



DIRTBIKE-Gym Eastwood Honda MX Team

British Championships Round 2

1st April 2012

Dear Sponsors and Fans of DBG Eastwood Honda MX Team

Round 2—Maxxis British ACU Championships

The work the boys have put in since round 1 is to be commended. They certainly learnt a lesson at Fat Cats in Round 1.

With 2 weeks away in Belgium and back for some mud riding the build up to round 2 could not have been better. Jason worked relentlessly to keep the bikes up together as we arranged new team mechanics. Thank you to Jason for grafting and to Adam Ford who stood in for the weekend to help us out.

After a record March, with temperatures reaching 20 deg C plus. The weather was fantastic on race day with a snap in the air. Summer was not here yet. As you will see left in the photo, the sun was out and so where the crowds in their 1000's. We have never seen a turn out like it in terms of spectators; fantastic. **It was also pleasing to see the enquiries for DIRTBIKE-Gym fitness equipment and MUD-NO-STICK. The word is slowly getting out there that these products really do work.**

Mark Eastwood met us with George Baldwin with fresh new bikes and George looking fit and keen. Father Lee in support.

All riders had 2 identical race bikes. We did not want a repeat of event 1 where we lost a race due to a bike problem or a crash meaning the day was over due to a damaged race bike.



“Maintain new gained fitness levels. Focus on qualification and starts ! “

THIS WAS THE MESSAGE we came away with this week. We repeated the message of fitness all month and the message that **“The lads have to be brutally honest with themselves and not wake up tomorrow regretting today. “**

They are probably sick of hearing it but it for sure sunk in. The training levels doubled and the results at Canada Heights this weekend gone proved it.

What a great weekend it was. Please read on ...



Above: The highly tuned Honda 250f race bike of Hamish Harwood. Thanks to ERS suspension and Eastwood Honda.

Above: George Baldwin powers up the hill with 39 other highly tuned 450 bikes into a tight left hander, down over a drop over into a right hander and away !!



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THE RIDERS ...

Introductions from left to right:-



1) #511 Kieran Scheele; Running MX 2— high points scorer in MX1 2011 British Champs guaranteed him a position on the start line in 2012.

2) #153 Hamish Harwood from NZ's South Island—2011 Aust and NZ jnr Champion. He is quick and in the points in the British Champs in 2012.

3) #22 George Baldwin. The UK's George Baldwin who has ridden under MX legend Mark Eastwood for some years.

RESULTS: 1st April 2012—Maxxis British ACU Championships Round 2

Pilot : HARWOOD # 153 MX2

Race 1—14th

Race 2— 19th

Race 3— 15th

Overall for day—Placed 16th

Overall in the Championship—21st



Pilot : BALDWIN # 122 MX1

Race 1—22nd

Race 2—26th

Race 3—23rd

George is yet to score points. Round 3 is his chance.



Pilot: SCHEELE (Injured—due back round 3 or 4)



LEFT: Hamish shows the new Rip n Roll goggle range.

“Thanks to Rip and Roll I have excellent vision this year. They are awesome with extra wide viewing window” ... explains Hamish.

RNR goggles are 100% manufactured in England. The quality is exceptional, all good testament to British manufacturing. Thank you RNR !!





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Hamish Harwood's 2nd British Championship Round



Left: Hamish waits in the waiting zone for 15 minutes practice then straight into 15 minutes qualifying. The highest qualifiers gets the all important gate selection.

On the hard at Canada Heights in Kent England was very different to the sand of the first round. Canada heights is mud, some sand and stones-rocks with sharpe edges under the surface. It claimed a lot of victims on Sunday and as Kieran will tell you. It has claimed hundreds over the years. The track was altered with more technical jumps and whoops and rollers. The drop offs became cliffs; the up ramps became over-vertical. It is only for the best riders that is for sure. Hamish struggled with the practice and qualified in 30th. That meant he had gate pick 30. Not great but would have to do.

This track does not flow so well but it was clear that the guys that did make flow qualified best and went the best. We also have to remember nearly all other 45 riders in qualifying would have ridden this track. An excuse our riders can only make once.

Hamish walked straight of the bike after qualifying and went straight to the track ... by race 1 he was ready and had sorted a lot of issues out.

Race 1— a shocking start left him mid to back of pack into the first corner and then a crash left him 32nd on lap 1. He pushed and raced through the field in total domination of those around him and those he then left well behind. He finished an excellent 14th ... a great ride. Just 6 seconds per lap of the winner Aubin of France and rider for Dave Thorpes Honda Team. Last year our riders were not as close to the winners at this stage of the season. It is very promising.

Race 2—again the start was not great. Hamish got caught up in the pack. But again a good ride back to 19th position and again in the points !

Race 3— Hamish got away mid to rare pack and was quickly up to top 20. He was pulling through and you could see the flow coming on. He was in 15th place and gaining when the race was stopped due to a major accident. His best lap time could have meant that he could have hit top 10 easily so all promising for round 3 of the Bits. **Hamish is now 21st overall in the Championship; excellent !!**



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Pilot: George Baldwin MX 1 on a Honda CRF 450

George crashed badly in qualifying. Later after racing all day we heard that in fact he had broken his jaw. The bike washed away from him as he entered an off camber jump face. He was a little shaken but after some magic ice went on to some good solid results; amazing ...



Like the others George needs to qualify better ... and then to start better. Mark Eastwood (Georges mentor and ex-GP rider) was less than happy with the qualifying and motivated George to get with it and go for it. George certainly did.

Left: George leads a group of some 8 riders. George is right centre of this picture.

Below: George flies high





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Left: Kieran Scheele looks on with Rex's daughter Michaela (Micki) Michau

... " this track has always challenged me. I just cant wait to get riding again. I am training hard and cycling a lot so I should be back and fit quickly" .. says Kieran

"I enjoy the racing even though it is not really my thing says Micki. The boys are part of the family now so it's nice to have them around" .. Says Micki

Below: Jason's daughter Evie helps Jason load the van with the spare bikes.



**"My daddy is driving that big van, is my daddy ..
And my dog is called George, is that dog ...yes
... and my mummy is at work, is my Mummy .. "
says Evie**



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Below: Harwood shows them his front wheel, then passes and leaves them to catch the next group of riders ...



Above: Harwood dropping off the one of many huge drop-off at the Heights ...



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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

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

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