



DIRTBIKE-Gym Eastwood Honda MX Team

British Championships Round 6

29th July 2012

Dear Sponsors and Fans ,

Round 6—Maxxis British ACU Championships , Hawkestone Park, UK

NZ's only 125 cc representative at the Junior World Champs will be our very own Hamish Harwood.

Hamish HARWOOD



He is 2011 NZ and Aust. junior. Champ. In the seniors, Harwood at the British Champs, is just seconds a lap of the top 10 riders ... he is that close !! He knows he has more in the tank! (The jnr. Worlds are in Bulgaria on 26th August)

Kieran SCHEELE



Kieran is back flying into top 20 in his first race back. We are all hoping for a strong finish to the season.



Left: Harwood at it at the Barn.

From seat bounce to ...

Our thoughts and prays ...

The teams thoughts are with Ryan from Shocktech who we know well from the Dirtbike shows and has had a major back injury.

Our thoughts are with him and we pray for a positive outcome !



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THE RIDERS ...

Introductions from left to right:-



1) #511 Kieran Scheele; 17th in Junior Worlds 2009. 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.

2012 Junior Worlds Competitor.

RESULTS: Maxxis British ACU Championships Round 6

Pilot : HARWOOD # 153 MX2

Race 1— 23th

Race 2— 16th

Race 3— DNQ

Overall for day—Placed 21st

Overall in the Championship— still 20th



Pilot: SCHEELE #511

Race 1— 30th (was running 15th first 3 laps until falling)

Race 2— 29th

Race 3— DNQ

Kieran's injury prone season means he is yet to score. He will. He is only just coming back and only 3 seconds behind Hamish based on best lap times.



The build up

After 14 practice rides in Belgium and the Netherlands in just 4 weeks, 3 major races in Belgium and a lot of training, we are seeing results ... and an attitude change.

“They want it bad. But this may be effecting their race days. They are much quicker on the practise track. Come race day and a new track they take time to adapt. They must learn to adapt quickly and to look and learn what the top guys are doing. They need to rush out after qualifying and study the lines the top riders are using. It is all a matter of experience and being able to learn fast.” says Jason Morris (Coach and Mentor)



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Kierans race report (uncut)

Giddy all

I know it has been along time that you have received a race report from me. Wish it wasn't that way but that's moto-cross racing for you as I'm sure you all know injuries happen to even the best in the sport. For those of you that didn't know, I broke my ankle at the start of the season testing and once I got back I suffered another injury only a month or so later, breaking my forearm. But its time for a clean sweep and to try finish my year as strong as I can on a high note. In the weekend just gone I competed in the 6th round of the British championship at Hawkstone race park. It was my first race back and was a hard one after only having 7 rides on the bike but I really wanted to get back into racing.

So I didn't have any expectations; I just wanted to get the ball rolling and start getting race fit. Staying on the bike was the main focus this weekend for me as confidence isn't at an all time high at the moment due to the crashes I've had.

It was good weather and the track was looking great as we walked around it on the Saturday afternoon. That was an eventful nights sleep with mechanic Oscar having a bad dream about snakes which woke the whole trailer up with what we thought was an earthquake—he shook it that bad!

It was an early morning wake up and Oscar got a lot of cheek as we headed out for practise and qualifying.

I got straight into it, trying to warm the body up with putting fast laps in practise to see how I felt. Then the clock ticked over as the time came for qualifying and I tried to put my best lap in early but kept pushing too hard into corners and blowing out the sand. It was frustrating making mistakes every lap I tried to put in. I might have been too eager but came away with a 36th gate pick—not my best at all.

Race one I knew was going to be tough with nerves kicking in from being on the line for my first big race of the year. I got an ok start with being in around 20th for the first couple of laps until a guy hit me right in the back wheel, causing us both to go down in a corner. Got back up quickly and straight back into it but I wasn't pushing it, I was just trying to ride clean as the body started to tire bringing it to 30th to finish the race.

Race two came along quick as I walked the whole track trying to find some lines as it was starting to get rough. Start wasn't as good as the last, banging bars down the start straight. I was in the mid 20s for the first half with loads of people crashing around me. It caught a lot of riders out but I kept it on two wheels and was really feeling it on the body. I came in 29th to finish up the day. I'm happy to be racing again, but not so much with the result. But I know what I need to work on and its going to take some time to catch up to that race fitness everyone has on me. I hope to be racing every weekend now and off to Foxhills this weekend for the Masters. As I try get those results to where I know I can be, I'll keep you updated with my progress.

Thanks for all your support. Cheers Kieran



KS himself at Golding Barn race way, Sussex UK. Hard packed. Very hard packed.

29 deg. C ... Yes in England !!



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Hamish's race report (uncut)

Giddy all

Round 6 of the maxxis British champs at Hawkstone.

The weather was good, a few showers over the weekend but nothing to change the track conditions. The track looked awesome when Kieran, Oscar and I walked it on the Saturday, with most of the track being mostly flat with a lot of jumps, apart from a huge hill that goes up then across the hill and back down. The down hill was really steep and slow. I was feeling good and confident for qualifying, but just couldn't get that good fast lap in and placed in a disappointing 35th position. This put me in a not so good place on the start gate. Race 1: I spun heaps off the concrete and had a bad start, I found myself battling with the track and I didn't feel I rode well at all—23rd place. Race 2: A better jump out the gate but got squeezed out in the first turn and a crash in front of me slowed me down. I came through the pack quite fast in the early part of the race and then found I was by myself for most of the moto, which was very unusual for a maxxis. It would have been good if I could have caught onto the pack of riders in front of me—16th place. The results in these two races wasn't quite good enough to get into the final mixed mx2 and mx1 race which was a disappointment. Looking forward to the British masters this weekend at Fox-hills.

Haminator

Right: KS and HH contemplate the 2 by 30 training minute motos coming up. It was hard and slick. Full protection.

Lesson for youngsters ... protect yourself to make it to the next major race. It's better to be at the next race than injured.



Below: Kieran. The step up at the Barn. More signs of confidence and maturity on the bike. Wool!





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Left: Kieran ... start practise at Hawkestone. Rnd 6.

“Drive down into rear wheel. Front wheel just above dirt. Ideal.”

After less than adequate qualifying, they needed a good start.

Was it enough ??



Left: The huge Hawkestone park hill in the distance; A LONG DRAG UP.

A good test of a bikes horse power.

Our bikes held well up this hill against the others and factory machines !!

Coming down was “very” steep and off camber with a new section added.



Left; Jason and Oscar in pit lane. Tense moments as the racing starts. Radios connect us to the other side of track AND the race positions.

(Ryan Thorpe ... Dave Thorpes son two left of Oscar.)



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Hawkestone in the sand



Above: Kieran (#511) and Hamish (#153) ... out of the blocks and banging bars.

#151 has bars just in front of Kieran (#511). Although loose, #141 on the Kawasaki has bars and front wheel just in front of Hamish.



Moments later: #151 has crossed in front of Kieran (#511). And #141 crosses Hamish.

Both our riders have had to back off or change lines; they are stuffed for getting round the first corner in top 10. Simple as that. Who wants it the most !! Look at how desperate #141 is to get the drive on ... could he be over the back any further ?

- Kieran beat #151 on the day by 4 places.
- Hamish beat #141 by 4 places also.
- Both beat #63 by 6 and 12 places respectively in this race.

“Our boys are much fitter; the overall day’s results show this. However, we have to go out and fight for that first corner” ... we are looking for more this weekend at Foxhill in the Masters. It is the only round we will do in the AMCA Masters but it will be another experience. Our 2011 rider John Phillips finished 3rd overall in this series last year. It will be interesting indeed ...



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Right: Dom mows.
Missing plastics have
been fitted to race bikes
... budget's tight ..



Left: No it is not Jason Morris ...
it is an English veteran twin shocker !!



Right: Scheele
passed quietly away
after riding the Barn.
...sporting the DBG
promo cowboy hat.
(Was it 'Broke Back
Mountain' time that did it ??)

Right: Oscar on the ball.



Left: Jas .. Loves the camera like Beckam ..
"Gold" Troy Lee kit and all.



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OUR SPONSORS ARE SO IMPORTANT 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

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