



The TW Steel DMAX Champs 2014 – Round 4 – Rye House

Clear blue skies and bright sunshine bathed Rye House with warm temperatures likely to test the endurance of the drivers throughout the day.

Enduros

Inters

Qualifying

Tim McKeegan was the early pace setter with a 42.257 only to have Joe Holmes pip him with a 42.125. Ed White soon joined them at the top of the timesheets with a 42.321. McKeegan and Holmes continued to trade for provisional pole with the times dropping as Holmes set a 41.781 to go 0.164 seconds clear of McKeegan. Bobby Trundley moved up into 3rd ahead of Ed White but dropped to 4th provisionally as Andrew Knapp jumped up into 3rd. As the drivers became more and more familiar with the circuit, the times continued to fall with Holmes on a 41.157, just 0.271 seconds ahead of McKeegan. Holmes fractionally improved to a 41.134 with a minute to spare with Trundley moving back up into 3rd, 0.463 seconds off of Holmes' best. Holmes' time was good enough for pole with McKeegan joining him on the front row. Trundley qualified 3rd ahead of White, with Knapp and Bruno Botelho completing the top 6.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	best speed	diff	gap	laps
1	Joe Holmes	41.134	17	78.767			17
2	Tim McKeegan	41.428	13	78.208	0.294	0.294	21
3	Bobby Trundley	41.577	21	77.928	0.443	0.149	22
4	Ed White	41.583	21	77.916	0.449	0.006	22
5	Andrew Knapp	41.665	15	77.763	0.531	0.082	22
6	Bruno Botelho	41.754	21	77.597	0.62	0.089	22
7	Vince Cogzell	41.759	12	77.588	0.625	0.005	19
8	Ben Chapman	41.876	19	77.371	0.742	0.117	22
9	Alec Tucker	41.91	17	77.309	0.776	0.034	22
10	Mark Giglio	42.05	17	77.051	0.916	0.14	19
11	Stuart Foster	42.231	14	76.721	1.097	0.181	18
12	Diogo Silva	42.263	19	76.663	1.129	0.032	22
13	Allan Curtis	42.273	19	76.645	1.139	0.01	20
14	Luke Handley	42.309	20	76.579	1.175	0.036	20
15	Darren Martin	42.441	14	76.341	1.307	0.132	21
16	Ben Oliver	42.5	21	76.235	1.366	0.059	21
17	William Topp	42.553	21	76.14	1.419	0.053	22
18	Anthony Kirk	42.584	13	76.085	1.45	0.031	21
19	Alex Del Verne	42.605	19	76.047	1.471	0.021	19
20	Seb Cook	42.658	19	75.953	1.524	0.053	22
21	Tom Parke	42.906	16	75.514	1.772	0.248	19
22	Gary Mills	42.925	19	75.48	1.791	0.019	21



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Race

Joe Holmes got a good start, leading into Stadium with the rest of the pack hot on his heels. Tim McKeegan was the man giving chase on the opening lap with Ed White and Bobby Trundley close behind but Holmes looked eager to build an early lead as he pulled out a 1 second advantage in 3 laps. As Holmes escaped, McKeegan had to deal with White on his tail with Trundley closing in to make up for losing out at the start. Stuart Foster was making his way through the field, passing Vince Cogzell and Ben Chapman in a lap to move himself up into 7th, giving him a run on Knapp for 6th.

After 10 minutes of hounding McKeegan, White finally got his man through Stadium to take up 2nd and to put a driver between him and the charging Trundley. White's next target was Holmes who was 7 seconds up the road but with McKeegan hanging onto the back of White, it wasn't going to be easy to close the gap. McKeegan settled himself and after 5 minutes of sitting behind White, began to attack him again for 2nd, with a look into the hairpin just getting closed off by White. This was allowing Trundley to latch onto the back of McKeegan to form a three kart train and was also allowing Foster to start closing in now that he had despatched of Knapp and Bruno Botelho.

At the half way stage, Holmes was clear by 13 seconds with McKeegan back in 2nd ahead of White and Trundley. These three had been swapping positions throughout the first half with McKeegan occupying all three spots at one stage or another. Foster was continuing to close in by a few tenths a lap and was now 3 seconds behind the battling trio. The fastest lap times were all very close with everyone in the top 5 within 0.3 seconds of each other.

With 15 minutes of the race remaining, Holmes hit kart problems, costing him 30 seconds as the issue was resolved, promoting McKeegan into 1st with a lead of 1.2 seconds of White and 4.5 seconds of Trundley and Foster with Holmes re-joining in 5th, 14 seconds off those ahead of him. White then hit kart problems as well and was forced to pit, letting McKeegan off the hook as he enjoyed a lead of 4.5 seconds over Trundley with 10 minutes remaining. Holmes was a man on a mission as he began his recovery drive, setting a new fastest lap of 40.894 to go 0.3 seconds faster than anyone else had managed.

The chequered flag brought the race to an end with McKeegan claiming victory ahead of Trundley by 4.2 seconds. Foster completed the podium ahead of Holmes and Ben Chapman.

pos	competitor	laps	total time	diff	best time	best lap	best speed
1	Tim McKeegan	87	1:00:22.206		41.158	48	78.721
2	Bobby Trundley	87	1:00:26.445	4.239	41.132	55	78.771
3	Stuart Foster	87	1:00:26.617	4.411	41.21	25	78.622
4	Joe Holmes	87	1:00:32.197	9.991	40.894	73	79.229
5	Ben Chapman	87	1:01:03.038	40.832	41.599	15	77.886
6	Vince Cogzell	86	1:00:25.622	1 lap	41.639	15	77.812
7	Anthony Kirk	86	1:00:36.337	1 lap	41.648	25	77.795
8	Alec Tucker	86	1:00:39.716	1 lap	41.641	79	77.808
9	Allan Curtis	86	1:00:43.866	1 lap	41.69	35	77.716
10	Diogo Silva	86	1:00:58.546	1 lap	41.983	41	77.174
11	Alex Del Verne	85	1:00:27.296	2 laps	41.931	27	77.27



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12	Mark Giglio	85	1:00:31.448	2 laps	41.85	19	77.419
13	William Topp	85	1:00:41.121	2 laps	42.079	19	76.998
14	Darren Martin	85	1:00:44.743	2 laps	41.963	13	77.211
15	Seb Cook	85	1:01:03.898	2 laps	42.325	32	76.551
16	Ed White	84	1:00:33.016	3 laps	40.744	81	79.521
17	Bruno Botelho	84	1:00:45.228	3 laps	41.468	25	78.133
18	Gary Mills	84	1:00:59.502	3 laps	42.594	31	76.067
19	Ben Oliver	80	1:00:39.319	7 laps	41.935	19	77.262
20	Andrew Knapp	40	28:03.878	47 laps	41.432	13	78.2
21	Luke Handley	35	26:00.765	52 laps	41.943	32	77.248
22	Tom Parke	29	21:21.938	58 laps	42.586	14	76.081





Heavies

Qualifying

David Vincent was the early pace setter, getting into stride within a couple of laps and setting a time of 42.330. He was 0.102 seconds clear of Gareth Holt and a further 0.030 seconds clear of James Griffith. Chris Carter moved into 2nd, just 0.080 seconds off. After 7 minutes, the top 4 were covered by just 0.033 seconds with Tomasz Zaustowicz now sitting on top of the timesheets and the top 6 were covered by just over a tenth. With the times so close, the positions continued to change between the top 5. After 15 minutes of qualifying, pole went to Zaustowicz with a 42.003, 0.144 seconds clear of Griffith. Holt headed the second row, 0.229 seconds off pole ahead of Carter, Andrew Haine and Vincent with the first three rows being covered by 0.450 seconds.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	best speed	diff	gap	laps
1	Tomasz Zaustowicz	41.88	20	77.364			21
2	James Griffith	42.024	14	77.099	0.144	0.144	22
3	Gareth Holt	42.109	21	76.943	0.229	0.085	22
4	Chris Carter	42.139	13	76.888	0.259	0.03	22
5	Andrew Haine	42.301	13	76.594	0.421	0.162	19
6	David Vincent	42.33	5	76.541	0.45	0.029	19
7	Jamie Pender	42.471	16	76.287	0.591	0.141	17
8	Chris Munro	42.487	18	76.259	0.607	0.016	23
9	Peter Hayes	42.876	15	75.567	0.996	0.389	15
10	Vinod Hirani	42.897	20	75.53	1.017	0.021	20
11	Robert Bennett	42.947	13	75.442	1.067	0.05	18
12	Ian Brooks	43.272	19	74.875	1.392	0.325	19
13	Adam Daly	43.464	10	74.544	1.584	0.192	18

Race

Tomasz Zaustowicz lead the pack into Stadium as the green flag waved to signal the start of the Heavy Enduro race. James Griffith followed with Chris Carter tucked up behind him but Carter got ahead through Stadium on lap 2 with Andrew Haine stealing 3rd from Griffith a couple of corners later. Zaustowicz had built an early lead during this stage but Carter began to come back at Zaustowicz to start reeling him in with Carter setting a lap time good enough for pole on lap 3. Zaustowicz soon responded however as the pair began to trade off lap times at the front of the field with Haine and Griffith close behind.

After 15 minutes of the race completed, Haine and Griffiths had caught back up to Carter and began to put him under pressure for 2nd, allowing Zaustowicz to comfortably pull out a few seconds over the trio. Haine was hassling Carter and got alongside as the pair entered Pylon nearly side-by-side. As the pair turned right, Haine was just alongside with contact causing Carter to be pushed out wide and into the tyre barrier. Carter dropped down the order as Haine lost out to Griffith in the aftermath with the move being deemed a racing incident. This helped to extend Zaustowicz's lead at the front with Griffith being hounded by Haine in the fight for 2nd and Vincent just holding off the battling pair of Holt and Jamie Pender.



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James Griffith spent the next 20 minutes of the race gradually reeling in Zaustowicz to bring his lead down to 3 seconds with 5 minutes of the race remaining with Haine a further 4.6 seconds adrift in 3rd. Holt, Pender and Vincent were having their race long fight until Pender had to pit with a kart issue leaving the fight for 4th between Holt and Vincent. Another fight that was yet to be resolved was that between Ian Brooks and Adam Daly in 7th and 8th respectively. Griffith was taking chunks of time out of Zaustowicz with 3 minutes remaining with the gap down to a second with 2 laps remaining. As the pair were signalled the start of the final lap, Griffith thumped the steering wheel and got his head down, chasing Zaustowicz all the way to the chequered flag, missing out on the win by 0.531 seconds. Zaustowicz was clearly delighted with the win ahead of Griffith with Haine finishing 3rd on track but being awarded a 1 lap penalty for the contact with Carter after a stewards enquiry dropping him to 5th. Holt completed the podium ahead of Vincent and Haine.

pos	competitor	laps	total time	diff	best time	best lap	best speed
1	Tomasz Zaustowicz	86	1:00:22.035		41.636	11	77.817
2	James Griffith	86	1:00:22.566	0.531	41.735	31	77.633
3	Gareth Holt	86	1:00:49.045	27.01	41.998	27	77.147
4	David Vincent	86	1:00:51.303	29.268	41.933	10	77.266
5	Andrew Haine	85	1:00:26.957	1 lap	41.689	30	77.718
6	Chris Carter	85	1:00:32.728	1 lap	41.841	50	77.436
7	Ian Brooks	85	1:00:46.534	1 lap	42.489	45	76.255
8	Adam Daly	85	1:00:46.749	1 lap	42.269	78	76.652
9	Vinod Hirani	84	1:00:28.972	2 laps	42.575	15	76.101
10	Peter Hayes	76	1:00:50.564	10 laps	42.798	4	75.704
11	Jamie Pender	67	47:22.949	19 laps	41.897	50	77.333
12	Robert Bennett	43	1:01:11.699	43 laps	42.326	19	76.549
13	Chris Munro	19	13:45.193	67 laps	42.602	7	76.053



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Lights

Qualifying

James Baldwin was quick to get into his rhythm setting the early pace with a 41.131 to head the field with Paul Cox in provisional 2nd ahead of Ben Leslie, Josh King and Steve Moody. Baldwin dropped his time by a tenth to give him an advantage of 0.341 seconds over Cox with 1.024 seconds covering the top 10. As the session continued, the times steadily dropped but Baldwin remained relatively unchallenged to take pole. Cox claimed 2nd on the grid ahead of Moody with Dom Whiting, Chris Hackworth and Leslie completing the first three rows.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	best speed	diff	gap	laps
1	James Baldwin	40.915	19	79.189			22
2	Paul Cox	41.346	14	78.363	0.431	0.431	23
3	Steve Moody	41.559	12	77.961	0.644	0.213	23
4	Dom Whiting	41.57	20	77.941	0.655	0.011	23
5	Chris Hackworth	41.601	16	77.883	0.686	0.031	21
6	Ben Leslie	41.687	9	77.722	0.772	0.086	19
7	Mark Wyllie-Mackay	41.755	18	77.595	0.84	0.068	22
8	Josh King	41.776	9	77.556	0.861	0.021	23
9	Andrew Grove	41.811	12	77.492	0.896	0.035	22
10	Kamran Moussa-Zadeh	41.93	15	77.272	1.015	0.119	21



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11	Jane Gibbons	42.003	21	77.137	1.088	0.073	22
12	Jonny Spencer	42.023	12	77.101	1.108	0.02	22
13	Ronan McClintock	42.036	21	77.077	1.121	0.013	22
14	Dominic Cheng	42.119	15	76.925	1.204	0.083	22
15	Jack Hollingsworth	42.127	11	76.91	1.212	0.008	22
16	Christopher Anderson	42.28	21	76.632	1.365	0.153	22
17	Daniel Vary	42.314	18	76.57	1.399	0.034	22
18	Mez Evans	42.418	11	76.383	1.503	0.104	22
19	David Glover	42.513	12	76.212	1.598	0.095	22
20	Dominic Tucker	42.521	17	76.198	1.606	0.008	22
21	Hans Chan	42.818	20	75.669	1.903	0.297	22
22	Nikolay Angelov	42.922	21	75.486	2.007	0.104	22
23	Alex Lee	43.112	17	75.153	2.197	0.19	21
24	Oswald Bousseau	44.162	13	73.366	3.247	1.05	21

Race

James Baldwin got a great start from pole to head the field through Stadium with Paul Cox, Steve Moody and Dom Whiting right behind. Baldwin immediately got his head down and began to pull out a lead over Cox who was in-turn, leaving Whiting and Moody behind with Chris Hackworth 4.3 seconds behind them. Hackworth had Josh King and Ben Leslie climbing all over the back of him with King getting the better of Hackworth at the hairpin.

Hackworth and Leslie had passed King for 5th and Hackworth began to pull a gap over Leslie who lost the position back to King with a lovely move up the inside at Stadium. Hackworth then made an uncharacteristic error as he lost the back end through the first part of Pylon and had a half spin, dropping him down to 11th.

Baldwin continued to stretch his lead as the race progressed with the gap out to 27.720 seconds over Cox in 2nd with Whiting a further 7 seconds behind with 20 minutes of the race remaining. King and Leslie were still in close company as they fought for 4th with drivers beginning to feel the heat with some having to pull in for water. Baldwin was still pushing on, setting a new fastest lap of the race on lap 59 with a 40.844 seconds with his lead over Cox increasing with each passing lap.

As the race approached its conclusion, Baldwin wasn't letting up, setting a new fastest lap of the race (40.699) with 3 minutes of the race remaining. The chequered flag greeted him after one hour of racing with Cox finishing in a lonely 2nd. Whiting completed the podium 15 seconds behind Cox with Mark Wyllie-Mackay having a quiet race to take 4th ahead of Ben Leslie.

pos	competitor	laps	total time	diff	best time	best lap	best speed
1	James Baldwin	87	59:57.634		40.699	82	79.609
2	Paul Cox	86	1:00:05.816	1 lap	41.278	10	78.492
3	Dom Whiting	86	1:00:21.073	1 lap	41.437	18	78.191
4	Mark Wyllie-Mackay	86	1:00:31.616	1 lap	41.507	83	78.059
5	Ben Leslie	86	1:00:32.455	1 lap	41.55	81	77.978
6	Chris Hackworth	86	1:00:37.873	1 lap	41.642	84	77.806



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7	Jane Gibbons	85	1:00:08.811	2 laps	41.652	20	77.787
8	Jonny Spencer	85	1:00:21.914	2 laps	42.094	15	76.971
9	Dominic Tucker	85	1:00:28.319	2 laps	42.03	52	77.088
10	Ronan McClintock	85	1:00:39.660	2 laps	41.97	73	77.198
11	Kamran Moussa-Zadeh	85	1:00:42.512	2 laps	41.695	15	77.707
12	Mez Evans	84	1:00:03.406	3 laps	42.071	58	77.013
13	David Glover	84	1:00:33.197	3 laps	42.153	58	76.863
14	Dominic Cheng	83	1:00:16.289	4 laps	42.012	25	77.121
15	Hans Chan	83	1:00:17.554	4 laps	42.436	20	76.35
16	Andrew Grove	83	1:00:34.072	4 laps	41.702	77	77.694
17	Steve Moody	83	1:00:36.759	4 laps	41.118	58	78.798
18	Nikolay Angelov	81	59:58.748	6 laps	42.97	6	75.401
19	Daniel Vary	80	1:00:16.629	7 laps	41.856	36	77.408
20	Oswald Bousseau	79	1:00:28.341	8 laps	43.374	15	74.699
21	Josh King	68	47:51.941	19 laps	41.537	58	78.003
22	Christopher Anderson	66	49:20.068	21 laps	42.009	14	77.126
23	Jack Hollingsworth	55	50:06.725	32 laps	42.462	15	76.304
24	Alex Lee	48	35:11.744	39 laps	42.804	48	75.694

