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KORR what a Season 2011 review

KTM Off-Road Racing has enjoyed another successful Enduro racing season thanks to the efforts of its riders, starting in January with Winter extreme races we have placed riders on the podium at just about every event we entered.

We have covered a wide range of disciplines, competing in the Indoor World Enduro Championship, International Extreme races, the European Enduro Championship, ISDE Finland and of course the British Sprint and Enduro Championship plus several national races including Local MX and Multi Lap events , as a team we have already raced at more than 24 championship events this season.

Our major success's have been winning the overall British Enduro Championship with Greg Evans who also won the European Senior E2 class aboard the remarkable KTM 350 XCF. We have also guided Enduro rookie Jonny Walker KTM 300 EXC to International success in Extreme and Enduro, Jonny has had an amazing year and improved greatly since January, with excellent results in all disciplines.

We must not forget our 2010 E1 champion Daryl Bolter who was having another good year and leading the E1 BEC class until appendicitis knocked him out of a round and effectively stopped his chance of taking a 3rd consecutive title.

Greg's Evans KTM 350 XCF :- 2011 is the year that Greg finally realised his potential, the defending European E2 champion managed to hold onto his title despite some injury's and went onto win the overall BEC title. Greg had also been battling for the British Sprint Championship but had to settle for 2nd after missing 2 rounds with injury. Greg also won the Welsh Enduro championship and claimed a solid 3rd place at the Eddy Extreme Enduro in January. This has been Greg's best season to date and he showed some great speed mid season when he won easily both days at the Knighton BEC , Greg was selected again to represent the UK in the Trophy team for the ISDE in Finland, unfortunately a small crash on the first test broke his collarbone, but just two weeks later he returned to the podium at the Dyfi Enduro !!! to keep his BEC hopes alive.

Jonny Walker KTM 300 EXC :- In 2010 Jonny had become bored with trials and decided to try a few Enduro's and MX events, inconsistent results but moments of speed prompted the KORR team to recognize he had potential and he was duly signed up. In the early part of the season Jonny tried too hard to impress and regularly crashed which spoilt his results, but as the season progressed he has found confidence and learned how to master this sport of Enduro, now becoming a very consistent performer.



From the start Jonny showed raw speed and this was clear when he set top practice times at the Indoor World Enduro Championships in Italy and later lead races in Barcelona, at the 2nd round of the BEC he finished both days top 3 overall, after failing to score points at round 1. An invitation by KTM Austria to sample Erzbergs Red Bull Hare Scramble really put him on the map when he finished the prologue in a fine 4th overall just behind Taddy Blazusiak, then backed it up on Sunday with a fine 3rd in Red Bull's Ezberg Hare Scramble race, a really impressive performance for the 20 year old rookie amongst seasoned pro's .

After Erzberg Jonny's season has just been on the up, as part of the Junior Trophy team at this years ISDE he helped put the team in 3rd place, finished the E3 class in 4th and was the best overall British performer, since then he has had more podiums at the BEC, won a local MX championship and is leading the ACU's cross-country championship. Most recently taking 3 podiums at Red Bull's Sea to Sky race in Turkey with a Beach race win and 2nd in both the Forest and Mountain race despite a fractured bone in his shoulder.

Jonny despite working in the week is by far KORR's most active rider and still has several races this season, with Extreme races in the UK and Indoor races in America and Europe, we consider that Jonny will be one of the main favourites for this years World Indoor Enduro Championship.

Daryl Bolter KTM 250 XCF :- This has not been one of Daryl's better years, the competition has been really tough with several new riders coming through the ranks or crossing over from MX, but Daryl's shown that the little 250F can mix it with the bigger bikes and has had several fine results in both BEC and Sprints, he finished the British Sprint Enduro championship in 4th and best 250F rider and despite leading the British Enduro championship at the half way stage eventually had to settle for 2nd after an illness and a big crash which put him out of the Natterjack.

Team manager Julian Stevens :- "Well I believe the competition has been very tough this year, it seems there are more teams arriving into the UK Enduro scene and they are bringing some real talent and enthusiasm, UK Enduro is no longer a 2 horse race, of course when David Knight is about he normally wins, but no longer does he have it easy and must push hard for the win. Its also means we must work harder to reach the podium each week, so the level of our riders is improving, we have been fortunate to have 3 championship class riders that give 100%, KORR and KTM have enjoyed a lot of success and that comes down to everyone working very hard, for an amateur team with a very small budget i believe we have achieved a lot and hopefully given great value and satisfaction to our sponsors.

I am so pleased that Greg finally lifted a BEC Title and to take the overall against such good competition is a great feeling. I really enjoy to see my riders improve and i'm very proud of local boy Jonny who has paid back the faith shown in him several times over, he has listened and worked incredibly hard and the results are there for all to see, he has great potential, i'm confident he will continue to improve and work hard towards the goal of being a full time professional rider.

We again have enjoyed fantastic bikes from KTM, using a range of 2 and 4 strokes from 125 to 350cc , we choose KTM because simply they are the best tool for the job, having run a KTM Enduro team since 2004 and winning championships every year , says a lot for the brand and the preparation by KORR. Once again in 2012 we will be backed by KTM and we enjoy Factory assistance for Jonny Walker to compete in International Extreme and Indoor races.

Finally a massive thank you to all helpers, family and friends, especially Steve Dospon of Azego for helping with Finance/logistics, Leo Cordingley for spanning the guys bikes and not least all our valued sponsors who enable this to happen. This is also an opportunity to introduce and welcome a new team sponsor "SHR" - Silicone Holdings Racing, a manufacturer and World Wide distributor of Raw Silicon from Blackburn, SHR will be backing Jonny and a new young rider in 2012".

2011 KORR Team Success's:-

Greg Evans

Overall Metzeler ACU British Enduro Champion 2011
European E2 Senior Champion
Welsh Enduro Champion
3rd Place Eddy Extreme Enduro
2nd Place overall British Enduro Sprint Championship

Jonny Walker

4th Overall E3 Class ISDE Finland
3rd Junior Trophy team at ISDE
2nd E3 BEC Championship and 4th Overall in BEC
2nd overall under 21 Enduro Championship
2nd European E3/E2 Junior Enduro Championship
Bassenthwaite and District Adult Expert Motocross Champion
3rd Overall Under 23 British Enduro Sprint Championship
Top 10 World Indoor Enduro Championship
4th Place Prologue Erzberg
3rd Overall Red Bull Erzberg Hare Scramble
ACU British Cross-country Champion
Red Bull Sea to Sky, Turkey , 2nd overall Mountain Race and Beach Race winner

Daryl Bolter

4th Place overall British Enduro Sprint Championship and 1st 250F
2nd Place E1 Class British Enduro Championship

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