



# DIRTBIKE-Gym Eastwood Honda MX Team

## World Junior Championships—Bulgaria

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Dear Sponsors and Fans ,

### Hamish Harwood **takes 10th place In the Junior Worlds**

*"Just under the age limit meant Hamish could compete. It was a last minute decision funded by Hamish's parents and his sponsors Brent and Del*



*from Pohara Holiday Park. They also would fly to Bulgaria to meet us at the event. Thanks to them all !!*

- A bike had to be purchased and HP added. Suspension had to be done. It was an intense build up.
- At the same time Hamish was called for his debut senior GP in the MX2 class the weekend before.
- We engaged Roland from Hardcore racing and Stuart from SHMX on the suspension.
- We all met at Milton park for testing
- Hamish got a hand full of rides in on this new powerful KTM 125cc machine before we headed for the GP

#### **THAT WAS THE EASY PART !!**

- Straight after the GP Jason and Kieran would head for the British Champs round 7.
- The KTM 125 a bunch of spares where ready to load.
- **All they had to do was to drive to Bulgaria. The east side very close to Istanbul. The mission was set and Oscar and co pilot drove of into the sunset to travel across Europe in 3 days. It took 38 hours on the road with 10 hours stopping to eat and sleep. The bike and gear left Monday and arrived in Sevlievo, Bulgaria on the Wednesday night. (home of one of the world better GP tracks)**
- The border crossings, tax points and ferries took the time up initially but then the drive through Romania took the cake with speed limits for the numerous horse and carts not cars. Near death driving by the loony's down there was something to believe.

**Please read on ... and thank you for supporting our young riders ....**



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### THE RIDER ....

**125 cc Class #30**

Hamish Harwood is from NZ's South Island

- 2011 Aust and NZ jnr Champion.
- In the points in the British Champs in 2012.
- Senior GP contender 2012

### RESULTS: World Junior Champs 2012

Qualification Race : 15th gate pick.

Race 1— 11th

Race 2— 13th

Overall for day—10th

**Overall in the Championship— 10th**



Hamish's Dad Shane, brother Jamie and sponsors Brent and Del. Mechanic Oscar.

**It was 47 Degrees C. midday.**





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### Hamish's Race Report—UNCUT

Dear all

2012 FIM world junior motocross championships.



On the Tuesday before the event i flew to Bulgaria to meet my Dad, Brother and my extremely supportive sponsors from Pohara beach top 10 holiday park, Brent and Del Clarke. who all made the trip from NZ. It was really good to catch up with them a few days before he event. The weather was so hot on the Saturday and Sunday. They said at one point it was 47 degrees Celsius. Which was the hottest iv ever experienced. The track was looking awesome! With some large up and downhill's and nice jumps. And came up very hard pack and dusty. On the Saturday i had 1 practice and 1 qualifying, which went pretty well i qualified in 15th place. After having trouble with jetting the bike to the conditions. Oscar Smits my mechanic got it running perfect. Big thanks to Oscar. On the Sunday i had a warm up and 2 25min+2 lap races.

**Race 1** i got a good jump out of the gates but got pushed out in the first turn and came out in mid pack. because the track was so hard pack and slippery it was really important to be smooth, at one point i made a mistake that was far to close for comfort but managed to keep it together. Working my way up to 11th place. I was happy with that result but wanted to get into he top 10.

**Race 2** was a similar start which was a bugger because of how dusty the track was. For the first 3 laps it was extremely dangerous and scary because you just couldn't see anything. There was people having crashes where they just couldn't see and would ride off the track or into another rider. i was running just outside of the top 10 but with the heat and dust in my throat i struggled to breath properly and started getting tired towards the end of the Moto, Letting 2 other riders past. One of them being the American favourite Jordan smith late in the Moto. Came in 13th place.

**10th place overall.** Which i am stoked with!. A huge thanks To the dirt-bike gym team for going out of there way to make it all happen. Thank you very much.

Hamish Harwood



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### Hamish Harwood's flying high in Bulgaria



Left: Haywood aggressively moves on the two riders ahead of him.





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Above: Australia does have some talent .. All be it off the track. Incredibly we became quite good friends with the Oz team at this event. Helping each other out Anzac

**On the Saturday night the teams where entertained in the town square and presented to the mayor ... Hamish was the only NZ rep.**

**Below: Oscar, HH and his dad (Shane) cherish the moment.**



style, Well I guess Gallipoli was only 3-4 hours drive away so why not.



**This lady right was the entertainment ...**  
**A very famous and tidy Bulgarian singer.**





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More pics ... the entire track could be seen from two impressive grand stands



Above: Hamish rode with grace and passion. His senior experience showed as he out jumped all others on the track. (It was corner speed the others had)

The track was truly amazing. The control on water and track prep was not good. The water lay on top and then by the second race it was all dust. The FIM had complaints we heard.



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The track watering on day 2 was better but not deep enough.



Before start mud ... after a few laps dust ...



**Below: Plenty of corners to rail.**





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Launching it ... working it.



We could not run a Honda this event because Honda stopped making 2 strokes some years ago, KTM was our best bet.



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### FEW REALISE 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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