



The TW Steel DMAX Champs 2014 – Round 8 - Whilton Mill

Heavies

Qualifying

A chilly but sunny Whilton Mill greeted the Heavy drivers as the championship returned to Whilton Mill. Chris Carter got into the groove very early on, setting the early pace, but Gareth Holt knocked Carter off of provisional pole by less than a tenth. Carter responded with a 53.203 to get back ahead of Holt with Jamie Pender and Tomasz Zaustowicz provisionally on the second row. Zaustowicz's chances of pole took a bit of a blow as he stopped on track, bringing the full course yellows out with 7 minutes remaining. Chris Munro joined the battle for pole as yellows were cleared, taking second provisionally with 3 minutes remaining, but Carter was clear at the top of the time sheets, improving his times with each passing lap. Carter took pole from Munro with Holt taking 3rd ahead of the late charging Malcolm Clark and Jamie Pender.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	best speed	diff	gap	laps
1	Chris Carter	52.865	12	81.718 Km/h			17
2	Chris Munro	53.302	16	81.048 Km/h	0.437	0.437	17
3	Gareth Holt	53.372	16	80.941 Km/h	0.507	0.07	16
4	Malcolm Clark	53.481	16	80.776 Km/h	0.616	0.109	17
5	Jamie Pender	53.515	14	80.725 Km/h	0.65	0.034	17
6	Lee Witney	53.567	14	80.647 Km/h	0.702	0.052	17
7	David Vincent	53.581	14	80.626 Km/h	0.716	0.014	14
8	Andrew Haine	53.73	16	80.402 Km/h	0.865	0.149	17
9	Robert Bennett	53.987	14	80.019 Km/h	1.122	0.257	17
10	Tomasz Zaustowicz	54.083	5	79.877 Km/h	1.218	0.096	15
11	Michael McKeegan	54.227	16	79.665 Km/h	1.362	0.144	16
12	Vinod Hirani	54.328	13	79.517 Km/h	1.463	0.101	17
13	James Griffith	54.966	14	78.594 Km/h	2.101	0.638	14
14	Dane Clarke	55.461	13	77.893 Km/h	2.596	0.495	16
15	David Wheadon	55.76	14	77.475 Km/h	2.895	0.299	16

Race

Chris Carter held onto pole as the field filtered through turns one and two with Carter being followed up the hill to Christmas by Chris Munro and Gareth Holt. Malcolm Clark and Jamie Pender were a few kart lengths further back in 4th and 5th respectively with Pender getting ahead of Clark into Christmas on lap 2. James Griffiths made unfortunate contact with David Vincent coming back down the hill on lap 2, taking Vincent off the track and earning him a black flag. Rob Bennett was making his way up the grid, getting onto the back of Clark, hassling him for 6th with Andrew Haine closing in on the pair of them as Bennett looked for a way passed.

Holt had passed Munro in the early laps and began to set after Carter, with the pair of them trading fastest lap times at the head of the field. Bennett got his man, passing Clark through the long left hander and onto



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the back straight which then allowed Haine to have a look at Clark with a look up the inside at the final corner not paying off. The gap at the front between Carter and Holt had stabilised at 4 seconds with Munro a further 6 seconds behind after 20 minutes of racing. Munro had Jamie Pender and Tomasz Zaustowicz just 3 seconds behind him with plenty of time to make up the gap with Haine and Lee Witney having the closest fight on track.

Pender had closed the gap to Munro as the race approached the half way stage, looking for a way to get ahead, but Munro appeared to be judging when to defend very well, keeping Pender at bay. Pender got ahead through The Boot as Munro ran wide at the second apex, allowing Pender to slip through, but Munro was not giving up, latching onto his rear bumper and drawing alongside Pender as they came into the long left hander before the back straight. There was some side-to-side contact with Pender electing to take to the grass instead of hitting the kerb allowing Munro to get back ahead as they came onto the back straight. Pender closed back up a few laps later and resumed the fight for 3rd, again looking for a way past Munro's defence. Pender finally got his chance going up the hill into Christmas, braking as late as he dared, catching Munro slightly off-guard, with a little bit of side-to-side contact, but nothing that warranted a penalty. Pender was through and away, quickly pulling a few kart lengths over Munro as Bennett began to close on Munro.

Griffiths had been making steady progress through the field after his black flag and was into 6th and was catching Bennett at a rate of knots. Griffiths got onto Bennett's rear bumper and promptly passed him before they headed onto the back straight with 10 minutes remaining. Munro was next on Griffiths list as the laps ticked by and was bringing Bennett with him. With 3 minutes remaining, there was just half a second between the three of them with Griffiths lining up Munro and repeating the move he pulled on Bennett to take 4th. Bennett then capitalised on Munro getting passed to get on terms with him and pass him through the final corner.

Out front, Carter had had a relatively easy time of things, cruising from pole to a 9 second lead and taking the win from Holt. Pender completed the podium, 36.072 seconds off Carter with the recovering Griffiths taking 4th and Bennett taking 5th.

pos	competitor	laps	total time	diff	best time	best lap	best speed
1	Chris Carter	68	00:19.4		52.665	11	82.028 Km/h
2	Gareth Holt	68	00:28.7	9.325	52.953	18	81.582 Km/h
3	Jamie Pender	68	00:55.5	36.072	52.874	25	81.704 Km/h
4	James Griffith	68	00:57.9	38.449	52.594	32	82.139 Km/h
5	Robert Bennett	68	00:59.4	39.962	52.823	66	81.783 Km/h
6	Chris Munro	68	01:10.2	50.838	53.094	39	81.365 Km/h
7	Tomasz Zaustowicz	67	00:24.5	1 lap	52.929	32	81.619 Km/h
8	Andrew Haine	67	00:27.4	1 lap	53.419	65	80.87 Km/h
9	David Vincent	67	00:33.9	1 lap	53.128	37	81.313 Km/h
10	Michael McKeegan	67	00:42.0	1 lap	53.44	53	80.838 Km/h
11	Vinod Hirani	67	00:53.2	1 lap	53.677	49	80.481 Km/h
12	Lee Witney	67	00:53.9	1 lap	53.417	10	80.873 Km/h
13	Dane Clarke	66	01:00.1	2 laps	54.209	57	79.692 Km/h



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14	Malcolm Clark	66	01:11.8	2 laps	53.496	6	80.754 Km/h
15	David Wheadon	63	00:50.5	5 laps	55.944	3	77.22 Km/h



Gareth Holt

Chris Carter

Jamie Pender

Lights

Qualifying

Chris Hackworth was the early pacesetter as the sun beamed on the Whilton Mill track but he was not going to have it all his own way as Dom Whiting and then Tom Hill dropped him down the order, beating his time by less than a tenth. Hackworth responded with a 52.263 to give him an advantage of 3 tenths over Hill. The field continued to improve their times as the session progressed with Hill again regaining pole with a 51.915 to edge Hackworth by 0.060 seconds who also improved his time. Paul Cox jumped into 3rd ahead of Dom Whiting, just 0.250 seconds off of pole. Hackworth improved again, but not enough to take pole as he was 0.024 seconds off pole with 4 minutes remaining. Hackworth's next lap jumped him ahead, albeit, by just 0.003 seconds. Whiting also improved to be just 0.110 seconds off of pole, but Hackworth found an extra gear, setting a 51.654 to go 3 tenths clear at the top. Hackworth claimed pole from Hill by 0.261 with Whiting taking 3rd ahead of Cox and Tom Kempynck.



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pos	competitor	best time	In lap	best speed	diff	gap	laps
1	Chris Hackworth	51.654	14	83.633 Km/h			18
2	Tom Hill	51.915	10	83.213 Km/h	0.261	0.261	17
3	Dom Whiting	52.022	13	83.042 Km/h	0.368	0.107	17
4	Paul Cox	52.164	11	82.816 Km/h	0.51	0.142	17
5	Tom Kempynck	52.329	15	82.555 Km/h	0.675	0.165	16
6	Josh King	52.48	17	82.317 Km/h	0.826	0.151	17
7	Tom Golding	52.804	17	81.812 Km/h	1.15	0.324	17
8	Dominic Tucker	52.85	8	81.741 Km/h	1.196	0.046	17
9	Lawrence Tombs	52.916	13	81.639 Km/h	1.262	0.066	16
10	Ben Leslie	52.939	14	81.603 Km/h	1.285	0.023	16
11	Jane Gibbons	52.963	13	81.566 Km/h	1.309	0.024	16
12	Jonny Spencer	53.034	17	81.457 Km/h	1.38	0.071	17
13	Ronan McClintock	53.518	9	80.721 Km/h	1.864	0.484	17
14	Kamran Moussa-Zadeh	53.586	15	80.618 Km/h	1.932	0.068	16
15	Andrew Grove	53.631	9	80.55 Km/h	1.977	0.045	16
16	Mehmet Ersen	53.847	15	80.227 Km/h	2.193	0.216	15
17	Tanzi Besant	54.014	5	79.979 Km/h	2.36	0.167	17
18	David Glover	54.287	16	79.577 Km/h	2.633	0.273	16
19	Nikolay Angelov	54.882	14	78.714 Km/h	3.228	0.595	16
20	Oswald Bousseau	55.804	15	77.414 Km/h	4.15	0.922	16

Race

Chris Hackworth led the field as the race got underway with Tom Hill dropping from 2nd to 5th. Dom Whiting moved into 3rd with Paul Cox and Tom Kempynck a few kart lengths behind as Hill tried to make up for losing out at the start, climbing over the back of Kempynck. The battle behind was heating up as Hill and Kempynck came together through turns 1 and 2, dropping Kempynck down the order and earning Hill a penalty. This left Cox on his own in 3rd as Hackworth and Whiting were clear out front. Tom Golding was sat in 4th as the full course yellows were brought out to recover a kart, with the drivers maintaining the gaps to the karts around them as the green flag resumed racing.

Hackworth seemed to be head and shoulders above the rest around Whilton, running his own race and pulling out a lead of 9 seconds after 20 minutes of racing as Dom Whiting had Paul Cox bearing down on him; the gap just 1.6 seconds. Ben Leslie, Tom Golding and Josh King were all having a close race for 4th, but Golding ran wide coming down the hill and lost time to Leslie and King with Leslie then pulling out a gap of 2.6 seconds over King.

Tom Golding and Tanzi Besant had a coming together at turn 7 as Golding went for a move on Besant and misjudged it, causing Besant to lose out with Golding picking up a penalty for the contact. Tom Hill was recovering from his own black flag, setting a new fastest lap of the race with a 51.760 with 20 minutes remaining.



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The top spots remained as they were for the remainder of the race as they spread out from each other. This left Hackworth with an easy run to the chequered flag, taking the win by 33.043 from Whiting. Cox took 3rd, beating Leslie and King.

pos	competitor	laps	total time	diff	best time	best lap	best speed
1	Chris Hackworth	69	00:41.3		51.917	19	83.21 Km/h
2	Dom Whiting	69	01:14.4	33.043	51.882	26	83.266 Km/h
3	Paul Cox	69	01:19.0	37.673	51.974	19	83.118 Km/h
4	Ben Leslie	69	01:23.4	42.02	52.386	38	82.465 Km/h
5	Josh King	69	01:30.9	49.589	52.49	43	82.301 Km/h
6	Andrew Grove	69	01:31.5	50.202	52.356	34	82.512 Km/h
7	Tom Hill	68	00:59.4	1 lap	51.76	20	83.462 Km/h
8	Dominic Tucker	68	01:01.2	1 lap	52.622	36	82.095 Km/h
9	Jonny Spencer	68	01:01.9	1 lap	52.687	16	81.994 Km/h
10	Jane Gibbons	68	01:02.5	1 lap	52.547	18	82.212 Km/h
11	Tom Kempynck	68	01:21.1	1 lap	52.242	17	82.692 Km/h
12	Tom Golding	68	01:32.5	1 lap	52.408	59	82.43 Km/h
13	David Glover	67	01:24.7	2 laps	53.68	25	80.477 Km/h
14	Tanzi Besant	66	00:43.2	3 laps	53.613	27	80.577 Km/h
15	Nikolay Angelov	66	01:18.2	3 laps	54.436	44	79.359 Km/h
16	Mehmet Ersen	66	01:25.2	3 laps	53.808	13	80.285 Km/h
17	Ronan McClintock	66	01:30.7	3 laps	53.135	62	81.302 Km/h
18	Kamran Moussa-Zadeh	64	00:52.4	5 laps	52.835	53	81.764 Km/h
19	Oswald Bousseau	62	00:46.3	7 laps	56.191	51	76.881 Km/h
20	Lawrence Tombs	25	22:46.3	44 laps	52.75	15	81.896 Km/h



Dom Whiting

Chris Hackworth

Paul Cox





Inters

Qualifying

Joe Holmes was the early pacesetter as the sun disappeared behind the clouds with Tim McKeegan, Andrew Knapp and Joe Ellis swapping positions behind him. Andrew Tempest had some low-key laps as he wound himself up to take provisional pole after 5 minutes to beat Holmes by a tenth. Holmes responded with a 52.915 to beat Tempest by 0.036 seconds with McKeegan in 3rd just 0.042 seconds off pole. Holmes dug deep to put 4 tenths between himself and those behind as William Topp moved into 2nd, 0.390 seconds behind Holmes. Knapp was next to occupy provisional 2nd going 0.364 off pole making it very close behind Holmes. Oliver Peacock took provisional 2nd from nowhere, decreasing Holmes' advantage to 0.234 seconds and dropping Knapp to 3rd as Holmes improved his time by 0.004 seconds. Peacock continued to chip away at Holmes' time, getting within 0.136 seconds of his pole time. The chequered flag brought the session to an end with Holmes' taking pole by 0.136 seconds from Peacock. Knapp was 3rd a further 0.038 seconds back but ahead of Topp and Vince Cogzell with 0.405 seconds covering the top 5.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	best speed	diff	gap	laps
1	Joe Holmes	52.539	14	82.225 Km/h			17
2	Oliver Peacock	52.675	15	82.012 Km/h	0.136	0.136	16
3	Andrew Knapp	52.713	16	81.953 Km/h	0.174	0.038	16
4	William Topp	52.905	15	81.656 Km/h	0.366	0.192	15
5	Vince Cogzell	52.944	14	81.596 Km/h	0.405	0.039	15
6	Andrew Tempest	52.951	7	81.585 Km/h	0.412	0.007	17
7	Tim McKeegan	52.954	15	81.58 Km/h	0.415	0.003	17
8	Anthony Kirk	53.239	12	81.144 Km/h	0.7	0.285	15
9	Bobby Trundley	53.256	17	81.118 Km/h	0.717	0.017	17
10	Stuart Foster	53.298	9	81.054 Km/h	0.759	0.042	17
11	Joseph Ellis	53.331	9	81.004 Km/h	0.792	0.033	15
12	Ben Chapman	53.357	12	80.964 Km/h	0.818	0.026	17
13	Alex Del Verne	53.44	15	80.838 Km/h	0.901	0.083	17
14	Nick Fox Jnr	53.612	11	80.579 Km/h	1.073	0.172	17
15	Adrian Wisniewski	53.65	12	80.522 Km/h	1.111	0.038	16
16	Allan Curtis	53.662	15	80.504 Km/h	1.123	0.012	17
17	Daniel Vary	53.721	10	80.415 Km/h	1.182	0.059	16
18	Darren Martin	53.803	9	80.293 Km/h	1.264	0.082	17
19	Antonio Caccioli	53.864	14	80.202 Km/h	1.325	0.061	16
20	Alex Miles	53.955	12	80.067 Km/h	1.416	0.091	15
21	Gary Mills	54.128	12	79.811 Km/h	1.589	0.173	17
22	Stuart Shearman	54.275	16	79.595 Km/h	1.736	0.147	17
23	Seb Cook	54.669	16	79.021 Km/h	2.13	0.394	16
24	Steven Hussey	54.734	7	78.927 Km/h	2.195	0.065	16



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Race

Joe Holmes made the most of pole to lead the charging pack up the hill into Christmas with Oliver Peacock losing out to Andrew Knapp at the start. Peacock regained his position coming back down the hill as Knapp out-braked himself and ran wide, dropping behind William Topp. Knapp then got back ahead of Topp for 3rd going into The Boot at the end of lap 1. Holmes got into an early rhythm and began to build a lead which was out to 2 seconds over Peacock after 5 minutes of racing. Knapp and Topp behind were putting in some fast laps with Tim McKeegan and Andrew Tempest close behind, just 3 seconds covering 2nd to 5th.

Allan Curtis stopped on track, bringing out a full course yellow after 10 minutes with the drivers sensibly holding the gaps to the drivers around them. Two laps later and the green flags were waving to signal the resumption of the race, as Holmes got back to trying to win this race. Peacock had other ideas however as he began to close the gap of 2 seconds to Holmes by a couple of tenths each lap. This gap soon began to fluctuate as the leading pair began to make their way through traffic, each one seemingly gaining and losing time as they lapped the backmarkers.

Joe Ellis, Knapp and McKeegan were all fighting for the final step on the podium with McKeegan closer to the back of Knapp than Knapp was to Ellis, but a slip up from anyone of them would quickly be taken advantage of. Four seconds behind them were Vince Cogzell and Andrew Tempest in the fight for 6th with the pair being separated by half a second with 20 minutes remaining.

As the race entered the final 10 minutes, the gap between leader Holmes and 2nd place man, Peacock was a mere 0.6 seconds with Peacock setting a new fastest lap in his pursuit of Holmes, putting him right on Holmes' rear bumper. The pair circulated nose-to-tail for several laps with Holmes defending at every corner, but a small mistake from Holmes coming down the hill allowed Peacock to tuck underneath and take the lead with 5 minutes remaining. Holmes was not going to take it lying down though and pushed to stay on terms with Peacock, but Peacock responded with another fastest lap of the race to pull out a few kart lengths. Peacock held this lead to the end, taking the win from Holmes by 1.060 seconds after an hour of racing. Ellis completed the podium with McKeegan and Knapp completing the top 5.

pos	competitor	laps	total time	diff	best time	best lap	best speed
1	Oliver Peacock	68	00:14.0		52.316	63	82.575 Km/h
2	Joe Holmes	68	00:15.0	1.06	52.501	66	82.284 Km/h
3	Joseph Ellis	68	00:17.3	3.377	52.336	66	82.544 Km/h
4	Tim McKeegan	68	00:23.9	9.964	52.573	38	82.171 Km/h
5	Andrew Knapp	68	00:24.5	10.573	52.475	38	82.325 Km/h
6	Vince Cogzell	68	00:35.0	21.079	52.457	35	82.353 Km/h
7	Andrew Tempest	68	00:38.8	24.844	52.587	61	82.15 Km/h
8	Bobby Trundley	68	00:45.4	31.401	52.942	36	81.599 Km/h
9	Anthony Kirk	68	00:59.0	45.027	52.926	14	81.623 Km/h
10	Stuart Foster	68	01:06.2	52.238	52.952	18	81.583 Km/h
11	Ben Chapman	67	00:34.6	1 lap	53.026	53	81.469 Km/h
12	Adrian Wisniewski	67	00:40.9	1 lap	53.139	60	81.296 Km/h
13	Alex Del Verne	67	00:47.3	1 lap	53.463	20	80.804 Km/h
14	Antonio Caccioli	67	00:52.0	1 lap	53.462	67	80.805 Km/h



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15	Darren Martin	67	00:56.0	1 lap	53.646	50	80.528 Km/h
16	William Topp	66	00:14.9	2 laps	52.737	5	81.916 Km/h
17	Allan Curtis	66	00:17.5	2 laps	52.657	54	82.04 Km/h
18	Stuart Shearman	66	00:23.0	2 laps	53.631	61	80.55 Km/h
19	Alex Miles	66	00:41.5	2 laps	53.794	47	80.306 Km/h
20	Steven Hussey	66	00:51.0	2 laps	54.053	21	79.922 Km/h
21	Daniel Vary	66	01:00.9	2 laps	53.221	35	81.171 Km/h
22	Seb Cook	66	01:03.8	2 laps	54.271	12	79.601 Km/h
23	Gary Mills	65	00:46.8	3 laps	53.672	59	80.489 Km/h
24	Nick Fox Jnr	63	00:55.3	5 laps	53.194	36	81.212 Km/h



Joe Holmes

Oli Peacock

Joseph Ellis

