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The TW Steel Dmax 2015 Enduro Championships

Round Three – Whilton Mill – Sunday 19th April 2015

Inters - Qualifying

The Inters drivers kicked off the day's running with Joe Holmes proving the early pace setter in qualifying. Bobby Trundley was sitting in a provisional 2nd place, 6 tenths behind, until William Topp and Anthony Kirk moved up to the top of the timesheets. Holmes quickly responded with a 52.158 with Trundley now a few hundredths behind in 2nd. Holmes put a bit more distance between the two of them with a 51.470 to put him 0.406 seconds clear of Tim McKeegan who now occupied 2nd. McKeegan improved to reduce the gap to 0.148 seconds with Topp now 3rd, a further 0.283 seconds adrift with Trundley in 4th, another 0.138 seconds behind. Holmes dropped his time to a 51.370 as Trundley jumped up to 2nd, just 0.038 seconds behind with McKeegan in 3rd, 0.124 seconds off provisional pole. With seconds to spare, Holmes went faster again, posting a 51.118, putting him 0.290 seconds clear of Trundley as the chequered flag waved. McKeegan claimed 3rd on the grid ahead of Kirk, James Brunton and Topp to complete the first three rows.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	diff	gap	laps
1	Joe Holmes	51.118	13			14
2	Bobby Trundley	51.408	12	0.29	0.29	16
3	Tim McKeegan	51.498	16	0.38	0.09	16
4	Anthony Kirk	51.549	16	0.431	0.051	17
5	James Brunton	51.741	14	0.623	0.192	17
6	William Topp	51.754	15	0.636	0.013	17
7	Sam Harris	51.913	13	0.795	0.159	17
8	Andrew Grove	51.921	16	0.803	0.008	17
9	Andrew Knapp	52.055	11	0.937	0.134	13
10	Andrew Tempest	52.057	16	0.939	0.002	17
11	Adam Nakar	52.116	17	0.998	0.059	17
12	Matthew Conroy	52.157	15	1.039	0.041	17
13	Ronan McClintock	52.178	13	1.06	0.021	17
14	Ben Chapman	52.323	14	1.205	0.145	17
15	Seb Cook	52.609	15	1.491	0.286	16
16	Alex Del Verne	52.835	14	1.717	0.226	15
17	Stuart Shearman	52.937	15	1.819	0.102	16
18	Chris Baister	53.147	14	2.029	0.21	17
19	Steven Hussey	53.272	11	2.154	0.125	16
20	Antonio Caccioli	53.396	16	2.278	0.124	16
21	Ben Oliver	53.552	8	2.434	0.156	13
22	Blaze Sienko	54.189	13	3.071	0.637	16



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Race

Joe Holmes got away cleanly from pole despite not using his conventional slow rolling lap. Tim McKeegan moved ahead of Trundley into 2nd through the first few corners as Holmes pulled out a couple of kart lengths on the run up to Christmas. Trundley was onto the back of McKeegan quickly, and regained the position on lap 3 with a good run after they came down the hill. McKeegan responded and tried to get back ahead as they entered The Boot, but Trundley held him off to keep 2nd place. Holmes had used the tussle to build a 2 second lead at the front after 5 laps, but Trundley was soon on to Holmes' pace to halt his charge. James Brunton was running in 4th with William Topp just half a second behind him as they pulled away from Sam Harris behind them in 6th.

With a quarter of the race completed, Trundley had pegged Holmes' lead to 2 seconds at the front as they swapped for fastest lap time at the front – Holmes having the upper hand by 0.028 seconds on their fastest laps. McKeegan had dropped back in 3rd, 4 seconds behind Trundley, but had helped his chances of a podium finish as he pulled out 6 seconds on Topp and Brunton behind him in their fight for 4th. Andrew Knapp, Adam Nakar and Ben Chapman were lapping nose-to-tail in 9th, 10th and 11th respectively with Andrew Tempest gradually closing in on them as they made their way through traffic. Knapp was keeping it tidy to hold them off with Chapman dropping back a few tenths as he had his hands full with Tempest now tucked under his exhaust and Ronan McClintock looking as though he may join them in the near future.

Holmes had extended his lead to 4 seconds at the half way mark as he efficiently made his way through the traffic, leaving Trundley behind in a lonely 2nd as McKeegan dropped to 10 seconds behind Trundley in 3rd. Topp still hadn't shaken off Brunton as they lapped a second apart from each other with Anthony Kirk edging towards them as the race wore on. Nakar had got himself ahead of Knapp, but had not got away from him as Knapp was a tenth behind him with Chapman and Tempest within a second of the battling pair in the scrap for 9th.

As the race entered the final 10 minutes, Holmes had increased his lead to 8 seconds over Trundley in 2nd. McKeegan was looking good for a podium as he was 14 seconds clear of Topp and Brunton who were still separated by only a second after 50 minutes of racing with Nakar still with the upper hand in the scrap between himself, Chapman, Tempest and Knapp. Nakar managed to pick off another place, getting ahead of Sam Harris to take 8th with a few minutes left of the race to run. The chequered flag was readied and greeted Holmes as he claimed another win. Trundley came home in 2nd, 13.131 seconds behind with McKeegan completing the podium. Topp and Brunton rounded out the top 5.

pos	competitor	laps	diff	best time	best lap
1	Joe Holmes	69		50.891	26
2	Bobby Trundley	69	13.131	51.134	34
3	Tim McKeegan	69	33.005	51.268	17
4	William Topp	69	44.804	51.513	33
5	James Brunton	69	45.32	51.395	28
6	Anthony Kirk	69	46.979	51.286	26



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7	Ben Oliver	68	1 lap	51.42	23
8	Adam Nakar	68	1 lap	51.67	32
9	Ben Chapman	68	1 lap	51.6	18
10	Sam Harris	68	1 lap	51.801	48
11	Andrew Tempest	68	1 lap	51.696	65
12	Ronan McClintock	68	1 lap	51.732	27
13	Andrew Knapp	68	1 lap	51.734	42
14	Matthew Conroy	68	1 lap	51.827	17
15	Stuart Shearman	67	2 laps	52.445	28
16	Alex Del Verne	67	2 laps	52.38	13
17	Antonio Caccioli	67	2 laps	52.248	49
18	Seb Cook	67	2 laps	52.373	13
19	Andrew Grove	66	3 laps	51.964	64
20	Steven Hussey	66	3 laps	52.504	31
21	Chris Baister	66	3 laps	52.404	28
22	Blaze Sienko	65	4 laps	53.024	54



Bobby Trundley

Joe Holmes

Tim McKeegan



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Lights - Qualifying

The skies over Whilton Mill had become overcast as the Lights made their way to the track for their qualifying session. With 5 minutes completed, Tom Kempynck was the early pace-setter on a 51.774, just 0.078 seconds clear of Chris Hackworth. Tom Hill was a further 0.001 behind in 3rd with Tom Golding sitting in 4th, another 0.036 seconds behind. Hackworth dug deep to post a 51.467 to go 0.307 seconds clear at the top to the time sheets, but Kempynck improved to get the gap down to 0.122 seconds. Tom Sibley joined in at the top, slotting into 3rd, just 0.181 seconds off of Hackworth's pole time with the returning Champion, James Baldwin returning for the first time in 2015, sitting in 4th, 0.252 seconds off pole. Hill and Golding then jumped up to occupy 2nd and 3rd respectively as Hackworth improved to a 51.217 just before Baldwin moved into 2nd, 0.038 seconds behind. With 1 second covering the top 20 drivers with 2 minutes of qualify remaining, it was very possible to jump up the order just by finding a tenth or two as Baldwin moved in to pole with a 51.111. Baldwin claimed pole from Hackworth by 0.106 seconds with Hill taking 3rd on the grid, a further 0.054 seconds behind. Golding lined up alongside Hill on the second row with Kempynck and Hugo Bush completing the front three rows – 0.209 seconds separated the top 6.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	diff	gap	laps
1	James Baldwin	51.111	15			17
2	Chris Hackworth	51.217	13	0.106	0.106	18
3	Tom Hill	51.271	14	0.16	0.054	17
4	Tom Golding	51.272	14	0.161	0.001	17
5	Tom Kempynck	51.279	11	0.168	0.007	16
6	Hugo Bush	51.32	12	0.209	0.041	16
7	Tom Sibley	51.331	14	0.22	0.011	17
	Kamran Moussa-					
8	Zadeh	51.337	17	0.226	0.006	17
9	Dom Whiting	51.368	12	0.257	0.031	12
10	James Wickham	51.41	17	0.299	0.042	17
11	Jake Butler	51.468	14	0.357	0.058	15
12	Ben Leslie	51.523	14	0.412	0.055	17
13	Joseph Conroy	51.549	14	0.438	0.026	17
14	Jane Gibbons	51.742	11	0.631	0.193	17
15	Paul Cox	51.743	11	0.632	0.001	17
16	Russell Horton	51.76	17	0.649	0.017	17
17	Marco Coltelli	51.817	14	0.706	0.057	16
18	Alexandru Damian	51.946	11	0.835	0.129	17
19	Tom Clark	51.967	16	0.856	0.021	17
20	Jason Cleveley	52.015	17	0.904	0.048	17
21	Luke Hornsby	52.019	15	0.908	0.004	17
22	Gustavo Silveira	52.113	10	1.002	0.094	15
23	Sam Bennett	52.411	13	1.3	0.298	17



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24	Jacob Davies	52.491	14	1.38	0.08	15
25	Kevin Drougzalet	52.599	14	1.488	0.108	17
26	David Glover	52.665	10	1.554	0.066	16
27	Tanzi Besant	52.83	11	1.719	0.165	17
28	Richard Smith	53.274	17	2.163	0.444	17
29	Nikolay Angelov	53.811	15	2.7	0.537	16
30	Dimitri Limata	53.957	10	2.846	0.146	16

Race

James Baldwin got away from pole with Chris Hackworth, Tom Hill and Tom Golding all tucked up behind him as they shot up the hill towards Christmas. Baldwin defended to keep them at bay as they completed lap 1. Marc Coltelli picked up a black flag for an ABC coming down the hill on the opening lap, which dropped him down the order. Baldwin did not want to hang around as he set out to get away from Hackworth behind, putting 6 tenths between them. Hackworth quickly responded with a fastest lap to get it down to 4 tenths. Tom Golding was dropping back in 3rd, but posted the fastest lap on lap 6 with a 51.354 to bring the gap down between himself and Hackworth. Tom Hill, Tom Sibley and Ben Leslie were lined up behind them in 4th, 5th and 6th respectively with a second covering the three of them. Hackworth had closed towards Baldwin and latched onto the rear of his kart but Baldwin responded once more with another fastest lap to get just out of striking distance.

The Full Course Yellow was brought out to deal with an incident at turn 1 as the race approached quarter distance, allowing the leaders to close up. The green flags waved to resume racing with Kamran Moussa-Zadeh going for an advantageous move on Luke Hornsby resulting in the pair of them being spun out and earning Moussa-Zadeh a black flag. Baldwin and Hackworth continued their race at the front as Ben Leslie made steady progress to move into 3rd with Dom Whiting, Tom Sibley and Tom Hill behind with their close racing soon costing Leslie and Whiting two places as Sibley and Hill got back ahead. Hugo Bush and Jake Butler were in a scrap for 7th as Butler looked to try and make a move on Bush to take the position with Jane Gibbons and Tom Clark in a similar position as they also lapped together in 15th and 16th place respectively.

The fight for 3rd was 'hotting up' with Leslie back in front on lap 33, heading Sibley, Whiting and Hill with the four of them covered by a second at the half way stage with Baldwin and Hackworth disappearing up the road as the four behind squabbled for position. The racing between Sibley and Whiting soon got too close as the pair had a coming together coming down the hill, dropping the pair of them down the order and promoting Jake Butler into 4th and onto the back of the fight between Leslie and Hill for 3rd. Whiting was closing back up after his incident with Sibley and passed Butler for 5th into The Boot and resumed battle with Leslie and Hill with Butler right on his tail.

Baldwin had been steadily pulling away from Hackworth at the front, building a lead of 4 seconds with 15 minutes remaining as the fight for 3rd went down to Hill and Whiting as they got away from Butler and Leslie, with Whiting taking 3rd on lap 59 with a move onto the back straight but Butler and Leslie were coming back



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at the pair with 5 minutes remaining. Hill was back on Whiting and as they made their way through traffic into The Boot, Hill misjudged the move and spun out another driver, resulting in a black flag for Hill. Baldwin took the chequered flag at Round 3 on his return, beating Hackworth by 11.343 seconds. Whiting completed the podium after being involved in a dramatic race, with Butler taking 4th ahead of Leslie in 5th. Tom Golding was awarded with a time penalty after the race for an ABC coming down the hill on the penultimate lap.

pos	competitor	laps	diff	best time	best lap
1	James Baldwin	70		50.965	53
2	Chris Hackworth	70	11.343	51.068	28
3	Dom Whiting	70	23.919	51.145	60
4	Jake Butler	70	24.166	51.144	27
5	Ben Leslie	70	26.501	51.168	44
6	Tom Kempynck	70	32.718	51.231	59
7	Tom Sibley	70	33.067	51.002	58
8	Paul Cox	70	33.429	51.012	60
9	Joseph Conroy	70	39.843	51.442	14
10	Russell Horton	70	46.52	51.592	27
11	Hugo Bush	70	47.768	51.42	14
12	Alexandru Damian	70	47.963	51.355	45
13	Tom Golding	70	01:32.4	51.129	58
14	James Wickham	69	1 lap	51.369	58
15	Tom Clark	69	1 lap	51.655	47
16	Jane Gibbons	69	1 lap	51.702	49
17	Jason Cleveley	69	1 lap	51.717	28
18	Sam Bennett	69	1 lap	51.819	11
19	Gustavo Silveira	69	1 lap	51.935	37
20	Luke Hornsby	69	1 lap	51.887	29
21	Jacob Davies	68	2 laps	52.161	12
22	David Glover	68	2 laps	52.127	26
23	Tanzi Besant	68	2 laps	52.146	52
24	Kamran Moussa-Zadeh	68	2 laps	51.669	8
25	Richard Smith	68	2 laps	52.608	54
26	Tom Hill	67	3 laps	51.189	61
27	Kevin Drougzalet	67	3 laps	51.852	32
28	Dimitri Limata	66	4 laps	53.167	58
29	Marco Coltelli	66	4 laps	51.618	24
30	Nikolay Angelov	65	5 laps	53.233	36



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Chris Hackworth

James Baldwin

Dom Whiting

Heavy

Qualifying

James Griffith was the first to put in a representative lap time with a 53.647 to head Chris Carter by 0.055 seconds at the top of the timesheet. Tomasz Zaustowicz was in provisional 3rd, 0.148 second behind Carter. Jamie Pender jumped up to the top with a 52.380 before being demoted by Carter who set a 52.173. Rob Bennett then split them to go 0.128 off Carter's time with Griffith getting even closer, beating Bennett by 0.012 seconds. Zaustowicz moved to the top of the table with a 52.066 to give him provisional pole by 0.107 seconds ahead of Carter as Pender moved up into 3rd, 0.141 off of pole. Pender went one better to take 2nd, missing Zaustowicz's time by 0.011 seconds. With the chequered flag going out, Zaustowicz and Carter could not improve, leaving the door open for Pender who claimed pole by 0.047 seconds ahead of Zaustowicz, Carter, Griffith, Bennett and David Vincent – 1 second covered the top 17 drivers.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	diff	gap	laps
1	Jamie Pender	52.019	17			17
2	Tomasz Zaustowicz	52.066	14	0.047	0.047	17
3	Chris Carter	52.107	16	0.088	0.041	17
4	James Griffith	52.289	13	0.27	0.182	17
5	Rob Bennett	52.301	11	0.282	0.012	17



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6	David Vincent	52.46	15	0.441	0.159	16
7	Vince Cogzell	52.645	12	0.626	0.185	16
8	Lee Witney	52.672	16	0.653	0.027	17
9	Adrian Wisniewski	52.694	11	0.675	0.022	16
10	Andrew Haine	52.782	11	0.763	0.088	16
11	Adam Daly	52.845	15	0.826	0.063	15
12	Malcolm Clark	52.915	14	0.896	0.07	17
13	Gary Mills	52.948	17	0.929	0.033	17
14	Gareth Holt	52.952	16	0.933	0.004	16
15	Vinod Hirani	52.963	14	0.944	0.011	17
16	Michael Mckeegan	52.997	16	0.978	0.034	16
17	Chris Munro	53.054	13	1.035	0.057	17
18	Andy Archer	53.109	13	1.09	0.055	16
19	Daljeet Bahia	53.362	13	1.343	0.253	17
20	Peter Gillett	53.705	16	1.686	0.343	16
21	Diego Romer	54.596	16	2.577	0.891	16
22	Nico Lawes	54.679	5	2.66	0.083	5
23	Andy Parish	54.807	13	2.788	0.128	16
24	Gary Martin	54.816	15	2.797	0.009	16

Race

Jamie Pender led Chris Carter away as the green lights signalled the start of the race, with the field tripping over each other into turns 1 and 2, resulting in multiple karts going off and a full course yellow with several drivers losing out. The green flags waved on lap 4 to resume racing with Carter immediately onto the back of Pender as Vincent moved ahead of Rob Bennett. Bennett was deemed to have been the main contributor to the incident at the start and was given a black flag as a result*. Bennett moved back ahead of Vincent before serving his black flag with Adam Daly following to demote Vincent to 5th. Pender got his head down to string together a series of fastest laps, pulling out a tenth or two each lap over Carter to get out of Carter's attacking range.

James Griffith spun chasing Vincent for 3rd dropping him down to 6th, but was quickly back on the recovery as he moved into 5th ahead of Gary Mills. Pender was keeping Carter at bay, maintaining a gap of 0.7 seconds with a third of the race completed. Vincent had dropped back 8 seconds in 3rd place as Carter made his move, passing Pender for the lead on lap 27 with Pender getting back onto his tail in his attempt to quickly regain the position. Carter was not showing any sign of crumbling under the pressure however as he lapped with Pender on his rear bumper. As the leading pair came across some traffic, Pender seized his moment to regain the lead with Carter now the one exerting the pressure. Carter was quickly back into the lead with a move into the boot on lap 40 as Griffith moved back into 4th on his recovery drive on lap 41. Pender got back in front 2 laps later coming down the hill with Carter responding once more with a move around the outside of the entry to The Boot to give him the inside for the following corners and with it, the lead.



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Michael McKeegan, Gary Mills and Bennett were all dicing for 10th with half a second covering the three of them as Bennett made his way back up the order after his black flag. Bennett made short work of the pair as he passed them both on lap 51 with Lee Witney closing in on the pair of them. Vincent in 3rd was beginning to make in-roads into the advantage of the two ahead of him as Pender once more passed Carter for the lead as Vincent took another second out of their lead – the gap at 3 seconds with 10 minutes left. Pender got his head down to try and get away as the race approached its end with Vincent's charge being halted as the pair maintained the gap. Pender held it to the chequered flag to take his first win of the 2015 season, beating Carter by 0.594 seconds. Vincent completed the podium ahead of Griffiths and Daly.

** In a post race video review of three camera angles, the start incident was judged not to be Bennett's fault and Zaustowicz will serve a grid penalty at his next Enduro Round for causing an avoidable collision at T1.

pos	competitor	laps	diff	best time	best lap
1	Jamie Pender	67		51.992	59
2	Chris Carter	67	0.594	52.059	22
3	David Vincent	67	7.16	51.993	48
4	James Griffith	67	17.602	51.992	44
5	Adam Daly	67	27.313	52.346	33
6	Vince Cogzell	67	27.611	52.192	29
7	Tomasz Zaustowicz	67	33.825	52.066	28
8	Malcolm Clark	67	34.123	52.266	29
9	Gareth Holt	67	48.932	52.463	31
10	Gary Mills	67	50.909	52.458	46
11	Rob Bennett	67	01:46.8	52.086	22
12	Lee Witney	66	1 lap	52.537	16
13	Michael Mckeegan	66	1 lap	52.649	22
14	Adrian Wisniewski	66	1 lap	52.324	32
15	Nico Lawes	66	1 lap	52.734	24
16	Daljeet Bahia	66	1 lap	53.02	31
17	Vinod Hirani	66	1 lap	52.289	29
18	Gary Martin	66	1 lap	53.03	49
19	Andrew Haine	66	1 lap	52.276	32
20	Peter Gillett	65	2 laps	53.089	31
21	Andy Archer	65	2 laps	52.69	38
22	Andy Parish	64	3 laps	53.625	51
23	Chris Munro	33	34 laps	52.549	9
24	Diego Romer	27	40 laps	54.123	12



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Chris Carter

Jamie Pender

David Vincent

The next Round is at Ellough Park on 16th May 2015 – call Mark on 033 033 278 70 to book.

