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The TW Steel Dmax 2015 Enduro Championships

Round Four – Ellough Park – Sunday 17th May 2015

Lights

Qualifying

With Round 4 of the 2015 TW Steel DMAX Championship seeing the first visit for the Championship to Ellough Park, drivers left for the circuit with some trepidation. Tom Golding got into a groove early on, sitting on top of the pile after 5 minutes of qualifying with Tom Kempynck in 2nd and Dom Whiting in 3rd. Joseph Conroy soon jumped into 2nd only to be deposed by Whiting as he found some extra pace to close the gap to Golding to a tenth. Ben Leslie then split the two at the top, missing out on provisional pole by 0.041 seconds with Golding almost immediately bettering his time to a 50.188 giving him an advantage of 0.181 seconds. Golding went quicker still with Kempynck next to get close to Golding as he lapped just 0.015 seconds off Golding's time with his following lap earning him provisional pole – a 49.948. Leslie was sitting in 3rd with 0.031 between him and Whiting in 4th with Alexandru Damian completing the provisional top 5 with 5 minutes remaining. Kempynck had found a good rhythm, bettering his time on three consecutive laps, keeping an advantage of a tenth and a half over Golding at all times as Golding improved at the same rate. With the chequered flag out, drivers put in their last times, Kempynck dropped his time to a 49.681 earning him pole from Golding by 0.146 with Leslie lining up in 3rd a further 0.071 seconds behind. Whiting, Tom Sibley and Damian completed the first three rows of the grid.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	diff	gap	laps
1	Tom Kempynck	49.681	17			17
2	Tom Golding	49.827	16	0.146	0.146	18
3	Ben Leslie	49.898	16	0.217	0.071	17
4	Dom Whiting	50.188	18	0.507	0.29	18
5	Tom Sibley	50.309	15	0.628	0.121	17
6	Alexandru Damian	50.377	16	0.696	0.068	17
7	Sam Bennett	50.41	16	0.729	0.033	16
8	Joseph Conroy	50.459	13	0.778	0.049	17
9	Jake Butler	50.521	17	0.84	0.062	17
10	Jane Gibbons	50.89	12	1.209	0.369	17
11	Nikolay Angelov	51.871	15	2.19	0.981	17
12	Nigel Foot	55.145	12	5.464	3.274	15

Race

Tom Kempynck got a clean start from pole, leading out of turn 1 with Ben Leslie getting ahead of Golding with a move up the inside. Dom Whiting got into 4th and was on Golding's tail at the start as Kempynck opened up a half a second lead on lap 1. Leslie responded on lap 2 and began to edge towards Kempynck



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with Golding dropping back slightly towards Whiting and Tom Sibley. Leslie was on Kempynck's rear bumper on lap 5 with Golding catching back up to make it a three-way scrap for the lead as Whiting was forced to defend from Sibley. Two and a half seconds further back, Joseph Conroy was holding off Alexandru Damian and Sam Bennett, allowing those ahead to run up the road. Sibley lunged up the inside of Whiting at the hairpin of turn 4 to take 4th place cleanly and set after closing down the leading trio ahead of him as Kempynck continued to keep Leslie and Golding at bay.

With the first quarter of the race completed, Sibley had closed the gap to Golding and was putting him under immense pressure for several laps. Sibley's persistence eventually paid off with a run out of the final corner giving him the inside into turn 1 and with it, 3rd place. Leslie was next on Sibley's hit-list as Kempynck began to get away at the front. Two laps later, Sibley repeated the move he pulled on Golding on Leslie. He didn't quite complete the move with the inside line for turn 3 earning Sibley 3rd place. This slowed the pace of those around allowing Golding to attack Leslie with an opportunistic Whiting grabbing 4th from Golding as Sibley chased after Kempynck taking half a second out of his lead on lap 22. Sibley closed the gap in the next 10 minutes and once he was with Kempynck, he wasted no time in trying to pass. With a good run out of turn 1, Sibley seized his chance, grabbing the inside line through turns two and three, taking the lead with just over half the race remaining. The leading pair were 6 seconds clear as Whiting had worked his way into 3rd ahead of Golding and Leslie with the three of them still lapping together on track.

After two-thirds race distance, Sibley had pulled out a gap of 2.3 seconds over the chasing Kempynck as Whiting got away from Golding and Leslie, and was gradually reeling in Kempynck. Leslie was still putting Golding under pressure for 4th with Bennett now free in 6th having got ahead of Damian in 7th and Conroy in 8th. Jane Gibbons had made her way into 9th with a pass on Jake Butler through turns 2 and 3 with Butler running wide having tried to hold on around the outside. The closest fight on track was still the one for 4th as Golding continued to hold off Leslie who was just 0.138 seconds behind. Leslie bided his time and finally pulled off the move to take 4th place and began to pull out a couple of kart lengths despite nearly hitting a rabbit at one stage.

Whiting had caught Kempynck in the fight for 2nd with 10 minutes of the race remaining and with Sibley only 3.2 seconds up the road, the win was a possibility if Whiting passed Kempynck quickly. With the pressure on Kempynck from Whiting, Kempynck improved his pace with the pair of them beginning to catch Sibley as the race approached its conclusion. Golding was back on Leslie as well in the fight for 4th, but Leslie was keeping himself just out of striking distance. Meanwhile, Whiting had claimed 2nd place with a move up at the final corner with 2 minutes of the race remaining. Sibley kept it clean on the final lap, avoiding any mistakes and claimed his maiden DMAX Champs win. Whiting held on for 2nd, beating Kempynck by 0.702 seconds with Leslie and Golding rounding out the top 5.

pos	competitor	laps	total time	diff	best time	best lap
1	Tom Sibley	72	00:03.9		49.436	10
2	Dom Whiting	72	00:06.5	2.585	49.575	51
3	Tom Kempynck	72	00:07.2	3.287	49.699	47
4	Ben Leslie	72	00:23.9	19.997	49.759	8
5	Tom Golding	72	00:24.6	20.647	49.723	11



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6	Sam Bennett	72	00:31.8	27.858	49.892	37
7	Alexandru Damian	72	00:40.1	36.126	49.952	16
8	Joseph Conroy	72	00:49.4	45.451	50.126	41
9	Jane Gibbons	72	00:52.2	48.272	50.038	30
10	Jake Butler	70	00:22.9	2 laps	49.743	69
11	Nikolay Angelov	70	00:39.4	2 laps	51.009	30
12	Nigel Foot	64	00:38.0	8 laps	53.101	61



Tom Kempynck

Tom Sibley

Dom Whiting

Heavies

Qualifying

With the Heavies taking to the track for the first time, it took some time for the drivers to settle in. Rob Bennett was the early pace setter with a 51.341 giving him provisional pole from James Griffith by a tenth. Griffith improved to go top of the pile by 0.091 seconds as Tomasz Zaustowicz slotted into 3rd only to have Chris Carter drop him to 4th as Carter took 3rd. Griffith and Bennett improved with the gap between them just 0.071 seconds with half of the session completed. Zaustowicz moved back into 3rd, 0.231 seconds off pole and 0.099 ahead of Carter. Adam Daly was in 5th a further 0.164 behind with David Vincent sitting in provisional 6th. Times continued to improve as the drivers familiarised themselves with the circuit with



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Griffith still on top, 0.056 seconds clear of Bennett. The chequered flag went out with no one improving on their times meaning it was Griffith on pole ahead of Bennett with Zaustowicz and Carter lining up on the 2nd row ahead of Vincent and Jamie Pender.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	diff	gap	laps
1	James Griffith	50.84	13			17
2	Rob Bennett	50.886	18	0.046	0.046	18
3	Tomasz Zaustowicz	51.16	18	0.32	0.274	18
4	Chris Carter	51.366	8	0.526	0.206	17
5	David Vincent	51.384	15	0.544	0.018	15
6	Jamie Pender	51.396	15	0.556	0.012	16
7	Michael Mckeegan	51.42	17	0.58	0.024	17
8	Adam Daly	51.49	11	0.65	0.07	16
9	Vince Cogzell	51.646	11	0.806	0.156	17
10	Ian Brooks	51.722	12	0.882	0.076	17
11	Adrian Wisniewski	51.748	11	0.908	0.026	17
12	Gary Mills	51.848	12	1.008	0.1	17
13	Malcolm Clark	51.975	17	1.135	0.127	17
14	Ian Dutfield	52.148	14	1.308	0.173	17
15	Jack Dutfield	52.198	12	1.358	0.05	17
16	Andy Archer	52.286	10	1.446	0.088	17
17	Gary Martin	52.593	17	1.753	0.307	17
18	Peter Gillett	52.802	14	1.962	0.209	17
19	Iain Mcmillan	53.45	16	2.61	0.648	16

Race

James Griffith held onto the lead into turn 1 with Rob Bennett also holding station in 2nd. David Vincent got the best start moving from 5th to 3rd with Chris Carter hot on his heels. Griffith and Bennett were away at the front with Carter quickly moving back ahead of Vincent to take 3rd, albeit, 1.6 seconds behind the leaders with Jamie Pender in 5th next to put Vincent under pressure. Rather than receive pressure, Vincent wanted to give and re-passed Carter for 3rd on lap 4 as the gap to the leaders continued to grow. Vincent had a train lining up behind him with Carter, Pender, Tomasz Zaustowicz and Adam Daly all nose-to-tail as Griffiths put some distance between himself and the chasing Bennett. A move from Zaustowicz on Pender to take 5th broke the group up as Vincent and Carter got away with Vincent just out of Carter's reach.

With a third of the race gone, Griffith had pulled out a lead of nearly 5 seconds over Bennett in 2nd with Bennett holding an advantage of 6 seconds over Vincent and Carter. Zaustowicz was holding off Pender in 5th a further 4 seconds behind with Daly beginning to drop back in 7th. Ian Brooks was running in 8th with Michael McKeegan, Vince Cogzell and Adrian Wisniewski all lined up behind him.

Zaustowicz lost out at the half way stage due to his transponder falling off – a costly mistake from Zaustowicz not fitting it securely. This left Pender free and on his own in 5th, 8.5 seconds behind Vincent who



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had lost out to Carter. Griffiths had continued his good form, extending his lead out to over 10 seconds as he cleanly picked his way through the traffic. Things were hotting up in the fight for 7th as Daly came under attack from Cogzell and Wisniewski with Cogzell slipping in front as leader Griffiths came up behind them. Despite the fighting, all of the drivers were aware and Griffiths quickly got through to allow the battle to recommence.

Vincent and Carter were continuing their fight for the final spot on the podium as they continued to swap positions, Carter back ahead with 15 minutes remaining with a move up the inside into turn 1. There were no such dramas for Griffiths as he continued to effortlessly drive away – his lead, out to nearly 20 seconds with 10 minutes remaining. Carter was let off the hook as Vincent ran into a kart issue, robbing those watching of an entertaining finish with Carter's 3rd looking very secure. With the last lap board going out, Griffiths serenely made his way around the track for one last time and cruised across the line to take the win, leading Bennett home by 29.559 seconds with Carter completing the podium a further 5.468 seconds behind. Pender and Brooks rounded out the top 5.

pos	competitor	laps	total time	diff	best time	best lap
1	James Griffith	71	00:27.7		50.516	25
2	Rob Bennett	71	00:57.2	29.559	50.795	10
3	Chris Carter	71	01:02.7	35.027	51.093	23
4	Jamie Pender	71	01:15.7	47.994	51.257	34
5	Ian Brooks	70	00:42.3	1 lap	51.33	12
6	Michael Mckeegan	70	00:46.9	1 lap	51.295	11
7	Adam Daly	70	00:51.3	1 lap	51.503	7
8	Vince Cogzell	70	00:52.3	1 lap	51.457	14
9	Tomasz Zaustowicz	70	00:53.0	1 lap	51.32	9
10	Adrian Wisniewski	70	00:53.4	1 lap	51.391	13
11	Ian Dutfield	70	01:08.3	1 lap	51.733	30
12	Malcolm Clark	70	01:08.8	1 lap	51.539	14
13	Gary Mills	70	01:18.0	1 lap	51.579	9
14	Andy Archer	69	00:35.1	2 laps	51.879	27
15	Gary Martin	69	01:01.2	2 laps	52.213	59
16	Peter Gillett	68	01:03.2	3 laps	52.653	26
17	Iain Mcmillan	67	00:44.7	4 laps	52.651	50
18	David Vincent	61	52:27.0	10 laps	51.085	10
19	Jack Dutfield	61	01:06.0	10 laps	51.832	21



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Chris Carter

James Griffith

Rob Bennett

Inters

Qualifying

Twenty Inters drivers took to the track for the first time as the championship debuted at Ellough Park. Joe Holmes quickly started to set a searing pace, taking provisional pole with a 50.462 with Luke Cousins in 2nd, just 0.082 off Holmes' time with Ben Chapman in 3rd. Holmes had just bettered his time to a 50.424 when the full course yellows came out. With the incident dealt with, the greens resumed the session. The drivers continued to improve as the karts got back up to temperature and they found their rhythm around the track. Holmes improved to a 50.243 to put 0.301 seconds between himself and Cousins with Chapman a further 0.238 seconds in 3rd. Bobby Trundle made a late surge to pop into 3rd ahead of Chapman in 4th and Tim McKeegan in 5th. The chequered flag came out with Holmes claiming pole. Cousins lined up alongside him on the front row ahead of McKeegan, Trundle, Chapman and Allan Curtis.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	diff	gap	laps
1	Joe Holmes	50.19	16			17
2	Luke Cousins	50.361	15	0.171	0.171	17
3	Tim McKeegan	50.698	17	0.508	0.337	17



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4	Bobby Trundley	50.768	16	0.578	0.07	17
5	Ben Chapman	50.782	14	0.592	0.014	17
6	Allan Curtis	50.995	17	0.805	0.213	17
7	Anthony Kirk	51.001	15	0.811	0.006	16
8	William Topp	51.104	16	0.914	0.103	17
9	Joseph Ellis	51.163	14	0.973	0.059	16
10	Matthew Conroy	51.282	5	1.092	0.119	17
11	Ben Hyland	51.448	15	1.258	0.166	17
12	Seb Cook	51.489	17	1.299	0.041	17
13	Ronan McClintock	51.491	9	1.301	0.002	17
14	Andrew Knapp	51.555	11	1.365	0.064	15
15	James Perry	51.57	8	1.38	0.015	17
16	Tom Eastwood	51.967	8	1.777	0.397	13
17	Stuart Shearman	52.043	17	1.853	0.076	17
18	Ben Oliver	52.155	12	1.965	0.112	15
19	Blaze Sienko	52.78	16	2.59	0.625	16
20	Chris Hindle	53.048	16	2.858	0.268	16

Race

Joe Holmes made the most of pole and led through turn 1 with Luke Cousins holding onto 2nd ahead of Bobby Trundley. Holmes immediately got his head down to start pulling out a gap over Cousins who in turn, left Trundley behind who had his hands full of Tim McKeegan, Allan Curtis and Ben Chapman. McKeegan was all over Trundley, looking for a way past with his chance coming on lap 6 into turn 1. McKeegan placed his kart on the inside, out-braked Trundley and took the position as Chapman closed onto the back of the pair of them.

Holmes used the opening 15 minutes to pull out a lead of 5 seconds over Cousins in 2nd with McKeegan now on his own in 3rd a further 9 seconds behind. McKeegan had managed to break away from Trundley who still had Chapman breathing down the back of his neck with Joe Ellis in 6th looking as though he would catch them soon. Chapman made a move up the inside at turn 4, but Trundley held on around the outside as they exited the corner. Trundley continued on the outside for the fast sweeping left that followed, giving him the inside for the next two corners, but Chapman held on around the outside until they reach the hairpin right past the pitlane. Trundley held the line and regained the lead with the fighting allowing Ellis to close in. Chapman got a run out of the final corner with Trundley leaving the door open into turn 1 handing 4th place to Chapman.

With half of the race completed, Holmes had continued to extend his lead over Cousins who had put a comfortable gap between himself and McKeegan. McKeegan was being slowly caught by Chapman in 4th with Ellis now ahead of Trundley in 5th. With drivers spaced out and the karts very even on performance, closing gaps and attempting passes as the race entered the final third was going to prove difficult. Chapman



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was trying to defy this as he continued to take time out of McKeegan's advantage with Chapman seizing his chance as McKeegan lost out whilst negotiating his way through traffic.

The full course yellows were brought out with 5 minutes of the race remaining, but only lasted for 2 laps with green flags allowing racing to resume. Holmes looked certain for the win as he lead was out to 25 seconds with a handful of laps remaining. Cousins looked safe in 2nd but the fight for 3rd was intense as McKeegan regained 3rd with Chapman coming back at him 2 laps later. The fighting allowed Ellis to close up and put pressure on the pair of them as the chequered flag was readied. Holmes cruised across the line in 1st with Cousins and Chapman completing the podium. A move from Ellis on McKeegan on the final lap saw Ellis out-drag McKeegan to the line, snatching 4th place with McKeegan completing the top 5.

pos	competitor	laps	total time	diff	best time	best lap
1	Joe Holmes	72	00:32.5		49.895	29
2	Luke Cousins	72	00:54.6	22.137	50.189	10
3	Ben Chapman	71	00:34.5	1 lap	50.385	7
4	Joseph Ellis	71	00:34.7	1 lap	50.498	6
5	Tim McKeegan	71	00:34.8	1 lap	50.538	21
6	Allan Curtis	71	00:45.8	1 lap	50.715	25
7	Bobby Trundley	71	00:46.3	1 lap	50.665	10
8	William Topp	71	00:52.9	1 lap	50.605	23
9	Tom Eastwood	71	01:08.8	1 lap	50.849	27
10	Matthew Conroy	71	01:17.5	1 lap	51.087	20
11	Ben Oliver	71	01:19.0	1 lap	50.896	11
12	Ronan McClintock	70	00:38.8	2 laps	50.922	21
13	James Perry	70	00:47.7	2 laps	51.187	12
14	Ben Hyland	70	00:50.1	2 laps	51.316	14
15	Seb Cook	70	01:16.7	2 laps	51.576	11
16	Stuart Shearman	70	01:18.3	2 laps	51.497	12
17	Chris Hindle	70	01:18.5	2 laps	51.449	47
18	Blaze Sienko	67	00:44.2	5 laps	52.179	5
19	Anthony Kirk	61	52:09.4	11 laps	50.712	25
20	Andrew Knapp	35	30:28.4	37 laps	51.464	6



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Ben Chapman

Joe Holmes

Luke Cousins

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