

June 4/5th

UEM Rd2 Romania

Two KTM KORR riders made the epic 2000 mile journey to Romania for round 2 of the European Enduro Championships in Comanesti, current E2 European Champions Greg Evans (KTM 250exc) and U23 team mate Jonny Walker (KTM 300exc). Greg was looking to capitalise on his first round win and extend his lead and Jonny hoping to close the points gap from joint 4th to the class leader. The course featured a 75km loop and 3 tests per lap, a 5 minute MX test around a local picnic area, a 10 minute Enduro test and a short technical Extreme test. The weather was glorious sunshine and would stay that way all weekend.

Day one, two and half laps, and the KORR riders were well up the results, Both setting very good times on the MX test, Inexperienced Jonny did not quite judge the speed needed on the long Enduro test and his time was a bit slower than class leader Martini on the Beta, come the extreme test though and Jonny was the pace setter. He was the only rider to do a 1 minute dead time and took 4 or 5 seconds out of his closest rivals. As the day came to a close Jonny was lying in second in class and Greg was dominating the senior E2 class setting class leading times on nearly all the tests.

There was to be bad news for Jonny over dinner when he was informed of a spurious 2 minute penalty for clocking in early. Something he knew nothing about. With Danny McCanney being on the minute in front we all knew this was not possible but to no avail. The Polish rider on Jonny's minute would not speak up for him so that was that. Jonny ended up 9th in class and 28th overall as opposed to 2nd in class and 12th overall! A lesson learned in checking time cards before you leave the check! Greg won the Senior E2 class and finished 7th overall.

Day two dawned, Greg looking forward to another win and Jonny again trying to make up ground on the class leaders. Only 2 laps today but the course was getting quite worn in places. MPS rider Jack Rowland came into the out check on lap 2 and said that people will be struggling further back in the field up one of the hills. Danny McCanney arrived say he had to have 2 goes at the hill but also reported "Trials boy rode straight up!" The hill got so bad eventually with riders stuck it was cut from the final results.

Again the extreme test went well for Jonny and he was the only rider to do a sub 1 minute time with a 58 second run! Jonny was also setting class leading times on the MX test in front of more established MX riders. Day 2 went the same for Greg and he again won his class and ended up 12th overall. Jonny finished 3rd in the Junior E2/3 class and 10th overall.



Whilst waiting to cheer Greg on the podium some locals were overheard talking about a certain Jonny Walker and his prowess on the extreme test, Jonny was introduced and this ended with a team photo with the town Mayor!

Greg now leads his class going into the final round which is in 3 months time in Riom es Montagnes in France, a venue Greg has ridden previously. Jonny is still lying in 4th position in the Junior E2/3 championship and 2nd place for the season is well within his grasp on the more technical terrain of France!

Thanks to all the KORR sponsors and British helpers who made these results possible, especially Steve Plain and Leo Cordingley who both donated a week of their lives sitting in a van to get the bikes there!