Winrow Extends Series Lead As All Three Podium At Leuchars

Team KTM UK riders Paul Winrow, Jason Macbeth and James Hellewell all delivered fantastic performances at the double-header GOLDSPEED ACU British Quad Championship meeting at the weekend, all three riders making a trip to the overall podium after a superb two days of action at the demanding Comerton Farm venue.

Promoted by Quad Racing Scotland at the sandy Leuchars venue in Fife on Saturday the 14th and Sunday the 15th of August, the amazing result saw Team KTM UK take four of the possible six overall podium positions, nine of the fifteen possible top three finishes including a race win, with only an unfortunate incident beyond their control in the final race on Sunday preventing the team from achieving no lower than a 6th place finish over the entire weekend.





Coming in to the meeting with a twelve point lead in the series standings, Paul Winrow once again showed the qualities that have helped him to a record ten British Championship titles, putting in an excellent display of race-craft on Saturday including a candidate for pass of the year to take the opening moto victory and tie on points for the overall win on Saturday, Winrow following this up on Sunday with another dazzling display to take a 2-2-2 scorecard and 2nd overall on the day. Having increased his lead in the series to forty points, a delighted Winrow commented afterwards "this has been a great event for myself and the Team, and to have added another twenty-eight points to my advantage is fantastic. The Team KTM UK 505 SX is working really well, the GOLDSPEED SC2 tyres gave me fantastic drive of the line and good starts, and despite the circuit getting really rough and rutted as the day progressed, the PEP suspension handled everything with ease and allowed me to attack the track. It's a pity that the 3rd

race on Saturday got cancelled as the points for the overall win were tied and it would have been an interesting race, but having seen the advantage I'd opened up I was happy enough to settle for 2nd overall on Sunday. Winning races is always good, but winning the Championship for KTM, Team KTM UK, our loyal sponsors and my family and friends is more important to me. The whole Team's performance was outstanding today and it's a pleasure to be part of that success."



Lying 4th in the series after the opening three rounds, the weekend's action got off to a great start for Jason Macbeth, the highly technical nature of the circuit suiting Macbeth's riding style with an ever improving 4-3 score-card taking him to the 3rd step on the podium on Saturday and propelling him to 2nd in the series overnight. A fantastic opening moto on Sunday saw Macbeth charge to the front of the pack and involved in an epic battle before a slight mistake dropped him back to finish 4th, Macbeth making up for a poor start in the next heat to finish just behind the top three, but the result of the final race of the day was a bitter pill to swallow, Macbeth having his radiator terminally damaged by an errand rider in the first corner, having to retire from the race shortly afterwards while challenging for the lead. "It's been a disappointing finish to what has been a difficult weekend for me" commented a somewhat dejected Macbeth afterwards, "I've been struggling a lot with sore ribs after a crash at a speedway meeting recently, and it has meant that sometimes really rough circuits like this one can make it tough to maintain the pace that I know that I'm capable off, today was the perfect example as I've shown that I'm as fast as any other rider out there. I was really happy with getting 3rd overall on Saturday and moving to 2nd in the series, and with two good results in the first two heats on Sunday I felt that I could maintain that position, but the final race stopped

that. The other bike that hit me in the second corner of the opening lap put a hole in my radiator and drained all the coolant, I tried to do enough laps to get some points on the board but despite pushing the bike across the line it still wasn't enough. The rider has apologised to me and said that he didn't see me because of the dust, but it's the first lap and if you can't see then maybe it would be more prudent to ease off a little. It's cost me a lot of points and left a lot of work to do, but as today has shown anything can happen and with two rounds to go I'm looking forward to Culham in September and will be pushing for race wins."



As the youngest member of the Team but with his confidence and ability increasing at an exponential rate, recently turned nineteen year old James Hellewell once again rode with a level of skill and maturity above his young years, delivering an outstanding performance that had many in the paddock talking long after the dust had settled. Grabbing the holeshot in the first of Saturday's two heats, Hellewell dropped back to 5th as the race progressed before increasing his tempo in the closing stages and moving back up to 3rd, Hellewell taking his first ever British top three before rounding out the days action with a final moto 5th to finish 4th overall on the day. Continuing where he had left off the previous day, Hellewell's performance on Sunday was awe inspiring as he battled and defeated many of his more experienced adversaries, taking 6th in the opening heat before posting two 3rd place finishes and taking the 3rd step for an emotional first ever British Overall podium. It has been an amazing week for the affable teenager, Hellewell taking his first ever European race podium the weekend before in Latvia with only a damaged bearing carrier at the hands of a wayward rider preventing his first European overall podium appearance at the same meeting. Moving to 8th in the British

Championship and turning a nine-point deficit into a forty-two point lead in the British Under 21 Class, a beaming Hellewell said later "this has been an unbelievable weekend and I cannot begin to put in to words how good I feel. I've been working on my starts and it's really paying off, and after hole-shotting one of the races in Latvia last weekend and getting on the podium I knew that I had the speed to do it again. The Team KTM UK 505 SX is really strong of the line, and with the new GOLDSPEED SC3 Tyres that I am testing giving loads of grip I got really great starts all weekend, after taking the holeshot in the first heat I think my worst start after that was 5th! The conditions were really tough with the track roughing up a lot as the day wore on, but the KTM handled everything with ease and I had a lot of fun. I don't think I'll ever forget this week, everything is clicking in to place and with the amazing help and support I get I know that the best is yet to come. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at KTM, Team KTM UK and all our sponsors, and a big thank to my mum and dad and all my friends and family who have helped and supported me over the years."



Team KTM UK now lead all three British Championship series, Paul Winrow heading both the GOLDSPEED ACU British Quad Championship and undefeated in the QRA British Quad Cross Country Championship, with James Hellewell leading the ACU Under 21 British Quad Championship. The Team will now travel to Pont De Vaux for the legendary 12 hour Maxxis Pont De Vaux Mondial Du Quad as one of two teams making up the KTM Factory Racing entry.



Results

Saturday 14th August, GOLDSPEED ACU British Quad Championship Rd 4 Race One

1st – Paul Winrow Team KTM UK, 2nd – Paul Holmes, 3rd – James Hellewell Team KTM UK, 4th – Jason Macbeth Team KTM UK, 5th – Mark Watson

Race Two

1st – Paul Holmes, **2nd – Paul Winrow Team KTM UK**, 3rd – **Jason MacbethTeam KTM UK**, 4th – Carl Bunce, **5th – James Hellewell Team KTM UK**

Sunday 15th August, GOLDSPEED ACU British Quad Championship Rd 5 Race One

1st – Paul Holmes, **2nd – Paul Winrow Team KTM UK**, 3rd – Mark Watson, **4th – Jason Macbeth Team KTM UK**, 5th – Carl Bunce, **6th – James Hellewell Team KTM UK**

Race Two

 1^{st} – Paul Holmes, 2^{nd} – Paul Winrow Team KTM UK, 3^{rd} – James Hellewell Team KTM UK, 4^{th} – John Mitchell, 5^{th} – Jason Macbeth Team KTM UK

Race Three

1st – Paul Holmes, **2nd – Paul Winrow Team KTM UK**, **3rd – James Hellewell Team KTM UK**, 4th – John Mitchell, 5th – Carl Bunce

Championship Standings after Round 5 (of 7)

1st – Paul Winrow 299, 2nd – Paul Holmes 259, 3rd – Mark Watson 238, 4th – Carl Bunce 232, 5th – Jason Macbeth 226...8th – James Hellewell 166

Next Race: Friday 20^{th} / Saturday 21^{st} / Sunday 22^{nd} August 2010, Maxxis Pont De Vaux Mondial Du Quad, Pont De Vaux, France









