



DIRTBIKE-Gym Eastwood Honda MX Team

British Championships Round 3

1st April 2012

Dear Sponsors and Fans of DBG Eastwood Honda MX Team

Round 3—Maxxis British ACU Championships

An encouraging few weeks lead up and a lot of riding on Lommel, Honda Park, Genk and 2 Belgium national races. Where we ready enough ???

**“Kieran Scheele is back on bike !!
... Meanwhile the team stay in
the Championship Points thanks
to Hamish Harwood and George
Baldwin”**



Left: Scheele taking on the main jump on the Lommel Track in mid week practice. Kieran is a very talented and a dedicated rider and trains hard.

He is the teams best cook as well.

THE MESSAGE in our last race report was a strong one. The work rate lifted and Kieran were back.

Kieran had a very serious ankle break in training in the Marple sand, UK side, just before Round 1. Kieran deserved to race at Lyng but was not quite ready and his bike fitness needed more time. After a meeting we all agreed that Kieran would open his campaign at Milton Park. instead; only 3 weeks after Lyng. The hard pack of Milton Park will suit Kieran .

Our 450 MX1 UK mount George Baldwin showed his worth with a sound 17th place ... please read on.



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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. Back on the bike and training hard.
- 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 3

Pilot : HARWOOD # 153 MX2

Race 1—23rd

Race 2— 19th

Race 3— 18th

Overall in the Championship—22nd

Pilot : BALDWIN # 122 MX1

Race 1—27th

Race 2—24th

Race 3—17th (in the points)

George is now in the points. Great stuff !

Pilot: SCHEELE #511 (Injured—due back round 4 Milton Park)



RIGHT: The lads cycle to and from the practice track. Seen here at Honda Park, our Reporoa New Zealand import mechanic Oscar Smetz just loves it. Oscar rode national level in NZ until some crashes and an incident when a car ran him over hampered his riding career. Oscar is fully qualified and worked with Yamaha in New Zealand. Oscar mechanics for Hamish Harwood this season.

“Thanks to Rockoil Oscar has plenty of engine oil, Lube, Brake clean and chain lube to do his job. Rockoil is an excellent product !!





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Hamish Harwood's 3rd British Championship Round



Left: Hamish (in race kit) and Kieran to his left watch on at a local Begium National. Hamish easily won the MX2 inter-ers and rode a good 6th overall amongst some fast Belgium MX1 riders.

“The Eastwood Honda with Wiseco kit put together and tested by Mark Eastwood performed amazingly..” said Harwood. (Check out the size of Belgium Beer tents in the background, they love it !! Don't see this at NZ local race days ...)

Here is Hamish's report of Round 3 British ACU Champs at Lyng ...

Dear All,

As the weather was not very good leading up to the 3rd round of the brits. I expected the track to be real wet and muddy but when we arrived the track was mint! Perfect condition and was prepped so good! I liked the look of the track with its uphill and drop offs it seemed quiet sandy, and ended up real soft and loamy but very hard underneath which made it very slippery and got very rough.

On Sunday (race day) the weather was cold and a few small showers over the day. For qualifying the plan was to do 3 fast laps and 1 slow until the 15 mins was up. The track was very fast and I had trouble getting a consistent fast lap in without making a mistake, but no excuses because the other riders had to ride the same track. I came in at 35th position, for me this was very disappointing and left me with a bad gate pick. My 3 starts were not very good, around the mid pack area.

In Race 1 I was in around 17-18 position but unfortunately on the second lap had a crash which put me in about 28 place. The track was very one lined and hard to pass but got through to 23 by race end. It is so challenging because from 15th - 30th most of the riders are at the same pace.

Race 2 was better although I found myself getting pushed around a bit by other riders and nearly taken down a few times. Finished in 19th place.

Race 3 I found myself going back and fourth with riders in the opening laps, after settling into the race I ended up 18th. The whole day I didn't feel comfortable on the bike. I thought I was riding nervously and trying not to fall instead of charging and attacking the rough track. Plenty to work on.

Thanks all ... we are now focused on Milton Park Round 4 and back in Belgium training and racing. Cant wait !! **HAMISH HARWOOD**



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Left: A great shot of Hamish coming over the main jump in training at Lommel. With such confidence and pace. It made you shiver but he was always in total control.

The weekend after this shot was taken Hamish raced here at Lommel and was taught some lessons in the sand by some world class riders. More work to be done here then. "Lommel is incredible ... it is a different ride everytime you ride it .." HH

Below: 153 on Lyng





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Left: Jason speaking to Hamish after the poor qualification. Hamish was amazed to only qualify in at 35th. But as always he took it on the chin and looked ahead to Race 1. Jason and Hamish are talking lines and tactics. Jason has ridden this track since a school boy.

Aside: This is the area behind the scenes and behind the main tent where the team changes, eats and discusses. The public do not see this area on race days. To the left is a 6 mtr accommodation trailer and to the right is the 6 mtr living trailer with kitchen/bar, seating and a shower. We tow these trailers with two Mercedes Sprinters kindly up kept by Bodyworks of Sussex. Thank you again to BODYWORKS an excellent vehicle repair shop.

Pilot: George Baldwin MX 1 on a Honda CRF 450—In the Money (points) at Lyng !!

Below right: George hooks all that Honda 450 power straight into the floor as he passes pit lane at Lyng. Round 3. Georges Troy Lee kit really stands out in luminous orange. (Is that Carmichael on the 122 !?)

Below George at Honda park, Balen near Lommel. It is literally 15 minutes to the track from the house and no traffic like the UK.



The green machine. Georges signature.





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Below: Mark Eastwood . Mark is such a help to us. He sets the bikes suspension, does the remapping and then test rides them himself before the boys get the bikes. Many years of knowledge combined with Jason Morris make for a powerful combination of knowledge. I am sure sometimes the boys simply get too much information. But can there ever be enough knowledge. It only needs absorbing and time will allow that to happen. IF YOU WANT A FAST BIKE SPEAK TO MARK EASTWOOD !

Is that Georges young lady (left) ?

... Sure is !



Right: Kieran always lending a helping hand when needed. A lot happier young Scheele now he is back on his bike.

Left: Clear air for the top riders. Makes all the difference.



Above: Harwood takes on the Lyng loom.



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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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