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Record Entries for 2012

The first round of the Vodafone Dmax 2012 championships took place on Sunday 19th February – with 148 drivers racing across the three weight classes in the endurance and heats series. The Endurance series started off the day bright and early with 30 drivers in the new Lights Class – with a minimum weight limit of 70kgs.

Lights Qualifying

Position	Racer	Best Lap	Gap from Driver ahead	Number Of Laps
1	Chris Hackworth	66.040	-	
2	Ben Leslie	66.427	0.387	
3	Hugo Bush	67.156	0.729	
4	Andrew Biddle	67.170	0.014	12
5	Tom Kempynck	67.424	0.254	13
6	Steve Moody	67.488	0.064	12
7	Rossano Bhandal	67.893	0.405	13
8	Tim Mckeegan	67.945	0.052	13
9	Bradley Philpot	68.164	0.219	13
10	Marc Coltelli	68.433	0.269	12
11	Andy O'neill	68.700	0.267	12
12	Alec Tucker	68.711	0.011	13
13	Ben Chapman	68.729	0.018	13
14	Anson Williams	69.017	0.288	12
15	Ivan Taranov	69.070	0.053	12
16	Simon Alcock	69.261	0.191	12
17	Jane Gibbons	69.541	0.280	12
18	Jack O'neill	69.607	0.066	10
19	Sebastian Wielisnki	69.764	0.157	12
20	Chris Gillingham	69.933	0.169	12
21	Alexander Gaeta	69.976	0.043	12
22	Rob Manns	70.017	0.041	13
23	Luke Gaeta	70.472	0.455	12
24	Alex Del Verne	70.496	0.024	12
25	Will Buxton	71.319	0.823	9
26	HANS CHAN	71.591	0.272	12
27	Jonathan Brown	71.852	0.261	12
28	Andy Stobart	72.361	0.509	8
29	David Glover	74.690	2.329	11
30	Terence Aldridge	76.297	1.607	7

Chris Hackworth took the first ever “Pole Point” with a stunningly fast qualifying time in the cold conditions. Chris and Ben Leslie then led the pack around for the rolling start for this year’s first Vodafone Dmax Race.

- Good start from Hackworth and Leslie.



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- Leslie takes lead at T5 on 4th lap.
- Lots of bumping due to numbers.
- Lap 8: 8 second gap between 1,2,3
- Epic racing Hackworth / Leslie.
- Gap getting bigger at the front.
- Beautiful overtake by Rossano Bhandal on Bradley Philpott into T5.
- Tim McKeegan then did a stunning move into T6 to overtake both Rossano and Bradley.
- Leslie and Hackworth really pulling away (tense battle).
- Alex Del Verne had a big off but driver ok.
- Hackworth regains the lead lap 34.
- Bush has cemented 3rd.

Lights						
Race		Best	Gap From	Number	Average	Round
Position	Racer	Lap	Leader	Of Laps	Lap	Points
1	Chris Hackworth	64.035	-	55	66.247	52
2	Ben Leslie	64.376	2.31	55	66.289	45
3	Hugo Bush	65.227	1L	54	66.976	40
4	Anson Williams	65.015	1L	54	66.948	38
5	Steve Moody	65.141	1L	54	67.019	36
6	Andrew Biddle	65.363	1L	54	67.197	34
7	Tom Kempynck	65.535	1L	54	67.868	32
8	Tim Mckeegan	65.657	2L	53	67.938	30
9	Bradley Philpot	65.959	2L	53	67.941	28
10	Jane Gibbons	65.283	2L	53	67.922	26
11	Rossano Bhandal	65.859	2L	53	67.972	24
12	Jack O'neill	65.694	2L	53	67.937	22
13	Andy O'neill	65.236	2L	53	67.971	20
14	Simon Alcock	65.932	2L	53	68.06	19
15	Marc Coltelli	66.296	2L	53	68.299	18
16	Alec Tucker	66.686	2L	53	68.706	17
17	Ben Chapman	66.128	2L	53	68.706	16
18	Chris Gillingham	66.541	2L	53	68.703	15
19	Sebastian Wielinski	67.07	2L	53	69.003	14
20	Rob Manns	66.742	3L	52	69.155	13
21	Luke Gaeta	66.972	3L	52	69.152	12
22	Ivan Taranov	65.129	3L	52	69.342	11
23	Andy Stobart	67.485	3L	52	70.408	10
24	HANS CHAN	67.8	4L	51	70.84	9
25	Jonathan Brown	67.456	4L	51	71.313	8
26	Will Buxton	67.14	4L	51	71.61	7
27	Alex Del Verne	66.774	5L	50	72.803	6
28	David Glover	71.719	7L	48	75.521	5
29	Alexander Gaeta	67.765	16L	39	70.585	4
30	Terence Aldridge	71.271	25L	30	77.963	3



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After the Lights parked up, the brand new Inters Class set off for qualifying. Again 30 drivers competed on the sunny but cold circuit for the coveted Pole Position and "Pole Point."

Position	Racer	Best Lap	Gap from Driver ahead	Number Of Laps
1	Joseph Ellis	65.793		12
2	James Pratt	65.945	0.152	11
3	Jason Cleveley	66.204	0.259	11
4	Craig McIlvar	66.266	0.062	12
5	Keith Palmer	66.459	0.193	12
6	Paul Cox	66.777	0.318	12
7	Gary Leonard	66.944	0.167	12
8	James Northfield	67.128	0.184	12
9	Stuart Foster	67.136	0.008	12
10	H- Michael Bal...	67.463	0.327	11
11	*****	67.558	0.095	12
12	2-Stuart Shear...	67.592	0.034	11
13	Callum Beament	67.777	0.185	11
14	Ben Contanduros	67.783	0.006	8
15	Lee Pendlebury	67.989	0.206	10
16	Matthew Parker	68.087	0.098	12
17	Vince Cogzell	68.208	0.121	11
18	2-Andy Barr	68.276	0.068	11
19	Stuart Powell	68.555	0.279	9
20	Andrew Black	69.169	0.614	10
21	Dan Cherington	70.049	0.880	11
22	Mike Newman	70.332	0.283	11
23	Steven Noble	70.836	0.504	11
24	Matthew Stacey	70.889	0.053	11
25	Nico Lawes	71.028	0.139	10
26	David Price	71.344	0.316	11
27	Chris Slarke	71.39	0.046	11
28	Craig Hockley	71.627	0.237	10
29	Josh Tomlinson	71.873	0.246	10
30	Guy Collins	76.157	4.284	10

With Joseph Ellis stealing pole by 0.152 seconds from the reigning 2011 Heavy Enduro Champion, James Pratt, the two of them would lead the field round for the Inters One Hour Enduro race.

- James Pratt moves up to 1st place on lap 1.
- Lap 9: James Pratt and Joseph Ellis split by just 0.200s.
- 120 was the creator of his own downfall failed to give way! T11.
- Cleveley pulling away from chasing pack in 3rd spot.
- 144 unlucky with kart chain off.
- Top 3 JP, JE, JC still setting the standard! 34 laps gone, Pratt looks favourite.
- 8 minutes remain Pratt's lead is getting wider.



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Inters Race		Best	Gap From	Number	Average	Round
Position	Racer	Lap	Leader	Of Laps	Lap	Points
1	James Pratt	65.213		54	66.83	51
2	Joseph Ellis	65.059	20.583	54	67.214	46
3	Jason Cleveley	65.293	44.631	54	67.65	40
4	Craig McIlvar	66.062	1L	53	68.358	38
5	Gary Leonard	65.946	1L	53	68.38	36
6	Ben Contanduros	66.456	1L	53	68.484	34
7	Paul Cox	65.955	1L	53	68.526	32
8	Lee Pendlebury	66.288	1L	53	68.485	30
9	James Northfield	66.364	1L	53	68.62	28
10	*****	66.031	1L	53	68.609	26
11	Stuart Foster	65.943	1L	53	68.633	24
12	Callum Beament	66.424	1L	53	68.614	22
13	H- Michael Bal...	66.571	1L	53	68.737	20
14	Vince Cogzell	67.069	1L	53	69.009	19
15	Andrew Black	67.179	2L	52	69.861	18
16	Josh Tomlinson	66.982	2L	52	69.804	17
17	Matthew Parker	66.87	2L	52	69.931	16
18	2-Andy Barr	67.442	2L	52	70.166	15
19	2-Stuart Shear...	66.333	2L	52	70.287	14
20	Nico Lawes	67.618	3L	51	70.586	13
21	Dan Cherington	67.529	3L	51	70.641	12
22	Keith Palmer	65.671	3L	51	70.758	11
23	Mike Newman	68.147	3L	51	70.695	10
24	Matthew Stacey	68.212	3L	51	70.857	9
25	Craig Hockley	68.852	4L	50	72.251	8
26	Chris Slarke	68.75	4L	50	72.28	7
27	David Price	67.37	5L	49	73.675	6
28	Steven Noble	68.67	6L	48	76.245	5
29	Guy Collins	73.111	8L	46	79.517	4
30	Stuart Powell	65.591	9L	45	80.224	3

James Pratt taking the honours from Joseph Ellis, but Joseph enjoyed the extra point for fastest lap and finished just 20 seconds behind the winner.



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Once the Inters had picked up their trophies, the Heavy Class set off for qualifying. With 28 drivers competing and the new minimum weight limit of 95 kgs, the heavier drivers would enjoy the 7.5kgs benefit over the 2011 Heavy Class.

Position	Racer	Best Lap	Gap from Driver ahead	Number Of Laps
1	Chris Carter	66.382		9
2	Damien Hudes	66.586	0.204	12
3	Jamie Pender	66.737	0.151	12
4	simon ross	66.808	0.071	13
5	John Tredger	66.838	0.030	12
6	Graham Higgs	66.993	0.155	11
7	Ian Brooks	67.413	0.420	13
8	anthony Gibson	67.692	0.279	12
9	Adam Nakar	67.788	0.096	12
10	Ian Mcmillan	67.817	0.029	12
11	Baron Rouge	67.832	0.015	12
12	David Vincent	68.017	0.185	11
13	Andrew Haine	68.307	0.290	12
14	3-Chris Munro	68.418	0.111	13
15	Michael McKeegan	68.502	0.084	13
16	Jim Mardlin	68.572	0.070	12
17	Ben Smith	68.92	0.348	11
18	Adrian Duggleby	69.082	0.162	12
19	Lee Witney	69.27	0.188	11
20	Diogo Silva	69.347	0.077	12
21	andrew henley	69.448	0.101	12
22	DAVID JOHNSON	69.656	0.208	12
23	Ayrton Radford	69.697	0.041	12
24	Jonathan Benson	69.859	0.162	12
25	Peter Turner	69.886	0.027	12
26	David Scott	70.932	1.046	12
27	martin strutt	70.954	0.022	11
28	Fred Thornton	79.789	8.835	9

Chris Carter's pole position time of 66.382 showed the difference between the classes.

Chris and Damien led the field round for the start of the third one hour endure race of the day. The race start was very close – too close as the pack went through turn 2 – with 7 or 8 karts colliding as they exited turn 3 and Michael McKeegan finding another kart flying across the front of his – and unfortunately bouncing off his shin. A red flag stoppage of a few minutes whilst the first aiders checked Michael out meant that the drivers sat and cooled off. Michael walked in to the Pits to take a rest before deciding the re-join the race, and the other 27 drivers restarted under a full course yellow.

- Chris C setting the early standard.
- Red incident Michael McKeegan 1st lap.



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- Black flag first of championship to Simon Ross for ABC at T8.
- Close @ the top CC, JP, DH 5 seconds the difference @ lap 21.
- Quickest lap CC 1.05.330

Heavy Race Position	Racer	Best Lap	Gap From Leader	Number Of Laps	Average Lap	Round Points
1	Chris Carter	65.33		49	73.118	52
2	Jamie Pender	65.972	20.959	49	73.541	45
3	Damien Hudes	66.059	30.545	49	73.739	40
4	John Tredger	66.001	44.662	49	74.015	38
5	Graham Higgs	66.236	50.508	49	74.133	36
6	Ian Brooks	66.708	58.405	49	74.291	34
7	Simon Ross	65.557	1L	48	74.724	32
8	Anthony Gibson	66.956	1L	48	74.775	30
9	Jim Mardlin	66.81	1L	48	74.857	28
10	Adam Nakar	66.296	1L	48	75.045	26
11	David Vincent	66.639	1L	48	75.679	24
12	Andrew Haine	66.571	1L	48	75.742	22
13	Chris Munro	67.458	1L	48	75.811	20
14	Baron Rouge	67.244	1L	48	75.855	19
15	Adrian Duggleby	67.435	1L	48	75.892	18
16	DAVID JOHNSON	68.372	2L	47	76.876	17
17	Lee Witney	68.076	2L	47	77.243	16
18	Jonathan Benson	68.826	2L	47	77.456	15
19	Diogo Silva	69.513	2L	47	77.5	14
20	Peter Turner	67.794	2L	47	77.584	13
21	Andrew Henley	67.989	3L	46	78.432	12
22	Martin Strutt	68.083	4L	45	79.707	11
23	Ayrton Radford	68.622	4L	45	80.468	10
24	Ian Mcmillan	66.473	5L	44	75.473	9
25	David Scott	70.056	5L	44	81.409	8
26	Ben Smith	68.225	6L	43	84.023	7
27	Fred Thornton	75.26	9L	40	90.414	6
28	Michael McKeegan	66.939	26L	23	158.353	5

Chris's win over Jamie and Damien earned him 50 points with extra points for Pole and for fastest lap.