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## The TW Steel Dmax 2015 Enduro Championships Round 10 – Daytona Milton Keynes

### Lights Qualifying

Strong crosswinds were blowing across the circuit as the drivers made their way onto the circuit for the final qualifying session of the season with a greasy track surface adding to the difficulty. Tom Golding set the pace in the early stages as the karts came up to temperature with season long rival, Chris Hackworth, behind in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ben Leslie, Jake Butler and the returning James Baldwin filed in behind them as Hackworth moved to the top of the time sheet with a 1:12.576. Turn 1 was looking very slippery as drivers looked to the middle of the track to find the grip. Times improved dramatically as the session progressed and track conditions improved with Golding and Hackworth swapping top times with Leslie looking solid in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tom Sibley slotted into 4<sup>th</sup> ahead of Baldwin as Butler jumped up into 3<sup>rd</sup>. Golding pumped in a 1:10.272 to move him 6 tenths clear of Hackworth with Hackworth getting his final lap spot on to steal pole from Golding by 0.004 seconds. Steve Moody snuck into 3<sup>rd</sup> ahead of Leslie, Butler and Sibley setting up a decent race in the battle for 3<sup>rd</sup> in the championship between Butler and Sibley.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	diff	gap	laps
1	Chris Hackworth	01:10.3	13			13
2	Tom Golding	01:10.3	12	0.004	0.004	13
3	Steve Moody	01:11.0	12	0.714	0.71	12
4	Ben Leslie	01:11.0	13	0.76	0.046	13
5	Jake Butler	01:11.0	9	0.769	0.009	12
6	Tom Sibley	01:11.2	9	0.932	0.163	12
7	Alexandru Damian	01:11.5	11	1.252	0.32	12
8	James Baldwin	01:11.6	12	1.307	0.055	12
9	Ellis Pullinger	01:12.0	12	1.753	0.446	12
10	Joseph Conroy	01:12.3	12	1.992	0.239	12
11	James Wickham	01:12.4	12	2.11	0.118	12
12	Mez Evans	01:12.6	9	2.29	0.18	12
13	Cameron Rodger	01:12.8	9	2.51	0.22	12
14	Peterson Lim	01:13.0	10	2.728	0.218	12
15	Nikolay Angelov	01:13.1	12	2.825	0.097	12
16	Sam Bennett	01:13.2	12	2.897	0.072	12
17	Tanzi Besant	01:13.6	11	3.303	0.406	12
18	Jane Gibbons	01:14.0	8	3.711	0.408	10
19	David Glover	01:14.8	8	4.576	0.865	11
20	Nigel Foot	01:16.6	11	6.34	1.764	11
21	Tom Ward	01:16.7	6	6.403	0.063	12
22	Dane Christison	01:18.3	7	8.063	1.66	11
23	Kevin McMullin	01:23.9	4	13.594	5.531	10



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## Lights Race

Chris Hackworth and Tom Golding led the field on the rolling up lap for the final time in 2015 with Hackworth and Golding now just racing for pride with the title already settled in Hackworth's favour. Hackworth held off Golding at the start with Steve Moody on Golding through the chicane. Hackworth pulled out a kart length through the opening corner as Golding, Moody and Ben Leslie lined up behind. Lap 1 finished with Hackworth a second clear of the trio of Golding, Moody and Leslie with Jake Butler and Tom Sibley a further 8 tenths behind. Golding closed the gap down to Hackworth on lap 2 with Leslie now ahead of Moody and giving chase, lapping faster than those ahead of him despite an overtake. As they re-emerged from the bottom of the hill, it was Golding leading the way, having passed Hackworth at the bottom end of the track. Leslie was now on Hackworth's case as Golding stretched his legs and began to get away.

Hackworth lost out to Leslie on the run up the hill into turn 9 as he got caught out by a back-marker, moving Leslie into 2<sup>nd</sup> and allowing Golding to continue building a gap. Leslie was now giving chase to Golding as Hackworth dropped back towards Moody with Moody getting the better of Hackworth with a quarter of the race completed. James Baldwin was making progress through the field and was now on the back of his former title rival, getting ahead of Hackworth on lap 14 and immediately onto the back of Moody. Golding was gradually stretching his lead over Leslie at the front over the first 20 minutes, but a new fastest lap from Leslie, saw him beginning to close the gap. Peterson Lim picked up a penalty for spinning out another kart, costing him the 11<sup>th</sup> place he was running in at the time of the penalty. Sibley's chance of taking 3<sup>rd</sup> in the championship was slipping away as he ran behind Butler with the pair in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Sibley needed to finish ahead with a top three finish required to give him a realistic chance.

Track conditions continued to improve as the race went on with Golding extending his lead to 10 seconds with a third of the race remaining. Leslie was in 2<sup>nd</sup> but had Baldwin climbing over the back of his kart with Sibley now ahead of Butler in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively with Butler still doing enough to secure 3<sup>rd</sup> in the championship in his debut season. Moody and Hackworth had dropped back to 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> with Hackworth getting ahead on lap 36 as the drivers in the top 5 traded fastest laps. Hackworth got his head down and closed in on Sibley and Butler to put a spanner in the works in their private battle for 3<sup>rd</sup> in the championship. Leslie was doing everything he needed to in order to keep Baldwin at bay despite Baldwin lapping just 3 tenths behind him for nearly 20 minutes with the race approaching the final 5 minutes. Baldwin finally got ahead on lap 49 having stared at the back of Leslie's kart for so long and needed to get a gap to stop Leslie coming back at him. The chequered flag was readied and was received by Golding after an hour of racing with Baldwin holding on to 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16.538 seconds behind. Leslie chased him home in 3<sup>rd</sup> to complete the podium with Sibley and Butler rounding out the top 5 and earning Butler 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Championship.

pos	competitor	laps	total time	diff	best time	best lap
1	Tom Golding	54	00:40.2		01:05.4	52
2	James Baldwin	54	00:56.8	16.538	01:05.5	53
3	Ben Leslie	54	00:57.4	17.191	01:05.9	54
4	Tom Sibley	54	01:16.7	36.426	01:05.8	50
5	Jake Butler	54	01:17.7	37.436	01:05.8	53



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6	Chris Hackworth	54	01:18.0	37.76	01:05.4	53
7	Steve Moody	54	01:20.9	40.707	01:05.9	51
8	Alexandru Damian	54	01:39.7	59.435	01:06.1	49
9	Joseph Conroy	53	00:43.8	1 lap	01:06.3	51
10	Ellis Pullinger	53	01:16.7	1 lap	01:06.5	51
11	James Wickham	53	01:24.3	1 lap	01:06.5	52
12	Mez Evans	53	01:32.8	1 lap	01:06.4	53
13	Jane Gibbons	52	00:46.1	2 laps	01:06.9	51
14	Sam Bennett	52	00:46.4	2 laps	01:06.7	51
15	Nikolay Angelov	52	01:06.7	2 laps	01:08.1	50
16	Cameron Rodger	51	00:59.8	3 laps	01:07.5	49
17	David Glover	51	01:09.9	3 laps	01:07.5	50
18	Peterson Lim	51	01:09.9	3 laps	01:07.2	47
19	Tanzi Besant	51	01:10.6	3 laps	01:08.6	48
20	Tom Ward	50	01:20.0	4 laps	01:08.5	47
21	Nigel Foot	49	01:14.3	5 laps	01:10.7	44
22	Dane Christison	48	01:21.6	6 laps	01:11.8	40
23	Kevin McMullin	38	00:45.7	16 laps	01:18.6	2



James Baldwin

Tom Golding

Ben Leslie

## Heavies Qualifying

With the track dried out by the Lights drivers, the Heavies had just the wind to contend with for their final qualifying session of the year. Rob Bennett was at the top of the timing screen after 5 minutes, but was deposed by Jamie Pender only to have James Griffith go nearly 7 tenths quicker 5 seconds later. Stuart Foster closed the gap to 0.363 seconds as he slotted into 2<sup>nd</sup> with Bennett going back to the top by just 0.007 seconds. Griffith and Foster jumped back in front with Griffith posting a 1:07.401 with Michael McKeegan splitting them, missing out on provisional pole by 0.076



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seconds. Times continued to improve and positions changed with Adam Daly leaving his best until last to claim his first DMAX Champs pole by 0.094 seconds from Rob Bennett. James Griffith was in 3<sup>rd</sup>, a further 0.004 seconds behind. Pender completed the second row ahead of Michael McKeegan and Stuart Foster with 1 second covering the top 12 drivers.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	diff	gap	laps
1	Adam Daly	01:07.1	13			13
2	Rob Bennett	01:07.2	13	0.094	0.094	13
3	James Griffith	01:07.2	11	0.098	0.004	13
4	Jamie Pender	01:07.2	13	0.122	0.024	13
5	Michael McKeegan	01:07.5	9	0.352	0.23	13
6	Stuart Foster	01:07.5	7	0.418	0.066	12
7	Adrian Wisniewski	01:07.9	13	0.753	0.335	13
8	Andrew Haine	01:07.9	12	0.801	0.048	12
9	Peter Hayes	01:08.0	12	0.923	0.122	13
10	Daljeet Bahia	01:08.1	13	0.961	0.038	13
11	Chris Munro	01:08.1	9	0.994	0.033	13
12	Gareth Holt	01:08.1	6	0.995	0.001	11
13	Lee Witney	01:08.2	8	1.067	0.072	13
14	Tomasz Zaustowicz	01:08.3	12	1.195	0.128	12
15	Shane Taylor	01:08.4	13	1.323	0.128	13
16	Peter Gillett	01:08.6	13	1.5	0.177	13
17	Gary Martin	01:09.1	9	1.997	0.497	13
18	Vinod Hirani	01:09.3	10	2.194	0.197	13
19	David Hannah	01:22.6	10	15.503	13.309	11

## Heavies Race

Adam Daly made pole count, holding off Rob Bennett as four drivers went off at turn 4. Bennett was up the inside at turn 5 trying to get into the lead and had the inside for the run into turn 6, but Daly held on with Bennett needing to be a little cautious as he was still fighting Tomasz Zaustowicz for 3<sup>rd</sup> in the title. With Bennett starting 2<sup>nd</sup> and Zaustowicz starting 14<sup>th</sup>, it was in Bennett's favour.

James Griffith was trying to get in on the action, going up the inside of Bennett at turn 7, but spinning around, dropping him down the order. Daly completed the first lap ahead of Bennett with a gap back to Jamie Pender, Stuart Foster and Michael McKeegan. Zaustowicz was into 5<sup>th</sup> by the end of lap 1, fighting to defend 3<sup>rd</sup> in the championship. Bennett was into the lead with a move up the inside into turn 10 with Pender following through at the final corner to snatch 2<sup>nd</sup>. Griffith was recovering well, completing lap 5 in 6<sup>th</sup> and setting a new fastest lap.

The group at the front closed up with the swapping of positions with Bennett holding off Pender, Daly, Stuart Foster, Zaustowicz and Griffith all now lapping bumper-to-bumper. Foster was soon into 3<sup>rd</sup> with Daly dropping to 4<sup>th</sup> and almost losing out to Griffith as he ran wide at turn 1. Bennett and Pender began to break away at the front as Foster held off Daly, and Griffith and Zaustowicz



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tripped over each other as Zaustowicz continued to lunge Griffith in an attempt to get on terms with Bennett at the front.

With a third of the race completed, Bennett still held the high ground at the front, but was being shadowed around Daytona Milton Keynes by Jamie Pender. Foster still had Daly following in his wheel tracks but the pair were being caught by Griffith, despite Griffith waving to his fans on the start/finish straight as he drove past. Griffith finally joined them and began his attack, making it a three way scrap for 3<sup>rd</sup> but amongst the fighting, Daly got back into 3<sup>rd</sup> ahead of Griffith and Foster with Zaustowicz getting back on Griffith. Foster reclaimed 4<sup>th</sup> at turn 4 with the pair losing out to Daly, but having the legs on Zaustowicz to start pulling clear again. Griffith tried to get back ahead on lap 20 at the final corner, but Foster cut back under him, regaining the place into turn 1 as Zaustowicz got involved once more and passed Griffith for 5<sup>th</sup>. This fight began to get a little too close as contact began to creep in. As no one was deemed to have gained an advantage and they ultimately lost out to Andrew Haine and McKeegan, the pair were given a warning flag as they continued to scrap for 6<sup>th</sup> with McKeegan. The pair past McKeegan and set after Haine with Zaustowicz leading the charge.

Daly had broken free of Foster to run a comfortable 3<sup>rd</sup> at the half way stage as Bennett continued to hold Pender off with Pender still just 3 tenths behind. Foster was running in 4<sup>th</sup> on his own but with half the race still to go, Zaustowicz and Griffith could potentially catch him if they stopped tripping over each. Griffith did break free and caught up to Haine as Zaustowicz had a spin, dropping him down the order. Pender finally went for a move on leader Bennett into turn 9, but made contact. Pender rightfully gave the position back, but the mistake allowed Daly to catch back up as Griffith passed Haine for 5<sup>th</sup> and set after Foster, posting a new fastest lap as he gave chase. Lap 41 saw Griffith through into 4<sup>th</sup>, giving him a chance at the podium – his target was to close 13 seconds in 13 minutes. Whilst difficult, if the top 3 squabbled, he could catch them. Pender aided Griffith in this respect as he passed Bennett at the final corner to take the lead with just over 10 minutes to go.

As the race entered the final 5 minutes, Bennett was back into the lead with a move through turn 10, but Pender responded a lap later to get a head with a move that started at turn 4 and was completed at turn 6. Some contact began to creep in between the two of them with the pair under heavy scrutiny as they scrapped for the lead with a handful of laps remaining. The fighting was allowing Daly to catch back up to them as they started the final lap nose-to-tail. Pender defended as hard as he could to keep a determined Bennett behind him. Bennett had a run out of turn 10, but Pender had the inside line into the final corner as the top three headed towards the chequered flag nearly side-by-side. The win went to Pender by 0.083 seconds with Bennett taking 2<sup>nd</sup> ahead of Daly by just 0.097 seconds. Griffith finished in 4<sup>th</sup> with Adrian Wisniewski completing the top 5. Despite not winning, Bennett did enough to claim 3<sup>rd</sup> in the championship as Zaustowicz came home in 9<sup>th</sup>.

pos	competitor	laps	total time	diff	best time	best lap
1	Jamie Pender	54	01:00.9		01:06.9	33
2	Rob Bennett	54	01:01.0	0.083	01:06.8	47
3	Adam Daly	54	01:01.1	0.18	01:06.9	44



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4	James Griffith	54	01:05.8	4.854	01:06.5	49
5	Adrian Wisniewski	54	01:15.3	14.375	01:06.8	49
6	Stuart Foster	54	01:16.8	15.861	01:07.1	30
7	Michael McKeegan	54	01:21.1	20.222	01:07.1	34
8	Andrew Haine	54	01:23.4	22.495	01:07.4	44
9	Tomasz Zaustowicz	54	01:25.9	24.974	01:07.1	53
10	Daljeet Bahia	54	01:28.8	27.857	01:07.3	51
11	Gareth Holt	54	02:00.1	59.231	01:07.6	17
12	Chris Munro	53	01:07.5	1 lap	01:08.2	16
13	Peter Hayes	53	01:22.0	1 lap	01:08.1	35
14	Gary Martin	53	01:32.7	1 lap	01:08.3	16
15	Vinod Hirani	53	01:42.9	1 lap	01:08.2	48
16	Peter Gillett	53	02:01.9	1 lap	01:08.0	29
17	Shane Taylor	51	01:40.4	3 laps	01:08.9	18
18	Lee Witney	48	01:09.3	6 laps	01:07.4	14
19	David Hannah	43	01:35.1	11 laps	01:17.5	39



**Rob Bennett**

**Jamie Pender**

**Adam Daly**

## Inters Qualifying

With a strong cross wind still blowing across the circuit, the Inters drivers made their way out onto the circuit to qualify for the final time in 2015. Bobby Trundle had been the early pace setter, but was soon deposed by Tim McKeegan by 2 tenths of a second. Dan Sullivan then jumped into 2<sup>nd</sup> place, just 0.070 behind McKeegan as Andrew Knapp, James Perry and Anthony Kirk all improved to



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take the top 5 spots respectively. Trundley was uncharacteristically in 6<sup>th</sup>, half a second off pole as a second covered the top 15 drivers. McKeegan improved his time to go 0.158 seconds clear at the top as Oliver Peacock slotted into 3<sup>rd</sup> and then provisional pole a lap later by just 0.023 seconds. Luke Cousins was next to leap up as he moved into 4<sup>th</sup>, just 0.130 seconds off pole as 1 second now covered the top 17. McKeegan moved back to the top of the timing screen as the chequered flag was readied. McKeegan's final lap was his quickest – a 1:06.217 – to claim pole. Peacock completed the front row with Ben Oliver and Cousins lining up on the second row ahead of Trundley and Kirk.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	diff	gap	laps
1	Tim McKeegan	01:06.2	13			13
2	Oliver Peacock	01:06.5	10	0.274	0.274	12
3	Ben Oliver	01:06.6	11	0.403	0.129	13
4	Luke Cousins	01:06.6	11	0.404	0.001	12
5	Bobby Trundley	01:06.6	13	0.415	0.011	13
6	Anthony Kirk	01:06.6	13	0.432	0.017	14
7	Dan Sullivan	01:06.7	8	0.455	0.023	12
8	Andrew Knapp	01:06.8	8	0.582	0.127	13
9	James Perry	01:06.8	11	0.611	0.029	13
10	Simon Gibson	01:06.8	12	0.626	0.015	13
11	Ben Chapman	01:06.9	12	0.693	0.067	13
12	Matthew Conroy	01:06.9	10	0.722	0.029	13
13	Andrew Tempest	01:06.9	13	0.724	0.002	13
14	Allan Curtis	01:07.0	11	0.826	0.102	13
15	Gavin Pickering	01:07.4	13	1.15	0.324	13
16	William Topp	01:07.4	9	1.153	0.003	13
17	Seb Cook	01:07.4	8	1.164	0.011	13
18	Stuart Shearman	01:07.7	11	1.505	0.341	13
19	Ronan McClintock	01:07.9	10	1.733	0.228	13
20	Alan Hindley	01:08.0	12	1.797	0.064	13
21	Ian Hindley	01:08.0	12	1.811	0.014	12
22	Darren Martin	01:08.4	8	2.211	0.4	13
23	Fernando Getino	01:08.6	13	2.353	0.142	13
24	Tim Watts	01:08.6	13	2.431	0.078	13
25	Blaze Sienko	01:08.9	12	2.677	0.246	12
26	David Lloyd	01:10.7	10	4.475	1.798	13
27	Leigh Watts	01:13.9	9	7.706	3.231	11

## Race

Tim McKeegan made the most of pole to lead the field away as the lights flicked from red to green. Oliver Peacock slotted in behind as all 27 drivers managed to navigate the first few corners cleanly without incident. McKeegan pulled an early lead as Luke Cousins moved into 2<sup>nd</sup> on lap 2 only to have Peacock come back at him to regain the place through turns 9 and 10. Cousins responded a lap later to get back into 2<sup>nd</sup> and got onto the back of McKeegan, pressuring him for the lead with Peacock tucked under his exhaust. Bobby Trundley closed in on the top three and immediately



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applied the pressure on Peacock, passing him for 3<sup>rd</sup> on lap 6. Peacock began to drop back at the end of the first 10 minutes as McKeegan held off Cousins and Trundley. Anthony Kirk was running in a strong 5<sup>th</sup> place with a two second gap in front and behind him with Dan Sullivan giving chase, towing along Ben Oliver and Ben Chapman. Trundley moved into 2<sup>nd</sup> on lap 13 and closed up to the back of Cousins.

Trundley continued to shadow Cousins for the first third of the race as they pulled away from McKeegan, leaving him on his own in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kirk moved into 4<sup>th</sup>, having caught and passed Peacock for 4<sup>th</sup>. As the race reached the half way stage, Trundley was really beginning to attack Cousins for the lead with Cousins now driving defensively for the first time. Trundley's opportunity came on lap 26 as he dived up the inside into turn 4 to snatch the lead. Trundley got his head down to start pulling out a tenth a lap on Cousins, building a decent lead. Trundley then had to be called in as he hit kart problems, promoting Cousins into the lead of the race. McKeegan moved up into 2<sup>nd</sup> with Kirk now in a podium paying position. Oliver and Chapman were having a close fight for 5<sup>th</sup> with half a second between them.

McKeegan lost a handful of places after an incident at turn 10, dropping him down the order and moving Kirk into 2<sup>nd</sup> and Peacock back onto the podium. Peacock was closing back in on Kirk, but Cousins was now well out front with a 20 second lead. Peacock got onto the back of Kirk and began his attack for 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 10 minutes of the race remaining, forcing Kirk to start driving defensively. Sullivan was only 5 seconds behind and could catch them up if they began to hold each other up, but Peacock swiftly worked his way into 2<sup>nd</sup> with a little over 5 minutes of the race to go. Kirk was not going to let Peacock get the position that easily however as he kept on Peacock's rear bumper as they made their way through some traffic with Peacock now the one of the defensive. A similar fight was taking place between Oliver and Chapman with the recovering McKeegan joining them, getting ahead of Chapman and then Oliver on lap 54 to take 5<sup>th</sup> place. Chapman then saw his chance at the final corner on the penultimate lap, passing Oliver with a late lunge up the inside to take 6<sup>th</sup> as the chequered flag was made ready. Cousins claimed the win by a very comfortable 26.983 from Peacock with Kirk just a further 0.566 seconds behind. Sullivan came home in 4<sup>th</sup> with McKeegan completing the top 5.

pos	competitor	laps	total time	diff	best time	best lap
1	Luke Cousins	55	00:49.5		01:05.4	19
2	Oliver Peacock	55	01:16.5	26.983	01:06.2	18
3	Anthony Kirk	55	01:17.1	27.549	01:06.0	15
4	Dan Sullivan	55	01:19.9	30.408	01:06.0	49
5	Tim McKeegan	55	01:30.0	40.502	01:05.9	51
6	Ben Chapman	55	01:31.5	41.936	01:06.2	35
7	Ben Oliver	55	01:31.6	42.042	01:06.3	28
8	Bobby Trundley	55	01:42.4	52.875	01:05.4	28
9	Allan Curtis	55	01:48.3	58.735	01:06.3	18
10	James Perry	55	01:48.8	59.245	01:06.2	18
11	Matthew Conroy	55	01:50.6	01:01.0	01:06.1	54
12	William Topp	55	01:54.8	01:05.3	01:06.4	46
13	Andrew Tempest	54	01:04.3	1 lap	01:06.5	24





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14	Simon Gibson	54	01:05.4	1 lap	01:06.5	18
15	Seb Cook	54	01:05.8	1 lap	01:06.4	23
16	Alan Hindley	54	01:15.5	1 lap	01:07.0	22
17	Stuart Shearman	54	01:25.3	1 lap	01:06.9	51
18	Ian Hindley	54	01:26.1	1 lap	01:06.9	26
19	Ronan McClintock	54	01:33.4	1 lap	01:07.0	32
20	Gavin Pickering	54	01:46.7	1 lap	01:07.1	24
21	Fernando Getino	53	01:23.7	2 laps	01:07.8	53
22	David Lloyd	52	01:49.9	3 laps	01:08.6	25
23	Tim Watts	50	01:21.5	5 laps	01:07.9	13
24	Blaze Sienko	49	01:38.7	6 laps	01:08.0	17
25	Leigh Watts	47	59:58.1	8 laps	01:12.7	3
26	Darren Martin	19	23:34.2	36 laps	01:07.7	11
27	Andrew Knapp	14	16:00.0	41 laps	01:06.7	14



Oli Peacock

Luke Cousins

Anthony Kirk

Please visit the Dmax website for the final champs standings. The 2016 Champs Calendar will be published by the end of November 2015. Please call Mark on 033 033 278 70 if you need more information.

