



DIRTBIKE-Gym Eastwood Honda MX Team

World Championship FIM UK GP—MX2

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FIM—UK Grand Prix—Matterley Basin

Hamish Harwood gets his Debut GP. It does not get any bigger !!

The FIM GP's are the MX equivalent of F1 in car racing ...

“We applied during the season for a handful of FIM World Champ GP's ... this time we got one. The sun shone and the crowds were out in the thousands. Hamish was to ride as number 15, as a wild card rider. Could he handle the 40 minute plus GP's—both of them ??



Above: Hamish Harwood. Just a little nervous.

- 20,000 people on the bank. Stalls and side shows into the night.
- The sun was out with a carnival feeling in the air.
- The vans and campers covered 4 fields.
- The top riders in the world competed in MX1 (450cc machines), MX2 (250 Machines) and EMX (the European MX championship)
- Hamish was to ride this GP then jump on a plane for Bulgaria. Superstar stuff. While Oscar drove through to Bulgaria—only 38 hrs on the road. Through Romania .. Oscars favourite country .. NOT !
- Hamish's NZ sponsors and parents felt their wallets contract but it was so worth it.
- Meanwhile Kieran and Jason head for Belgium for training and Kieran's Belgium National Campaign. Luckily we had 2 rigs ... it was therefore possible to split resources.

Below: Hamish and his Mechanic Oscar get ready for their first GP ride.



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THE RIDER ...



#15 Hamish Harwood from NZ's South Island



- 2011 Aust and NZ jnr Champion.
- 21st in the British Senior MX2 Championships 2012
- Soon to be 10th in the world in Junior Grade 2012

We arrived on the Thursday because technical control (scrutineering) was on the Friday. Practise sessions and the qualification was on the Saturday and then the GP's on the Sunday. After a long wait to get parked (seems the norm), we found ourselves in the paddock along side the big names in the business. It was GP time and as they say "It does not get any bigger or better ..."

RESULTS: FIM WORLD MX Championships—UK GRAND PRIX

Pilot : HARWOOD # 15 - CLASS MX2

Day One

Qualifying Race — 31st

Day Two

GP Moto 1 - 24th

GP Moto 2 - 24th

For the GP —Placed 24th out of 40 world class starters.



It does not get any bigger !! The track was perfect. The jumps huge.





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Hamish Harwood's Debut GP lined him up against the best in the world.



Tommy Searle

Jake Nichols

Zac Osbourne

Jeffrey Herlings

“Hamish Harwood”

Hamish's Race report—Uncut

It was a massive four day motocross festival. The weather was hot and sunny. And it was my first GP I have done. I rode in the mx2 class.

The track was awesome!

Best UK track I have ridden and probably now my favourite track. Hard pack and got quiet ruddy but the ruts were really choppy. With heaps of big jumps.

I got 33 in timed qualifying. For the qualifying race I went down in the first corner and got green netting around my rear wheel so had no rear brakes, Came in 31st and that was my gate pick. Both of the main races were 35mins+2 laps.

In the first race my start was mid-back of the pack, same in race 2. I felt good on the bike and did what I aimed to do came in 24th position. My fitness felt good but not great.

Race 2 Was very similar to race 1. After the first 5-6 laps i found myself settled into a nice rhythm and position. I started to tire towards the end of the moto. But i had a good gap on the riders behind me so I just stayed on and finished in another 24th place.

I am happy with the way I rode and where I came in my first world GP. The whole experience was just amazing.

Thanks all ... I am now about to head for Bulgaria for the Junior Worlds

Cheers Hamish



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Left: A would be supporter if they had been a little more sober ...

Scott Probates aunty and family always love a good GP.

(Scott, an ex UK and GP rider himself now works with Tommy Searle, mainly on the motivation and training side)

They evidently are supporting **Tommy and Elliot Banks Brown** this tour in the queens red, white and blue colours.

As a team we have had to make ends meet. Only so much money is given by our sponsors and it is not easy. Thank you to Hamish's sponsors from Pohara (Top 10) Holiday Park in Takaka, South Island. Without their help these boys would not be doing GP's or even be here in the UK.



Above: Mud-no-stick on the bikes. They will water and this will provide a advantage in the early moto stages.

Left: Hamish flies high at the Basin !!



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Above and Right: Hamish jumped perfectly all day. When fatigue set in it showed but a cool head changed his style to compensate.



Left: The MX 2 race 1 start. Herlings shoots to the lead. Searle and others close behind. Supremo !!



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Below: more pics



Above: The pain ... then Hamish warms down on the DBG spin bike. Like all pro's should.

Left: Hamish in the pack after a pretty good start.. He had a start plan and stuck to it.



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Below: more pics



Left: The MX2 GP winner Tommy Searle jumps long and big.

Dirtbike-Gym sponser Tommy with fitness DBG equipment amongst the other top UK riders.



Above: Hamish goes big from a different angle.



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NO ONE REALISES HOW IMPORTANT OUR SPONSORS ARE TO THESE YOUNG RIDERS ...

This team is a NON—PROFIT organisation. Without it’s sponsors we would not be able to give the likes of Kieran Scheele and Hamish Harwood the chance to be seen on the world motocross stage in 2012.

Last year we where proud to be able to give Kieran, John Phillips, Bjarne Frederiksen and Emma Davis the chance. This would not have happened if not for our sponsors.

SPONSORS ASSIST US IN MANY WAYS from helping out with funding, gear for free, or discounted. The bikes. The vans and trailers, and even peoples time. For all this we are truly thankful. You are doing a great thing and helping a young person that otherwise simply could not afford to do this. We wish to start the trail for talent for 2013 early so your help is very important, if only to spread the word.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY IDEAS OR WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE IN ANY WAY

PLEASE DO CONTACT ME.

Thank you all again .. Rex Michau, Director of DBG YOUTH MX Development Ltd
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