

## Watson Dominates At Season Finale

Alston's Mark Watson dominated proceedings at the final two rounds of the 2010 GOLDSPEED ACU British Quad Championship at the weekend, annihilating the rest of the field with an awe inspiring performance on the D3 DWT Motoworks KTM to take the overall on both days with five wins from six heats.



Promoted on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of September by NORA MX Quad Racing at the fast Culham Motocross Park near Oxford, Watson's excellent string of results has gifted him with 2<sup>nd</sup> place as the series draws to a close, Watson also taking the accolade of most overall and most heat wins for any rider throughout the seven round Championship campaign.



After a troublesome European Championship meeting in Germany the previous weekend, where a snapped axle and mechanical problems while battling for the lead ruined the chances of a good points finish, Watson's determination to make up for the disappointment was evident for all to see, setting a blistering pace around the hillside Culham circuit from the outset with the fastest lap time in all but one of the six heats, Watson's scintillating pace and ease with which he worked his way through the pack leaving the large crowd of spectators talking long after the action had stopped.

As the gates dropped for first of the three twenty-minute plus two-lap heats that kicked off Saturday's action, Watson got a decent start gating 5<sup>th</sup> and immediately began to pick his way through the field, moving up to 2<sup>nd</sup> on the opening lap and applying pressure for the lead, but a harsh landing on one of the drop-offs twisted his bars and loosened a rear hub, Watson forced to slow his pace and settling for 2<sup>nd</sup> at the flag with five heats still to go. The second moto of the day saw Watson again get a good start gating 6<sup>th</sup>, but with repairs made in the interval he set a scorching pace from the off, taking the lead on the second lap and pulling away from the ensuing pack for yet another race win. A superb start to bring Saturday's racing to a close took Watson out on the opening lap in 3<sup>rd</sup>, once again circulating at breakneck speed as he caught and passed for the lead on the 3<sup>rd</sup>



circuit, charging to the chequered flag for a twenty-two second winning margin and the top step on Saturday's podium.



A beautifully graded circuit greeted the riders for the final three races of the 2010 season on Sunday, Watson getting a poor start by his standards in the opening moto to gate 10<sup>th</sup> and with a lot of work to do, but undeterred he quickly found his rhythm, making up six places for 4<sup>th</sup> on the opening lap before jumping to 2<sup>nd</sup> a lap later, using the excellent handling of the D3 DWT Motoworks KTM to close the five second gap to the leader before heading the field after five laps, taking the flag after twenty-five minutes for a perfect start to the day. Struggling off the line in the next two heats, Watson's performance to get to the front in each race left most in the crowd speechless as he left his fellow competitors in his wake, scything through the field in moto two from 20<sup>th</sup> around the first corner to take the lead within seven laps and open up a ten second winning margin at the flag, Watson's will to win taking him from 13<sup>th</sup> on the opening lap of the final race of the Championship to take the lead within three laps, Watson lapping almost two seconds a lap faster than his nearest rival as he made it a hat-trick of race wins and another top step on the podium.

Commenting after clinching 2<sup>nd</sup> in the final standings, Watson said "it's been a really good weekend and it's fantastic to have come away with 2<sup>nd</sup> in the series. After a difficult weekend in Germany we were left with a lot of work to do and very little time to prep the bikes, and at one stage it was actually touch and go as to whether we would have anything ready for this weekend, but with a lot of late night work everything just clicked in to place and the bike was excellent to ride and was flawless all weekend. This circuit

is really fast and at with the pace that the top guys run at can be really hard to pass on, but with the bike handling so well I was able to make up for some really poor starts in some of the heats and had a lot of fun, gate to flag wins are good but if you can work your way through from 20<sup>th</sup> to take the win it feels awesome. It's been a really finish to the 2010 Championship and I'll be aiming to keep the momentum going for Team Great Britain this coming weekend in Slovakia."



Despite the British and European Quad Championships now being completed, Watson's 2010 race season is far from over. After his amazing results at British and European level throughout the year, Watson has been hand-picked as one of the three riders to represent the Great Britain Team at the Quadcross Of Nations in Sverepec, Slovakia on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of September where he will battle with the elite of European quad riders, all of which he has beaten at some stage in 2010. A trip to Australia in October for the Australian National Quad Championship has also been finalised with plans well underway, the event drawing the best riders from all States in Australia to Perth for three days of action to determine the Australian National Champion, Watson invited to take part and having already secured support from KTM Australia, GOLDSPEED and PEP.

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## **2010 GOLDSPEED ACU British Quad Championship**

### **Overall Results**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September, Round 6 (of 7), Culham, Oxfordshire**

**1<sup>st</sup> – MARK WATSON D3 DWT Motoworks KTM, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Paul Winrow, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Carl Bunce, 4<sup>th</sup> – James Hellewell, 5<sup>th</sup> – Paul Holmes**

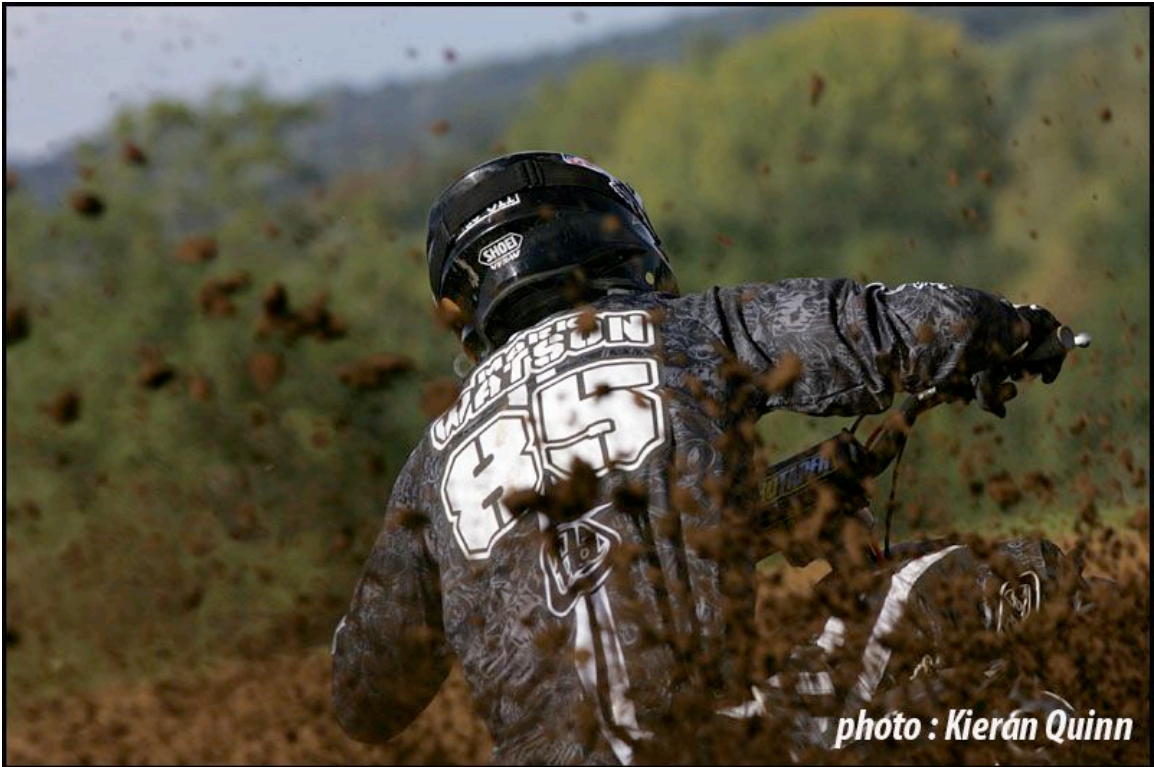
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September, Round 7 (of 7), Culham, Oxfordshire**

**1<sup>st</sup> – MARK WATSON D3 DWT Motoworks KTM, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Paul Holmes, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Paul Winrow, 4<sup>th</sup> – Carl Bunce, 5<sup>th</sup> – John Mitchell**

### **Final Championship Standings**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Paul Winrow 423, 2<sup>nd</sup> – MARK WATSON D3 DWT Motoworks KTM 385, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Paul Holmes 368, 4<sup>th</sup> – Carl Bunce 337, 5<sup>th</sup> – John Mitchell 290**









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