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SuperEnduro in Poland Rd 2 Indoor FIM Championship

Round 2 of the World Indoor SuperEnduro series traveled to the city of Lodz in Poland last weekend, the first time International Endurocross would be staged in Poland, held at the excellent Atlass Arena.

The organising club should be congratulated on an enthusiastic and great show, the circuit was once again very fast with a Lap of just over 44 seconds, the racing was spectacular and how it should be, Endurocross in my opinion should not be a speed trial, it should be about racing over off-road obstacles at speed and entertaining the crowd with close racing, and so far the new championship has delivered this.

Jonny arrived in Poland full of confidence from his recent double victory at the UK's Fast Eddy Extreme championship, also midweek we had made some improvements to our bike setup, changing the power characteristics of the engine to better suit the intense racing of SuperEnduro.

Early practice sessions showed that the racing would be close with most of the fast guys separated by only 2 or 3 seconds, in fact the top 5 were all within a second a lap.

After JW22's top 5 result in round 1 the FIM seeded him through to the finals, this means that he can save energy and the bike for the most important races of the evening, the 3 finals.

For the seeded riders there was a 6 lap qualifying race to decide gate choice, local hero Taddy Blazusiak 350 KTM made the hole-shot with JW in hot pursuit, the 2 KTM riders moved ahead of the pack and were just 3 seconds separated from them at the finish.

In the first of the 11 lap finals, once again Blazusiak would lead while Jonny had to battle from a 5th place start with Ivan Cervantes, Xavi Galindo and Joakim Ljunggren, but within a few laps once again JW would take control of 2nd place and closed in on Taddy but not enough to make a challenge and settled behind the champion and local favourite.



Race 2 would be very interesting , 16 riders on an 8 gate start !! With the starting order reversed as per FIM rules the fastest guys would join the start last and at the back on the second row !!! Amazingly both Taddy and Jonny made very good starts and both quickly moved through the field , before half distance they where both out front again with Taddy taking his 2nd win of the night and Jonny runner up.

Race 3 and starting order returned to that of qualifying , Jonny actually made the hole-shot on his 300 KTM but as Taddy had the inside gate pick he was forced wide in turn one and came out around 5th, within 2 laps he had disposed of Cervantes and Galindo and moved up to Ljunggren. Lap after lap JW pressured the Swedish vice champion , but he never made a mistake or gave Jonny any possibility to pass and the Husaberg ace took 2nd with JW 3rd.

Jonny Walker KTM 300 EXC " really stoked with tonight's result , a memorable night for me as I took my first indoor podium, the track was good and the crowd amazing even though they wanted Taddy to win they gave me good support too, really looking forward to coming back here and of course I can't wait for the next round in Barcelona."

Julian Stevens Team manager " Actually surprised with what a great job the organizers did here at their first attempt, this was a very good Indoor Enduro with awesome racing and hospitality , SuperEnduro just keeps getting better, once again JW exceeded expectations and we are now in a very good position to finish the championship in Barcelona next February inside the top 3, after tonight's result Jonny has moved up to 2nd in the championship, we have a few weeks now to make further improvements and hopefully find a bit more speed, it would be nice to win at least one heat of this series".

Results – 2012 FIM SuperEnduro World Championship, Round 2

SuperEnduro Final 1 1. Taddy Blazusiak (KTM) 08:24.733; 2. Jonny Walker (KTM); 3. Ivan Cervantes (Gas Gas); 4. Joakim Ljunggren (Husaberg); 5. Alex Salvini (Husqvarna); 6. Xavier Galindo (Husaberg); 7. Cristobal Guerrero (KTM); 8. Alfredo Gomez (Husaberg); 9. Dougie Lampkin (Gas Gas); 10. Mike Hartman (Husaberg)...

SuperEnduro Final 2 1. Taddy Blazusiak (KTM) 8:23.782; 2. Jonny Walker (KTM); 3. Xavier Galindo (Husaberg); 4. Joakim Ljunggren (Husaberg); 5. Ivan Cervantes (Gas Gas); 6. Mike Hartman (Husaberg); 7. Cristobal Guerrero (KTM); 8. Alex Salvini (Husqvarna); 9. Dougie Lampkin (Gas Gas); 10. Alfredo Gomez (Husaberg)...

SuperEnduro Final 3 1. Taddy Blazusiak (KTM) 08:18.218; 2. Joakim Ljunggren (Husaberg); 3. Jonny Walker (KTM); 4. Alex Salvini (Husqvarna); 5. Xavier Galindo (Husaberg); 6. Cristobal Guerrero (KTM); 7. Ivan Cervantes (Gas Gas); 8. Mike Hartman (Husaberg); 9. Alfredo Gomez (Husaberg); 10. Dougie Lampkin (Gas Gas)...

Next Event:- British Extreme Championship Rd2,
January 2012 – Tong, Leeds