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The TW Steel Dmax 2015 Enduro Championships Round 8 – Clay Pigeon Kart Raceway

Heavy

Qualifying

With the track damp and lost in fog as the drivers arrived in the morning, it appeared as though conditions would be tricky to begin with, but the sun soon came out to burn away the fog as the drivers made their way onto the circuit for qualifying in good conditions. Chris Carter was the early pace setter with a 40.427 with Rob Bennett and Tomasz Zaustowicz sitting in 2nd and 3rd behind him just a tenth off. Zaustowicz picked up a black flag along with Andy Archer for hitting cones on track as Bennett went to the top of the timesheet only to have Carter jump ahead once more with a 40.225 to put him 0.175 seconds clear from Bennett with Zaustowicz a further 0.027 adrift. Vinod Hirani was next to pick up a blag flag for track limits as Lee Witney moved into 4th, 0.366 off of provisional pole with Michael McKeegan and Laurence Archer in 5th and 6th respectively, behind him. Jamie Pender moved up into 4th with 5 minutes of the session remaining as times continued to improve. In the end, pole went to Carter with a 39.917 with Bennett lining up alongside him, 0.198 seconds off. Pender and Vince Cogzell formed up the second row ahead of Zaustowicz and Stuart Foster.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	best speed	diff	gap	laps
1	Chris Carter	39.917	21	73.503 km/h			22
2	Rob Bennett	40.115	21	73.14 km/h	0.198	0.198	22
3	Jamie Pender	40.218	17	72.952 km/h	0.301	0.103	22
4	Vince Cogzell	40.337	22	72.737 km/h	0.42	0.119	22
5	Tomasz Zaustowicz	40.367	16	72.683 km/h	0.45	0.03	21
6	Stuart Foster	40.441	18	72.55 km/h	0.524	0.074	22
7	Lee Witney	40.446	10	72.541 km/h	0.529	0.005	22
8	Michael Mckeegan	40.505	18	72.436 km/h	0.588	0.059	22
9	Laurence Archer	40.538	18	72.377 km/h	0.621	0.033	20
10	Adam Daly	40.699	15	72.09 km/h	0.782	0.161	19
11	Adrian Wisniewski	40.708	22	72.074 km/h	0.791	0.009	22
12	Gareth Holt	40.805	11	71.903 km/h	0.888	0.097	22
13	Daljeet Bahia	40.811	17	71.892 km/h	0.894	0.006	21
14	Vinod Hirani	40.901	20	71.734 km/h	0.984	0.09	21
15	Peter Gillett	41.184	18	71.241 km/h	1.267	0.283	21
16	Steven Hussey	41.308	20	71.027 km/h	1.391	0.124	21
17	Andy Archer	41.428	17	70.822 km/h	1.511	0.12	20

Race

Chris Carter made a textbook start to lead away from Rob Bennett with Jamie Pender slotting into 3rd. The opening lap was very tidy as the drivers got themselves up to speed with lap two seeing Tomasz Zaustowicz starting to attack Pender for 3rd into turn 1. Pender went defensive, but ran out wide allowing Zaustowicz to pull off the switch back into the chicane and demote Pender to 4th. Carter was quick to start pulling out a gap, leaving Bennett with Zaustowicz and Pender chasing in



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his wheel tracks and Vince Cogzell looking to join in a couple of kart lengths back. Cogzell was onto the back of Pender at the end of lap 10 with Pender losing out to a copy of Zaustowicz's move through turn 1 and the chicane as Cogzell snatched 4th and set after Bennett and Zaustowicz. With 15 minutes of the race completed, Carter had pulled out a lead of 6 seconds as he marched off into the distance with Bennett keeping himself just out of Zaustowicz's reach. These two had broken away from Cogzell who had in-turn, put some daylight between himself and Stuart Foster as Foster passed Pender. An incident at the hairpin saw Vinod Hirani and Andy Archer off with the full course yellow being brought out to deal with the incident. The green flag got the racing back underway with 40 minutes of the race still to go. Zaustowicz immediately put Bennett under pressure for 2nd, but Bennett managed to hold him off as Carter got back to extending his lead. Adam Daly, Laurence Archer, Gareth Holt and Michael McKeegan were all lapping in close proximity having spent much of the race swapping positions. It was Daly's turn to lead the group but the three behind were putting him under immense pressure as they continued to lap together. At the halfway mark, Carter had begun to pace himself, maintaining the gap at 6 and a half seconds without the need to push too hard. Bennett and Zaustowicz were making their way through the traffic as they came across the group of Holt, Daly, Daljeet Bahia, Laurence Archer and McKeegan. They negotiated the traffic cleanly with Zaustowicz not letting Bennett out of his sights. With the race approaching the final 10 minutes, Zaustowicz turned up the heat on Bennett, attacking him out of the hairpin to take 2nd on lap 70. Bennett immediately responded with a move into turn 1 to regain the place and put Zaustowicz back into 3rd. Two laps later, Zaustowicz tried once more, this time under braking into the hairpin, but out-braked himself and lost ground. Some low 40 second laps saw him back on Bennett's case just a couple of laps later, but a mistake into turn 1 saw Zaustowicz take the pair of them off with Zaustowicz waiting for Bennett to re-join before getting back into the race himself. This promoted Cogzell and Foster to the podium as Bennett and Zaustowicz fell to 5th and 6th respectively. Pender was up into 4th, albeit, on his own as there was a comfortable gap in front and behind him with Pender looking to score some solid points. Carter cruised across the line after 60 minutes of racing to take a convincing win ahead of Cogzell and Foster with Pender and Bennett completing the top 5 before Bennett picked up a 60 second time penalty for track limits. Zaustowicz picked up a penalty for the incident with Bennett.

pos	competitor	laps	diff	best time	best lap
1	Chris Carter	89		39.823	17
2	Vince Cogzell	89	26.418	40.275	9
3	Stuart Foster	89	29.687	40.392	11
4	Jamie Pender	89	37.039	40.343	13
5	Lee Witney	88	1 lap	40.412	21
6	Adam Daly	88	1 lap	40.602	6
7	Gareth Holt	88	1 lap	40.445	53
8	Daljeet Bahia	88	1 lap	40.565	18
9	Adrian Wisniewski	88	1 lap	40.453	54
10	Michael McKeegan	88	1 lap	40.584	34
11	Rob Bennett	88	1 lap	40.178	88
12	Laurence Archer	87	2 laps	40.641	63
13	Tomasz Zaustowicz	87	2 laps	40.227	72



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14	Peter Gillett	86	3 laps	41.188	7
15	Steven Hussey	85	4 laps	40.853	40
16	Vinod Hirani	84	5 laps	40.99	62
17	Andy Archer	22	67 laps	41.381	11



Stuart Foster

Chris Carter

Vince Cogzell

Inters

Quali

Bobby Trundley was quick to get on pace around Clay Pigeon Raceway with a 39.857 to put him on provisional from Joe Ellis by 0.115. Trundley soon bettered his time to a 39.620 as Luke Cousins moved into 2nd on a 39.895 with Ellis still in 3rd a further 0.200 seconds behind. Allan Curtis was running in provisional 4th ahead of Ben Chapman and James Perry. Chapman jumped up into 3rd with 2 minutes remaining only to have Matthew Conroy move ahead into 3rd, beating Chapman's time by 0.046 seconds. The chequered flag was readied with Trundley popping in a 39.597 on his final lap to secure pole ahead of Cousins by 0.105 seconds. Chapman got back ahead of Conroy to take 3rd, 0.215 off pole with Conroy lining up alongside him on row 2. Ellis and Curtis formed up the third row of the grid.



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pos	competitor	best time	In lap	best speed	diff	gap	laps
1	Bobby Trundley	39.597	23	74.097 km/h			23
2	Luke Cousins	39.702	22	73.901 km/h	0.105	0.105	22
3	Ben Chapman	39.812	22	73.696 km/h	0.215	0.11	23
4	Matthew Conroy	39.878	14	73.574 km/h	0.281	0.066	17
5	Joseph Ellis	39.931	14	73.477 km/h	0.334	0.053	23
6	Allan Curtis	39.969	22	73.407 km/h	0.372	0.038	23
7	James Perry	40.018	18	73.317 km/h	0.421	0.049	23
8	Andrew Tempest	40.211	21	72.965 km/h	0.614	0.193	23
9	Anthony Kirk	40.216	23	72.956 km/h	0.619	0.005	23
10	Tim McKeegan	40.288	20	72.826 km/h	0.691	0.072	21
11	Andrew Knapp	40.649	19	72.179 km/h	1.052	0.361	19
12	Chris McCarthy	40.665	20	72.15 km/h	1.068	0.016	22
13	Tim Watts	40.686	17	72.113 km/h	1.089	0.021	22
14	Blaze Sienko	40.801	9	71.91 km/h	1.204	0.115	23
15	Stuart Shearman	40.813	15	71.889 km/h	1.216	0.012	23
16	David Lloyd	41.269	22	71.095 km/h	1.672	0.456	22
17	Leigh Ebanks	42.076	8	69.731 km/h	2.479	0.807	21

Race

Bobby Trundley got the race underway from pole with Luke Cousins and Ben Chapman slotting in behind. As the field filtered through on lap 1, Trundley lost out to Cousins and Chapman, dropping to 3rd. Trundley was on the back of Chapman into turn 1 and drew alongside as the pair headed into the chicane with Trundley regaining the position. Cousins had managed to pull out a small lead in the first two laps, but a string of fastest laps saw Trundley close the gap back up to Cousins as he left Chapman behind. Joseph Ellis had moved himself up into 4th ahead of Matthew Conroy with Conroy having Allan Curtis for close company behind him in 6th. A run from Trundley out of the final corner saw him get onto the back of Cousins on lap 9 with a move up the inside into turn 1 seeing him hold Cousins on the outside, giving Trundley the inside for the chicane and with it, the lead. Trundley got his head down to try and pull a gap, but Cousins wasn't going to let him go with just 0.005 between their two personal best laps. The fastest lap at this stage belonged to Matthew Conroy who required 10 minutes to warm up as he had allowed Ellis to get away in 4th and begin challenging Chapman for 3rd. Lap 18 was Ellis' moment with a switchback out of the hairpin, giving him a run into the horseshoe with Ellis opting to go around the outside. Chapman gave him the racing room with Ellis taking 3rd as the track went right once more at the penultimate corner. The closest fight on track with a third of the race run was between Tim McKeegan and Anthony Kirk in the battle for 8th with Kirk just a quarter of a second behind him. At the front, Trundley was still being shadowed by Cousins with the gap consistently between half a second and a second as they matched each other for lap times. Ellis had made slightly more progress with getting away from Chapman to secure third with a gap of 1.2 seconds over Chapman. Conroy was a further 6.7 seconds behind Chapman in 5th with Curtis and James Perry crawling over the back of his kart as the race approached the halfway stage. Perry was soon ahead of Curtis and on to the back of Conroy with a move through turn 1 seeing Perry past Conroy for 5th.



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Lap 58 saw Cousins get a run on Trundley into turn 1 with a move up the inside giving Cousins the lead. Cousins ran a little wide allowing Trundley to get back up the inside as they approached the chicane. Contact occurred between the two with Cousins taking to the grass. Observers deemed it as a racing incident, but Trundley waved Cousins passed, handing the lead to Cousins with just over 20 minutes of the race remaining. Again, Cousins and Trundley matched each other for pace with the gap staying around the half a second mark as Trundley tried to get back on terms with Cousins. With 10 minutes remaining, Trundley had closed the gap and was back onto Cousins, forcing Cousins to go defensive into the hairpin and allowing Trundley to cut back to regain 1st place. A lap later, the pair came across a group of back markers with Trundley going one way and Cousins the other. Cousins came out ahead into turn 1, but a move from Trundley into the chicane, saw Trundley back past once more. Cousins was through into the lead again on lap 84, out-braking Trundley into the hairpin. It was now Trundley's turn to apply the pressure with 3 minutes of the race to go. Cousins was making his kart as wide as possible and managed to get half a second over Trundley with 2 laps to go. Cousins held on to take his maiden TW Steel Inters Enduro win, holding off Trundley by 2 tenths. Ellis completed the podium ahead of Chapman and Perry.

pos	competitor	laps	diff	best time	best lap
1	Luke Cousins	90		39.69	28
2	Bobby Trundley	90	0.231	39.765	25
3	Joseph Ellis	90	20.562	39.895	33
4	Ben Chapman	90	29.248	39.907	20
5	James Perry	90	36.48	39.943	47
6	Allan Curtis	89	1 lap	40.082	48
7	Matthew Conroy	89	1 lap	39.816	14
8	Andrew Knapp	89	1 lap	40.169	12
9	Anthony Kirk	89	1 lap	40.145	81
10	Tim McKeegan	89	1 lap	40.276	17
11	Andrew Tempest	89	1 lap	40.334	13
12	Chris McCarthy	88	2 laps	40.567	19
13	Tim Watts	88	2 laps	40.363	9
14	Stuart Shearman	87	3 laps	40.886	61
15	David Lloyd	86	4 laps	41.084	18
16	Blaze Sienko	85	5 laps	40.735	9
17	Leigh Ebanks	85	5 laps	41.266	14



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Joseph Ellis

Luke Cousins

Bobby Trundley

Lights

Quali

Tom Golding was consistently putting himself on provisional pole as those behind challenged him for the fastest lap around Clay Pigeon Raceway. Tom Sibley and Joseph Conroy had been his closest rivals, lapping within hundredths of his time. Jake Butler was the next man to step up, setting a 39.835 to put himself on provisional pole until Chris Hackworth came along with a 39.812. Golding slotted in between the two of them, just 0.017 seconds off of pole with 0.108 seconds covering the top 5. Mez Evans and Ben Leslie were in 6th and 7th respectively on identical times with three minutes to go. Hackworth bettered his time to a 39.801 with the other drivers joining in with now just 0.090 seconds covering the top 5 as the session entered its final minute. Golding claimed pole with a 39.767 with Conroy, Hackworth, Sibley and Butler all lining up behind with a mere 0.068 seconds covering all of them.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	best speed	diff	gap	laps
1	Tom Golding	39.767	19	73.78 km/h			23
2	Joseph Conroy	39.779	20	73.758 km/h	0.012	0.012	22
3	Chris Hackworth	39.801	18	73.717 km/h	0.034	0.022	22
4	Tom Sibley	39.809	21	73.702 km/h	0.042	0.008	21
5	Jake Butler	39.835	12	73.654 km/h	0.068	0.026	22



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6	Peterson Lim	39.965	19	73.414 km/h	0.198	0.13	20
7	Ben Leslie	39.975	18	73.396 km/h	0.208	0.01	22
8	Mez Evans	40.132	20	73.109 km/h	0.365	0.157	22
9	Dee Falconer	40.293	21	72.817 km/h	0.526	0.161	21
10	Sam Bennett	40.363	19	72.69 km/h	0.596	0.07	22
11	Bobby Dawes	40.366	18	72.685 km/h	0.599	0.003	22
12	Tanzi Besant	40.738	13	72.021 km/h	0.971	0.372	13
13	Jane Gibbons	40.782	8	71.944 km/h	1.015	0.044	17
14	Lee Walsh	41.66	19	70.427 km/h	1.893	0.878	21
15	Nigel Foot	41.796	19	70.198 km/h	2.029	0.136	21

Race

Tom Golding made a quick get away at the start with Joseph Conroy having to settle for 2nd with contact from Hackworth in the horseshoe slowing the pair of them and giving Golding a couple of kart lengths. Conroy soon closed the gap with Hackworth joining them on lap 4, setting a new fastest lap in the process. Just behind them were Tom Sibley, Jake Butler, Peterson Lim and Ben Leslie as Hackworth began to look for a way past Conroy with a move into turn 1 on lap 6 seeing Hackworth through into 2nd. Again, Golding was given some breathing space as Sibley latched onto the back of Hackworth and Conroy with Sibley getting ahead at the final corner. Conroy then lost out as he ran into kart issues, moving those behind him, up a place. This left Golding with a kart length over Hackworth at the front with 1.4 seconds back to Sibley in 3rd. Butler was running in 4th a further 0.729 seconds behind and just 0.4 seconds ahead of the tussle for 5th between Lim and Leslie. Hackworth grabbed the lead into turn 1 on lap 15 with a forceful move up the inside with Golding regaining the place at the final corner on the same lap. Hackworth repeated the move into turn 1 to get back into the lead, all the while, Sibley, Butler and Lim were closing them down. Hackworth held the lead for the entirety of the lap this time, keeping Golding behind him as Golding put him under pressure once more. Lap 18 saw another change as Golding got through at the chicane as Sibley now joined in – 1.2 seconds covered the top 5. Hackworth tried to regain the lead into turn 1 on lap 21 as they crossed the line side-by-side, but Hackworth ran wide allowing Golding back through and for Sibley to slip past into 2nd. Sibley ran wide at the chicane, dropping himself down to 5th and putting Hackworth back into 2nd ahead of Butler and Lim as Golding pulled out a lead of 0.8 seconds.

With a head wind and a long straight, it was going to come down to whether Golding could break the tow as many drivers were slipstreaming up to the back of another kart to then pass them on the brakes into turn 1. Hackworth was pushing to close the gap at the end of the first third of the race and was back on Golding by lap 27 with Golding now thinking about defending and holding them up. Butler was next to close in on the pair with Lim not far behind in 4th, watching as Hackworth looked for a way into the lead. Hackworth found his chance with a tow down the straight and under braking into turn 1 to grab the lead again. Butler and Lim were next on Golding's case as Hackworth pushed to try and build a gap over the chasing pack.

Golding was back into the lead at the halfway stage with a run out of the hairpin putting him in front as the top 4 bunched up – 0.591 seconds covered them on lap 43. Hackworth lost 2nd as he tried to pass Golding into turn 1 and out-braked himself. Butler snuck through for 2nd with Lim



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getting into 3rd through the horseshoe. Hackworth came back at Lim into turn 1 to move back into 3rd as Butler grabbed the lead through the chicane. Hackworth resumed his attack on Golding, only this time for 2nd, as Butler looked to try and break the tow and get away. Golding regained the lead just before the full course yellow came out briefly with the green flag getting the race back underway as Golding headed Butler and Hackworth with Lim starting to drop back.

As the race entered the final 10 minutes, Butler had moved himself back into the lead and was looking as though he may get away with a lead of 1.6 seconds with Hackworth and Golding still squabbling with Hackworth back in front on lap 73. Hackworth got his head down and was pushing to try and close the gap and was taking a tenth or two out of Butler's advantage each lap as the time ticked down. With 4 minutes remaining, Hackworth was back on Butler's case with a gap of 1.2 seconds back to Golding in 3rd. It was going to be a fight between the two of them for the top spot as Hackworth got to within 3 tenths of Butler with two laps to go. Despite giving it everything, Hackworth could not get himself close enough to make the move. The hairpin was going to be Hackworth's last chance, but he could not get Butler on the brakes. Butler claimed the win by 0.197 seconds from Hackworth with Golding completing the podium ahead of Lim and Sibley.

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1	Jake Butler	89		39.699	36
2	Chris Hackworth	89	0.197	39.611	27
3	Tom Golding	89	2.369	39.794	80
4	Peterson Lim	89	7.112	39.801	13
5	Tom Sibley	89	11.302	39.748	19
6	Ben Leslie	89	32.928	39.989	13
7	Mez Evans	88	1 lap	39.964	20
8	Sam Bennett	88	1 lap	40.17	37
9	Jane Gibbons	88	1 lap	40.126	30
10	Dee Falconer	88	1 lap	40.086	63
11	Bobby Dawes	88	1 lap	40.357	64
12	Tanzi Besant	87	2 laps	40.467	82
13	Joseph Conroy	87	2 laps	39.612	32
14	Nigel Foot	84	5 laps	41.65	17
15	Lee Walsh	50	39 laps	41.361	29



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Tom Golding

Jake Butler

Chris Hackworth

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