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The TW Steel Dmax 2015 Enduro Championships

Lights

Qualifying

Cloudy skies and cold conditions welcomed some new faces along with familiar ones to the start of the 2015 TW Steel DMAX Championship with Chris Hackworth quickly finding his rhythm to hold provisional pole just ahead of Tom Golding, Joseph Conroy and Mez Evans. Times quickly began to tumble as the karts got up to temperature with Hackworth setting a 1:15.457 to go 1.082 seconds clear of Golding. Golding closed the gap to go top of the pile with a 1:14.727 only to have Hackworth go 0.072 seconds quicker. Golding dug deep to set a time of 1:13.698, smashing Hackworth's effort by nearly a second. As the session wore on, the top two continued to swap with James Wickham, Conroy, Tom Sibley and Ben Leslie not far behind as the drivers continued to find time. Conroy soon jumped to the top to get ahead of Golding by 0.099 seconds with Evans, Wickham, Jake Butler and Andrew Grove also moving up the order. Sibley went to the top as the field started their final qualifying laps. Conroy was first to cross the line, going to the top with Hackworth immediately demoting him. Hackworth claimed pole ahead of Golding, Conroy, Wickham, Butler and Tom Hindley.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	diff	gap	laps
1	Chris Hackworth	01:09.7	11			11
2	Tom Golding	01:10.6	12	0.968	0.968	12
3	Joseph Conroy	01:10.9	12	1.26	0.292	12
4	James Wickham	01:11.0	12	1.368	0.108	12
5	Jake Butler	01:11.1	12	1.386	0.018	12
6	Tom Hindley	01:11.2	12	1.542	0.156	12
7	Tom Sibley	01:11.2	11	1.547	0.005	12
8	Ben Leslie	01:11.5	11	1.796	0.249	11
9	Mez Evans	01:11.5	11	1.862	0.066	12
10	Nikolay Angelov	01:11.7	12	2.053	0.191	12
11	David Glover	01:11.9	12	2.223	0.17	12
12	Andrew Grove	01:11.9	11	2.241	0.018	12
13	Tom Clark	01:12.0	10	2.346	0.105	12
14	Tanzi Besant	01:12.5	12	2.818	0.472	12
15	Robert Gamble	01:12.7	12	3.055	0.237	12
16	Andrew Pettitt	01:13.0	12	3.29	0.235	12
17	Sam Bennett	01:13.4	12	3.717	0.427	12

Race

Chris Hackworth held off Tom Golding as the 2015 season started with Joseph Conroy and James Wickham slotting in behind. Hackworth out-braked himself into turn 2 on the second lap to allow Golding to get a run and the lead by the time they got to turn 5. Hackworth stuck with him for the rest of the lap, but ran wide at turn 1 on lap 3 and lost time to Golding and got some unwanted attention from Conroy and Tom Sibley. Golding was maintaining the gap to Hackworth, but Hackworth was putting in slightly faster times to



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gradually edge towards Golding as Conroy posted a new fastest lap after 7 laps. Hackworth dug deep and found the time to close the gap to Golding to get back onto Golding's rear bumper and put him under pressure for the lead. Sibley was making steady progress to take 3rd from Conroy with Wickham following him through as the pair looked to close the 1.3 seconds to the leading pair. Hackworth made his move into turn 9 at the end of the back straight, running Golding wide and allowing Sibley to get a run on the pair into 10. Sibley passed Golding, but Hackworth held him off with Wickham also passing Golding.

With a third of the race gone, Hackworth was getting away at the front as Sibley, Wickham, Conroy and Golding all tripped over each other, slowing each other down – Hackworth's lead out to 3.760 seconds. Conroy moved into second with Wickham slotting into 3rd with Golding soon taking 3rd from Wickham at turn 1. The fighting in this group allowed Mez Evans and Ben Leslie to close up and join them as Hackworth continued to pull away. Conroy and Golding had made a break in 2nd and 3rd as Sibley regained his composure and closed down the gap, dragging Wickham with him.

Hackworth was 10.9 seconds clear at the half way mark with Golding now sat in second having worked his way back through the field. Sibley was in 3rd, just a second behind with Conroy a further 4 seconds behind, just ahead of Leslie and Evans. Sibley closed the gap to Golding to start putting him under pressure for 2nd, and slipped through on lap 30. Golding quickly regained the position as Sibley came under attack from Conroy once more. Hackworth was having a very easy time of it in contrast, as he held the gap at a little over 18 seconds with 20 minutes remaining, popping in new fastest laps along the way.

As the race entered the final 10 minutes, Sibley was still on Golding's rear bumper, looking to get close enough to make a move on Golding for 2nd position. Meanwhile, Conroy was closing on Sibley, placing Sibley in a difficult position as he looked to gain a position from Golding whilst holding off Conroy at the same time. Wickham was looking comfortable in 5th, 5 seconds clear of Leslie, with Evans, Jake Butler, Tom Clark and Tom Hindley rounding out the top 10 with the chequered nearly in sight. With Conroy now applying the pressure, Golding was off the hook and began to pull away as Sibley defended for the final podium position with 4 minutes remaining as Wickham closed the gap and joined them. Conroy snatched 3rd from Sibley on lap 50 and left Sibley with Wickham climbing all over his rear bumper. Hackworth took the first win of the 2015 season, setting a new fastest lap as he took the chequered flag. Golding took 2nd with Conroy completing the podium ahead of Wickham, Leslie and Sibley.

[In a Post-race investigation for an incident in T6, Wickham on Sibley, side-by-side, turn 6 – No Penalty. Although the driver being overtaken was disadvantaged, the stewards viewed that the driver should have yielded the place] [In a second stewards investigation, Robert Gamble and given a five second time penalty to reverse his overtake on Tanzi Besant in Turn 2 as the pass was judged to use contact]

pos	competitor	laps	total time	diff	best time	best lap
1	Chris Hackworth	53	00:06.4		01:05.7	53
2	Tom Golding	53	00:38.3	31.873	01:06.3	52
3	Joseph Conroy	53	00:43.4	36.957	01:06.4	45
4	James Wickham	53	00:48.8	42.343	01:06.1	48
5	Ben Leslie	53	00:50.4	44.01	01:06.9	48
6	Tom Sibley	53	00:53.1	46.658	01:06.7	45



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7	Mez Evans	53	00:53.6	47.199	01:06.8	44
8	Jake Butler	53	01:01.7	55.321	01:06.7	53
9	Tom Clark	52	00:21.2	1 lap	01:07.7	44
10	Tom Hindley	52	00:58.6	1 lap	01:07.6	50
11	David Glover	52	01:00.1	1 lap	01:07.1	51
12	Nikolay Angelov	52	01:00.8	1 lap	01:07.6	52
13	Sam Bennett	52	01:09.1	1 lap	01:07.6	39
14	Andrew Pettitt	51	00:16.6	2 laps	01:08.1	47
15	Tanzi Besant	51	00:19.9	2 laps	01:08.5	40
16	Robert Gamble	51	01:19.1	2 laps	01:07.6	47
17	Andrew Grove	49	00:34.6	4 laps	01:08.2	45



Tom Golding

Chris Hackworth

Joseph Conroy

Heavies

Qualifying

Tomasz Zaustowicz was quickly onto the pace, setting a 1:07.481 to go top of the table, 0.485 clear of Adrian Wisniewski and Vince Cogzell and Gareth Holt. David Vincent jumped up into 2nd after 10 minutes of qualifying as Zaustowicz improved his time to maintain his advantage of 4 tenths until James Griffith got to within 0.170 seconds with a 1:07.300. Zaustowicz's following lap was a 1:06.954 to go 0.346 seconds clear of Griffith, Vincent, Cogzell and Michael McKeegan. Adam Daly was next to get close to Zaustowicz as he moved into 2nd with a minute to go, closing the gap to 0.178 seconds. Zaustowicz claimed pole ahead of Daly with Vincent in 3rd, 0.189 off of pole. McKeegan lined up in 4th ahead of Griffith and Wisniewski with 1 second covering the top 10.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	diff	gap	laps
1	Tomasz Zaustowicz	01:07.0	10			13
2	Adam Daly	01:07.1	12	0.178	0.178	12



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3	David Vincent	01:07.1	12	0.189	0.011	13
4	Michael McKeegan	01:07.2	14	0.255	0.066	14
5	James Griffith	01:07.3	9	0.346	0.091	13
6	Adrian Wisniewski	01:07.3	12	0.356	0.01	13
7	Gareth Holt	01:07.6	12	0.639	0.283	13
8	Vince Cogzell	01:07.6	12	0.645	0.006	13
9	Chris Carter	01:07.7	10	0.786	0.141	10
10	Rob Bennett	01:08.0	11	1.036	0.25	13
11	Lee Witney	01:08.1	9	1.17	0.134	13
12	Andy Archer	01:08.4	9	1.422	0.252	12
13	Iain Mcmillan	01:08.5	11	1.565	0.143	11
14	Ian Brooks	01:08.6	8	1.665	0.1	10
15	Chris Munro	01:08.7	8	1.783	0.118	11
16	Jamie Pender	01:09.2	6	2.229	0.446	9
17	Andrew Haine	01:09.2	7	2.292	0.063	10
18	Daljeet Bahia	01:09.7	11	2.707	0.415	13
19	Gary Mills	01:09.7	10	2.71	0.003	13
20	Vinod Hirani	01:09.7	11	2.714	0.004	13
21	Lee Henderson	01:10.1	10	3.149	0.435	13
22	Andrew Sirkett	01:10.4	9	3.421	0.272	12
23	Gary Martin	01:10.8	12	3.826	0.405	13
24	Damon North	01:15.9	8	8.968	5.142	11

Race

Zaustowicz headed the field as the drivers filtered through turns 1,2 and 3 with Daly and Vincent swarming around Zaustowicz. Zaustowicz held them off with Michael McKeegan taking 2nd at turn 8. Chris Carter was a man on a mission on lap 1, moving from 9th to 4th on lap 1 as Vincent dropped from 2nd to 8th. Daly regained 2nd on lap 2 at turn 2 as Zaustowicz made the most of the fighting to pull out 2.5 seconds in the early stages. Carter moved into 3rd with Adrian Wisniewski, McKeegan and the recovering Vincent following him. Carter's charge was halted as he made contact and waited to allow the other driver through, dropping him to 8th, letting Daly off the hook as he was being caught.

Zaustowicz was away at the front, steadily pulling out a lead over Daly who now had Vincent bearing down on him in 3rd and he was bringing James Griffith and Rob Bennett with him. Bennett set a new fastest lap as the race approached the 15 minute mark, demonstrating he had the pace to pass the two in front of him if presented with a chance. Vincent passed Daly for 2nd and set his sights on closing the gap to Zaustowicz, leaving Daly to fend off Griffith and Bennett. Bennett wasn't going to allow Vincent disappear up the road however as he got ahead of Griffith and Daly. The fight wasn't over however, as Griffith got back ahead of Bennett, through turns 10 and 11 with Daly getting a run on the pair of them into turn 1. McKeegan, Chris Munro, Gareth Holt and Adrian Wisniewski were having a very close tussle, with McKeegan, Wisniewski and Holt going three wide through the final corner at one stage with Munro taking all three of them on the run out of the corner. Meanwhile, Zaustowicz was getting away at the front as Daly passed Vincent to regain 2nd with Griffith setting a new fastest lap to close down the two in front of him. Griffith wasn't on Vincent for



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long as he quickly got passed to take 3rd with Carter making up for his earlier mistake to take up 5th, 3 seconds behind Vincent at the half way stage.

As the race wore on, Zaustowicz continued to increase his advantage over Griffith who had managed to pull a gap of 4 seconds over Daly with 15 minutes remaining with Carter climbing over the back of Daly in the fight for the final podium spot. Lap 41 saw Carter make his move to claim 3rd with Griffith next on Carter's hit list, albeit, 7 seconds up the road. Daly got back on Carter however, to quickly regain the position momentarily with Carter taking it back on the final corner with the chequered flag just 10 minutes away.

Zaustowicz cruised to the chequered flag, taking the first Heavy Enduro win of the season, 15.677 seconds clear of Griffith. Carter crossed the line in 3rd with a tough move at turn 10 on the final lap with Daly coming home in 4th. McKeegan completed the top 5.

pos	competitor	laps	total time	diff	best time	best lap
1	Tomasz Zaustowicz	54	00:26.3		01:06.2	51
2	James Griffith	54	00:42.0	15.677	01:06.0	43
3	Chris Carter	54	01:00.9	34.617	01:06.6	35
4	Adam Daly	54	01:01.9	35.622	01:06.4	26
5	Michael McKeegan	54	01:08.5	42.193	01:06.2	53
6	Rob Bennett	54	01:11.6	45.265	01:06.5	44
7	Chris Munro	54	01:17.9	51.617	01:06.9	53
8	Adrian Wisniewski	54	01:18.3	51.995	01:06.8	48
9	Vince Cogzell	54	01:22.9	56.633	01:06.2	47
10	Lee Witney	53	00:27.9	1 lap	01:07.0	39
11	David Vincent	53	00:33.2	1 lap	01:06.8	5
12	Andrew Haine	53	00:33.6	1 lap	01:06.9	52
13	Ian Brooks	53	00:34.0	1 lap	01:06.9	43
14	Jamie Pender	53	00:34.6	1 lap	01:06.8	52
15	Gareth Holt	53	00:34.8	1 lap	01:06.5	44
16	Daljeet Bahia	53	01:12.8	1 lap	01:08.1	50
17	Vinod Hirani	53	01:13.3	1 lap	01:07.7	48
18	Andy Archer	53	01:14.7	1 lap	01:07.3	53
19	Gary Mills	52	00:36.0	2 laps	01:08.0	19
20	Gary Martin	52	00:48.5	2 laps	01:08.3	49
21	Andrew Sirkett	52	00:55.2	2 laps	01:08.9	42
22	Lee Henderson	52	01:26.9	2 laps	01:08.4	48
23	Iain Mcmillan	51	01:04.7	3 laps	01:07.2	42
24	Damon North	48	01:35.9	6 laps	01:12.1	27



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James Griffith

Tomek Zaustowicz

Chris Carter

Inters

Qualifying

With grey skies overhead but a dry track, the Inters drivers ventured out onto the circuit for the first qualifying session of the season. Bobby Trundley was the early pace setter with a 1:07.053 with 0.120 seconds between him and Andrew Tempest. Ben Oliver and Oliver Peacock managed to split them with Oliver 0.033 off and Peacock 0.069 off respectively. Trundley went quicker by Tim McKeegan got to within 0.044 seconds and Joe Holmes took 3rd 0.086 seconds off – one second covered the top 16 drivers. Allan Curtis hit the top with 3 minutes remaining, setting a 1:06.368 only to be toppled by Holmes by 0.063 with Andrew Knapp splitting them, just 0.013 seconds off of Holmes' pole time. With a minute left, McKeegan took provisional pole by 0.039 seconds but Oliver went quicker by 0.031 seconds as the chequered flag brought the session to an end. Oliver took the pole by 0.031 from McKeegan in 2nd, Holmes in 3rd with Trundley in 4th on an identical time to Holmes'. Knapp and Chapman completed the first three row, 0.562 seconds covering the top 10 and most impressively, 0.133 covering the top 7.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	diff	gap	laps
1	Ben Oliver	01:06.2	13			13
2	Tim McKeegan	01:06.3	12	0.031	0.031	14
3	Joe Holmes	01:06.3	11	0.07	0.039	13
4	Bobby Trundley	01:06.3	14	0.07		14
5	Andrew Knapp	01:06.3	11	0.083	0.013	13
6	Ben Chapman	01:06.4	11	0.115	0.032	12
7	Allan Curtis	01:06.4	10	0.133	0.018	13
8	Andrew Tempest	01:06.6	10	0.323	0.19	13
9	Alex Del Verne	01:06.7	13	0.443	0.12	13
10	Stuart Foster	01:06.8	13	0.562	0.119	14
11	Oliver Peacock	01:06.8	11	0.596	0.034	13
12	Stuart Shearman	01:06.8	13	0.615	0.019	13



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13	Slawomir Piskorz	01:06.9	13	0.621	0.006	13
14	Seb Cook	01:07.2	13	0.919	0.298	13
15	Anthony Kirk	01:07.4	6	1.121	0.202	8
16	James Perry	01:07.4	6	1.154	0.033	13
17	Adam Jones	01:07.4	12	1.185	0.031	12
18	Joseph Ellis	01:07.5	10	1.294	0.109	10
19	Matthew Conroy	01:07.6	13	1.398	0.104	13
20	Michael Coppin	01:07.7	13	1.506	0.108	13
21	Simon Gibson	01:07.8	13	1.524	0.018	13
22	Ronan McClintock	01:07.8	13	1.559	0.035	13
23	Adrian Hull	01:07.9	11	1.708	0.149	13
24	Diogo Silva	01:08.0	13	1.752	0.044	13
25	Sam Harris	01:08.4	11	2.152	0.4	13
26	Andy Stobart	01:08.4	11	2.17	0.018	13
27	Dan Sullivan	01:08.5	3	2.239	0.069	9
28	Chris Baister	01:09.5	12	3.255	1.016	12
29	Matt Bickerton	01:10.7	11	4.466	1.211	12
30	Blaze Sienko	01:10.7	12	4.468	0.002	12

Race

Joe Holmes and Bobby Trundley hit the front on the first lap as pole man, Ben Oliver, lost out. Andrew Knapp was in 3rd with Tim McKeegan and Allan Curtis behind him as Holmes and Trundley pulled a couple of kart lengths over Knapp and McKeegan. Knapp and McKeegan closed the gap to form a four-way tussle for the lead. Joseph Ellis was putting in some fastest laps in 6th place as he looked to make up for a difficult qualifying session with Knapp and McKeegan swapping positions in 3rd and 4th, allowing Holmes and Trundley to get away once more.

A full course yellow was brought out to deal with an incident at turn 6, closing the pack back up slightly, with Holmes getting the jump as the green flag got the racing back underway. Knapp and McKeegan got straight back into their fight over 3rd, swapping positions through the final corner and the first corner before Knapp ran a little wide having slid up the inside. Holmes was edging away from Trundley at the front with Joseph Ellis now up into 3rd with a new fastest lap of a 1:05.367 after 20 minutes of racing. Matthew Conroy, Slawomir Piskorz and Michael Coppin were having a good scrap for 11th with the three of them nose-to-tail, looking for a way past each other.

Ellis had caught Trundley just before the half-way stage, passing him into turn 1 as Trundley negotiated his way past a backmarker on lap 22. The gap between Holmes and Ellis ebbed and flowed as they made their way through the traffic – the gap, staying around the 3 second mark. Ellis dug deep and closed the gap to Holmes with an overtake seeing him take the lead away from Holmes on lap 42. Holmes soon responded to retake the lead on a lap later, leaving Ellis to re-think how he was going to get Holmes.



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Ellis was undeterred and continued in his pursuit of Holmes as they left Trundley behind in a lonely 3rd with Knapp in an equally lonely 4th as he was comfortably ahead of Oliver. Ellis was all over the back of Holmes as they got caught up in traffic. Ellis saw his chance and took it with a cut-back on the final corner giving him a run into turn 1. Holmes tucked in behind on the run down to turn 2 and lined himself up for a move up the inside at turn 4 which saw him regain the lead. Ellis bided his time and took the lead with 2 minutes of the race remaining. As they entered the hairpin at turn 10 for the penultimate time, a backmarker spun, knocking the pair of them and giving Holmes a run on the outside of the final corner. Holmes set himself up for the cut-back and passed Ellis into turn 1 as they flashed past the 'last lap' board. Holmes was keeping Ellis at bay and as they re-emerged from the bottom of the hill, it was Holmes just ahead of Ellis with a backmarker ahead of them. Holmes tripped over the backmarker slightly, giving Ellis a run on the outside for the final corner. Like Holmes had done the lap before, Ellis set himself up for the cut-back, but Holmes exited on a tight line, denying Ellis as they took the chequered flag, side-by-side, separated by 0.082 seconds. Trundley completed the podium, 5.714 seconds behind with Knapp and Oliver completing the top 5.

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1	Joe Holmes	55	01:00.6		01:05.3	21
2	Joseph Ellis	55	01:00.7	0.082	01:05.3	24
3	Bobby Trundley	55	01:06.4	5.796	01:05.6	53
4	Andrew Knapp	55	01:07.8	7.219	01:05.6	42
5	Ben Oliver	55	01:28.6	28.019	01:06.0	46
6	Allan Curtis	55	01:40.8	40.154	01:06.1	20
7	Andrew Tempest	55	01:41.6	41.005	01:06.1	55
8	Oliver Peacock	55	01:42.6	41.969	01:05.9	46
9	Ben Chapman	55	01:53.3	52.71	01:06.2	17
10	Slawomir Piskorz	54	01:12.2	1 lap	01:05.9	19
11	Matthew Conroy	54	01:18.2	1 lap	01:06.3	37
12	Michael Coppin	54	01:18.7	1 lap	01:06.4	46
13	Adam Jones	54	01:28.0	1 lap	01:06.6	45
14	James Perry	54	01:33.0	1 lap	01:06.7	18
15	Alex Del Verne	54	01:36.6	1 lap	01:06.2	21
16	Seb Cook	54	01:37.6	1 lap	01:06.7	45
17	Simon Gibson	54	01:40.1	1 lap	01:06.7	48
18	Anthony Kirk	54	01:48.4	1 lap	01:06.4	25
19	Stuart Shearman	53	01:01.5	2 laps	01:06.2	24
20	Adrian Hull	53	01:03.5	2 laps	01:07.4	51
21	Sam Harris	53	01:09.0	2 laps	01:07.4	17
22	Diogo Silva	53	01:09.6	2 laps	01:07.3	44
23	Andy Stobart	53	01:14.1	2 laps	01:07.8	45
24	Chris Baister	53	01:59.2	2 laps	01:07.9	50
25	Dan Sullivan	52	01:18.9	3 laps	01:06.7	34
26	Matt Bickerton	51	01:49.2	4 laps	01:08.7	51
27	Ronan McClintock	49	57:42.2	6 laps	01:06.6	44
28	Blaze Sienko	49	01:31.1	6 laps	01:09.5	43
29	Tim McKeegan	43	52:41.2	12 laps	01:05.7	23
30	Stuart Foster	29	33:22.3	26 laps	01:06.8	26



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Joseph Ellis

Joe Holmes

Bobby Trundley

The next round is at Daytona Sandown Park on 15th March. Call Mark on 033 033 278 70 to book in.

