daryl was pushing hard on the MX test when his foot caught in a rut on the face of a jump, several cartwheels later he came to a stop and could no longer continue in the race, his bike mangled and in a lot of pain he withdrew. Fortunately he has not done any lasting damage but his wrist and arm will be tender for a week or so.

James Giddings Azego KTM 250 EXC:- James injured his leg training in the week and could not start the race.

Julian Stevens Team Manager:- “ Very pleased for Greg, he's not had an easy run in the championship with quite a few injury's to deal with and most recently the broken collarbone, fortunately he put in some very good results mid season to set himself up for the championship, the new KTM 350 has been a brilliant all round Enduro bike and the new EXC model really suits Greg. A big thanks to all company's and people that have helped Greg and KORR win the title, especially Leo assisting with the spanners, valuable advice and encouragement to the riders. Another strong ride from Jonny, a shame about Saturday's problem but its another lesson learned for the future, now that the BEC is finished we switch to Extreme mode as Jonny has several indoor and outdoor events to compete in, the next one in two weeks, Red Bull's Sea to Sky race in Turkey”