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The TW Steel Dmax 2015 Enduro Championships Round 5 – Daytona Milton Keynes – Cliff Circuit

Heavy Qualifying

With 17 drivers on the grid, the first endurance session to hit the track was the Heavy's qualifying. With Rob Bennett looking quick to begin with, the time to beat was a 1:12.1 as the tyres warmed to the Cliff circuit at Daytona Milton Keynes. Approaching the half-way mark, both Jamie Pender and Adrian Wisniewski enjoyed a stint at the top, with the quickest time of the latter dropping down to a 1:10.4. At 10 minutes in Andy Archer set his quickest time, as did David Vincent, while the top 3 were all covered by two tenths of a second. With two minutes to go before positions were determined, Adrian Wisniewski had found another half a second for pole and Chris Carter snuck in with a late 1:09.9 to take third for the impending hour's race. Rob Bennett qualified 2nd.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	diff	gap
1	Adrian Wisniewski	01:09.8	9		
2	Rob Bennett	01:09.9	13	0.085	0.085
3	Chris Carter	01:10.0	10	0.197	0.112
4	Jamie Pender	01:10.0	13	0.219	0.022
5	Gareth Holt	01:10.2	13	0.453	0.234
6	Tomasz Zaustowicz	01:10.5	12	0.72	0.267
7	Adam Daly	01:10.6	13	0.765	0.045
8	James Griffith	01:10.8	11	0.993	0.228
9	Oliver Peacock	01:10.8	10	1.028	0.035
10	Michael McKeegan	01:10.9	13	1.121	0.093
11	Lee Witney	01:11.0	6	1.168	0.047
12	Daljeet Bahia	01:11.0	11	1.206	0.038
13	Vinod Hirani	01:11.0	11	1.227	0.021
14	David Vincent	01:11.0	9	1.245	0.018
15	Gary Mills	01:11.1	12	1.298	0.053
16	Andy Archer	01:11.1	9	1.322	0.024
17	Andy Parish	01:11.6	13	1.844	0.522

Race

Adrian Wisniewski kept 1st at the race start, defending from the pressure of Rob Bennett in to the first corner. Adam Daly experienced minor contact, and as the first lap finished, Chris Carter took Rob Bennett for 2nd, up the inside in to the last corner. Rob Bennett lucked out and lost a further 7 positions for not yielding in to turn 6, and it looked like his task was set for the race; a climb back up the grid over the next 55 minutes from his fall to 9th. While Rob Bennett was falling back, Chris Carter was conversely moving up the pack and took 1st up the inside in to turn 6. Rob Bennett had made it up to 7th and tried to stick a move on Tomasz Zaustowicz. Contact was made but Rob Bennett saved himself the penalty and conceded the place. This was the pattern of the next few laps, forcing Tomasz Zaustowicz to drive defensive.

At 21 minutes in, the pack began to spread out and settle in to position. Daljeet Bahia set his quickest time of a 1:10.8 at this point and was 3 tenths of a second behind Michael McKeegan in 10th. James Griffith had called in a day 17 laps in having changed karts, so we were down to 16 on track. Both Andy Archer and Parish were racing at the rear of the pack with Lee Witney, while higher up the grid Rob Bennett took 5th from Adam Daly. Between turns 8 to 10, Daljeet Bahia and Michael McKeegan had closed up and danced around each other to the end of the lap. Michael McKeegan just kept it and pulled just over half a second away as Daljeet cooled it off for the lap. Rob Bennett had by this point taken 4th at turn 4, around Gareth Holt, and had his sights set on the quick Jamie Pender for 3rd. And his sights certainly were set, as he went quickest of the race with a 1:08.9, taking 3rd down the start/finish straight the same lap. Rob Bennett was finally having some pressure from behind as Jamie Pender stuck within 3 tenths of a second for the next few laps, as the pair lapped Lee Witney over the start/finish. With just over 10 minutes remaining, Oliver Peacock



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set his personal quickest time, as did Gary Mills, an impressive feat as he had Vinod Hirani just one tenth of a second behind him. Rob Bennett and Jamie Pender held each other up somewhat and it seemed Rob Bennett would not make up any more spaces, and was even under threat of losing the 3rd place he'd worked hard to regain, with just 8 minutes to go. While Rob Bennett had been fighting his way back up the field, Chris Carter had extended his lead over Adrian Wisniewski to a comfortable 6.6 seconds. Behind the top 4, Gareth Holt experienced a late offensive from Tomasz Zaustowicz, as the pair battled around the final corner for the penultimate lap. Chris Carter had clear air both in front and behind him as he took 1st place after the full hour, Adrian Wisniewski took a secure 2nd and Jamie Pender lunged around Rob Bennett up the inside at turn 11 at the approach to the finish line but Rob Bennett just caught him with less than a second to go! The disappointment was clear from Jamie Pender as he finished in 4th after a long fight for that final podium step.

pos	competitor	laps	diff	best time	best lap
1	Chris Carter Adrian	52		01:09.1	37
2	Wisniewski	52	6.999	01:09.1	33
3	Rob Bennett	52	8.517	01:09.0	49
4	Jamie Pender	52	8.768	01:09.0	51
5	Gareth Holt	52	23.01	01:09.5	37
6	Adam Daly Tomasz	52	23.708	01:09.4	47
7	Zaustowicz	52	28.987	01:09.2	49
8	Oliver Peacock	52	31.804	01:09.5	38
9	David Vincent Michael	52	32.181	01:09.5	28
10	Mckeegan	52	01:00.6	01:10.1	29
11	Daljeet Bahia	52	01:01.3	01:10.0	52
12	Gary Mills	51	1 lap	01:10.2	48
13	Vinod Hirani	51	1 lap	01:10.2	12
14	Andy Parish	50	2 laps	01:11.0	11
15	Lee Witney	49	3 laps	01:10.3	26
16	Andy Archer	44	8 laps	01:10.8	17
17	James Griffith	17	35 laps	01:10.4	10



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Adrian Wisniewski

Chris Carter

Rob Bennett

Inter Qualifying

With a grid of 29 drivers, the Inter Enduro looked set to be a busy affair. Tim McKeegan was quick from the off, as were Joe Holmes and Ben Chapman, with the latter pair just one tenth of a second between each other at the mid-point of the preliminary session. Bobby Trundley found his pace by this point and made it to provisional pole with 5 minutes left, with a 1:08.8; Joe Holmes was just two tenths slower. Nuno Costa looked set for 3rd at this point, while the top 7 drivers all sat within a second of each other. Andrew Knapp made it up to 3rd in his final two laps, but Anthony Kirk went seven tenths of a second quicker on the final lap. Joe Holmes qualified 2nd from Bobby Trundley. Tim McKeegan who had been at the top to begin with was to start the race from 8th position.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	diff	gap
1	Bobby Trundley	01:08.5	5		
2	Joe Holmes	01:08.8	11	0.275	0.275
3	Anthony Kirk	01:08.9	13	0.412	0.137
4	Andrew Knapp	01:09.0	13	0.486	0.074
5	Ben Chapman	01:09.1	13	0.635	0.149
6	Adrian Hull	01:09.2	12	0.677	0.042
7	Joseph Ellis	01:09.3	11	0.747	0.07
8	Tim McKeegan	01:09.3	13	0.772	0.025
9	Nuno Costa	01:09.3	6	0.773	0.001
10	Andrew Tempest	01:09.4	13	0.888	0.115



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11	Allan Curtis	01:09.5	12	0.992	0.104
12	Luke Cousins	01:09.6	6	1.055	0.063
13	Alex Pritchard	01:09.6	12	1.096	0.041
14	Matthew Conroy	01:09.8	12	1.269	0.173
15	Ben Oliver	01:09.8	13	1.289	0.02
16	Bruno Botelho	01:09.9	9	1.357	0.068
17	Stuart Shearman	01:09.9	11	1.432	0.075
18	Antonio Caccioli	01:10.0	12	1.442	0.01
19	Seb Cook	01:10.0	8	1.495	0.053
20	Simon Gibson	01:10.1	13	1.556	0.061
21	James Perry	01:10.1	10	1.586	0.03
22	Tom Eastwood	01:10.1	11	1.622	0.036
23	Chris Baister	01:10.2	6	1.704	0.082
24	Alex Del Verne	01:10.4	12	1.859	0.155
25	Michael Coppin	01:10.6	11	2.078	0.219
26	Blaze Sienko	01:11.5	13	3.017	0.939
27	Steven Hussey	01:11.6	7	3.065	0.048
28	Louis Berrick	01:11.9	10	3.343	0.278
29	Daniel Berrick	01:20.1	10	11.579	8.236

Race

After a false start, the Inter Enduro got underway with Joe Holmes in 2nd keeping close to the tail of pole position Bobby Trundle. Further down the pack in 15th with Ben Oliver we had minor contact while the field found its place and settled in for the hour's race. Andrew Knapp in 3rd putting pressure on 2nd gave Bobby Trundle some momentary relief to pull away slightly, and after two laps he had a slightly more secure 1st with a half a second's lead. Alex Pritchard in 15th and Allan Curtis, in 16th, both went for the same track space at the approach to turn 11, with Allan Curtis allowing Alex Pritchard to go through, only to retake the place later the next lap. The first penalty black flag was awarded to Tim McKeegan for advantage by contact, as his bumper nudged the back of Luke Cousins down at turn 5, forcing him to run wide. A second black flag was given before the quarter way mark, as Adrian Hull went to go up the inside of Ben Chapman in to turn 4, locked up and made contact with Ben Chapman. Andrew Tempest had an incident and came off track in to the tyres, and pulled in to the pits to sensibly adjust his go-pro, and was released from the pits at the back of the pack. Andrew Tempest swiftly made it past newcomer Daniel Berrick for 26th, and began the task of eating in to 27th place Steven Hussey's 25 second gap.

Ben Chapman, Bruno Botelho and Ben Oliver took the start/finish straight and turn 1 3-abreast, with Ben Chapman emerging the victor in 8th. Up ahead of the battling trio was Anthony Kirk, who was three tenths of a second behind 6th placed debutant Nuno Costa as the drivers reached the 30-minute mark. Meanwhile up ahead Bobby Trundle had not only retained 1st place, but also held the quickest time up until that point, with 1:08 flat. Lower down the field Michael Coppin in 18th set his personal quickest; 1:10.7. By this point Andrew Knapp had made it past Joe Holmes for 2nd, but hadn't managed to put more than a second between them. Bobby Trundle, however, had managed to put eleven seconds worth of tarmac between himself and 2nd place. Meanwhile Louis Berrick avoided a penalty as he made contact with a lapping driver, but gave the place straight back with an apologetic gesture. Ben Oliver and Matthew Conroy also kept it clean as they took turn 9 together, racing well and leaving each other room, with the former just getting ahead for 10th. Luke Cousins passed Joe Holmes on lap 36, placing the pair just behind Andrew Knapp but comfortably ahead of Joseph Ellis in 5th. With 15 minutes remaining, Seb Cook took Simon Gibson for 17th, opening the door for Tom Eastwood in 19th to make a move. Behind him, Alex Del Verne was fighting to hold 20th as Tim McKeegan behind him was getting ever quicker. As the race entered the final stages, we had several small battles taking place on track. Stuart Shearman kept just over a second behind Matthew Conroy in 13th, as Antonio Caccioli and Chris Baister were just under a second apart; Blaze Sienko had a bit of track to himself down in 25th, with no one within ten seconds ahead or



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behind him. Back to the front of the pack and Joe Holmes and Luke Cousins had lost a second to Andrew Knapp due to back-marker traffic.

Seven minutes remaining and Bobby Trundley began to encounter some traffic. While he kept his distance and was safely in 1st, Luke Cousins had caught up with Andrew Knapp and passed him, making it to 2nd. Next was Joe Holmes' attack and he succeeded momentarily. Andrew Knapp came back passed but managed to take himself off at turn 10, allowing Joe Holmes back in to 3rd with 4 minutes to go. Allan Curtis and Ben Oliver had some close racing of their own, with Ben Oliver less than two tenths behind Allan Curtis who was fighting to keep 10th. Allan Curtis quickly managed to pull away before the last lap board, rapidly extending his lead to just over a second and securing the place. Someone else who's place was secure the entirety of the race was race leader Bobby Trundley, followed 13 seconds later by a deserved Luke Cousins in second, who'd recovered well the second half of the race after his earlier incident. Joe Holmes took 3rd; Andrew Knapp didn't manage to make back time after his mistake at turn 10 and took 4th after a tough race.



Luke Cousins

Bobby Trundley

Joe Holmes

pos	competitor	laps	diff	best time	best lap
1	Bobby Trundley	53		01:08.1	11
2	Luke Cousins	53	13.194	01:08.0	32
3	Joe Holmes	53	24.356	01:08.3	46
4	Andrew Knapp	53	33.14	01:08.4	21
5	Joseph Ellis	53	42.405	01:08.9	11
6	Nuno Costa	53	44.8	01:08.6	48
7	Ben Chapman	53	47.294	01:08.6	35
8	Anthony Kirk	53	54.753	01:09.0	46



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9	Bruno Botelho	53	01:01.9	01:09.0	36
10	Allan Curtis	52	1 lap	01:08.9	21
11	Ben Oliver	52	1 lap	01:09.2	30
12	James Perry	52	1 lap	01:09.2	40
13	Matthew Conroy	52	1 lap	01:08.7	31
14	Stuart Shearman	52	1 lap	01:09.2	22
15	Michael Coppin	52	1 lap	01:09.3	28
16	Simon Gibson	52	1 lap	01:09.4	48
17	Tim McKeegan	52	1 lap	01:08.6	39
18	Tom Eastwood	52	1 lap	01:09.1	46
19	Seb Cook	52	1 lap	01:09.4	14
20	Alex Pritchard	52	1 lap	01:09.3	19
21	Alex Del Verne	52	1 lap	01:09.5	48
22	Chris Baister	52	1 lap	01:09.3	42
23	Adrian Hull	51	2 laps	01:08.9	11
24	Antonio Caccioli	51	2 laps	01:09.7	41
25	Blaze Sienko	51	2 laps	01:10.2	45
26	Andrew Tempest	51	2 laps	01:09.5	35
27	Steven Hussey	51	2 laps	01:10.7	48
28	Louis Berrick	50	3 laps	01:11.0	9
29	Daniel Berrick	47	6 laps	01:14.8	19

Light Qualifying

Chris Hackworth was off to a quick start, setting a 1:08.8 on the second lap, which was on par with the quickest qualifying time of the Inter session before. Chris Hackworth was soon usurped from top position by Dom Whiting, going just two tenths of a second quicker. Tom Golding, Ben Leslie, Jake Butler and Jason Cleveley were all within a second of Dom Whiting's time at this point however, so it was still early days. With just 5 minutes remaining the top 6 drivers' quickest times were all in the 1:08's, and Tom Golding was now at the top of the changing grid, with the quickest time of the day to that point; 1:07.9. The potential front two rows of drivers were separated by just two tenths of a second, and with a minute left to get their quickest laps in, Tom Golding was still the one to beat. As he came over the line and under the chequered flag, he set an even quicker 1:07.7, securing 1st place for the race. Chris Hackworth also set his best on the last lap and took 2nd, with Dom Whiting taking 3rd.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	diff	gap
1	Tom Golding	01:07.8	13		
2	Chris Hackworth	01:07.9	13	0.151	0.151
3	Dom Whiting	01:08.0	7	0.234	0.083
4	Jake Butler	01:08.2	11	0.425	0.191
5	Tom Kempynck	01:08.5	11	0.782	0.357
6	Joseph Conroy	01:08.7	12	0.968	0.186
7	Ben Leslie	01:08.9	8	1.125	0.157
8	Jane Gibbons	01:08.9	11	1.186	0.061
9	Mez Evans	01:09.0	11	1.267	0.081
10	Tom Sibley	01:09.0	8	1.271	0.004
11	Tom Clark	01:09.1	11	1.298	0.027
12	Jason Cleveley	01:09.2	11	1.442	0.144
13	Sam Bennett	01:09.2	11	1.449	0.007



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14	David Glover	01:09.2	10	1.47	0.021
15	Steve Hannon	01:09.4	11	1.634	0.164
16	Nikolay Angelov	01:09.9	11	2.159	0.525
17	Tanzi Besant	01:10.8	13	3.011	0.852
18	Andrew Ward	01:11.0	9	3.196	0.185
19	Nigel Foot	01:12.7	12	4.924	1.728
20	Alan Scarr	01:13.3	7	5.581	0.657

Race

Tom Golding kept his position at the start of the race, and as the field crossed the line at the end of the first lap, Dom Whiting had gained on Chris Hackworth and taken 2nd. The top three remained tight and began to pull away from Jake Butler in 4th. Further back David Glover and Mez Evans headed up another tight group and passed Jane Gibbons together down the straight at the end of lap 4. Dom Whiting set the quickest time on this lap, as both he and Tom Golding in 1st received warnings for bumping, indicating that there was pressure at the front. Tom Golding then lost 1st as he was taken on the inside in to turn 6, and lost out further, demoting himself to 3rd by coming off track at the Cliff Top end of the circuit.

A third of the way through the race, Andrew Ward in 20th set his personal quickest lap of a 1:10.3, as did Tanzi Besant in 17th with a 1:10.1. Tom Kempynck was close behind Joseph Conroy at this stage, and kept up with him until he took him on the 23rd lap, quickly putting some distance between them, speeding up to try and catch Jake Butler 8 seconds up the track. Jane Gibbons and Sam Bennett sandwiched Ben Leslie, both within two tenths of a second in front and behind him. Ben Leslie kept up his pursuit of Jane Gibbons while simultaneously fending off a persistent Sam Bennett, even managing to set his personal best time of 1:08.5. Just ahead of them on the 1200m circuit, Tom Sibley was pulling away from Mez Evans in an attempt to join the front runners. The pack, backed by Joseph Conroy were 4 seconds ahead. Meanwhile newcomer Steve Hannon set his quickest time of 1:09.3, bringing him within a second and a half of the quickest time of the session.

As the race entered its final 20 minutes, Dom Whiting had put 4 seconds between himself and 2nd place Tom Golding who was now under pressure from Chris Hackworth. Chris Hackworth did then take 2nd from Tom Golding in a nice manoeuvre, up the inside at the fast turn 10. Tom Golding remained close behind and pursued Chris Hackworth for subsequent laps. By lap 40 Ben Leslie and Jane Gibbons were side by side over the line, as Sam Bennett overtook Tom Clark. Steve Hannon and Nikolay Angelov were close in 15th and 16th, and Nigel Foot and Alan Scarr behind them kept consistent times and raced cleanly. With 8 minutes left, there wasn't too much activity at the front, although Tom Golding was still chasing Chris Hackworth. With 5 minutes remaining, the pair took the first turn side by side, with neither seemingly yielding. Tom Golding came to within four hundredths of a second, and the next time at the exit of turn 1, Tom Golding had back off slightly. Tom Golding didn't come across the same opportunity again and stayed, and finished in 3rd. Chris Hackworth held him off despite constant pressure and Dom Whiting, who'd led from early on, secured 1st place. Ben Leslie, David Glover, Jane Gibbons and Sam Bennett all crossed the line almost simultaneously, in 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th respectively.

pos	competitor	laps	diff	best time	best lap
1	Dom Whiting	53		01:07.7	26
2	Chris Hackworth	53	5.667	01:07.7	35
3	Tom Golding	53	5.868	01:07.8	29
4	Jake Butler	53	20.007	01:08.0	47
5	Tom Kempynck	53	21.582	01:08.0	47
6	Joseph Conroy	53	29.978	01:08.2	10
7	Tom Sibley	53	39.322	01:08.1	44
8	Mez Evans	53	51.567	01:08.2	28
9	David Glover	53	59.28	01:08.5	13
10	Ben Leslie	53	01:00.1	01:08.5	49



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11	Jane Gibbons	53	01:00.3	01:08.4	49
12	Sam Bennett	53	01:00.6	01:08.1	49
13	Jason Cleveley	53	01:04.9	01:08.5	39
14	Tom Clark	53	01:05.3	01:08.6	7
15	Steve Hannon	52	1 lap	01:09.1	46
16	Nikolay Angelov	52	1 lap	01:09.1	49
17	Tanzi Besant	51	2 laps	01:09.4	39
18	Nigel Foot	50	3 laps	01:11.2	23
19	Andrew Ward	49	4 laps	01:09.8	48
20	Alan Scarr	47	6 laps	01:11.1	41



Chris Hackworth

Dom Whiting

Tom Golding

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