First Choice Windows 2008 Championship
Round 3 - Dhoon Quarry
20th April 2008

Another day another Knight

Sunshine & blue sky's greeted the 60 competitors on Sunday morning at Dhoon Quarry for the third round of the First Choice Windows 2008 championship.

A work party the previous Monday uncovered 2 completely new sections making up 4 laps of 8 & 4 laps of 6 for the small wheeled riders.

Josh Brain on the Academy Sherco just pipped Tommy Maddrell by 1 mark for the A class win on the expert adult route, Tommy 41 marks ahead of fellow Dalby teenager Kieran Jones in third place. B class rider Jordan Birchall struggled a little further back in fourth place whilst opting to ride up a class to gain experience for competing off Island.

The B class was won by current champion Oliver Megson on a newly acquired 07 Paxau Sherco with Craig Norrey fending off little Joe Yeardsley for 2nd – the latter still officially a C class rider. Carl Owen being forced to retire after burning his leg on the exhaust of his Sherco.

Young Juan Lace took the honours well ahead of newly promoted Jack Kelly in the disappointingly supported C class.

D class saw a familiar name at the fore with young Thomas Knight finishing on 8 marks & revelling in the rocky terrain on his little Gasser, prepared by dad Juan. Current champion Adam Kelly seemingly having no answer on the day for Thomas finishing on 20 marks with Sophie-May Smith rounding off a Gas Gas top three, Sophie-May now really getting to grips after switching from Sherco.

Matthew Asbridge took the B plus class ahead of Steven Currie, making a rare appearance, & new Chairman Graham Taggarts son Aleyn in 3rd. Another Gas Gas 1,2,3 saw Glen Loch farmer James Quayle take the win ahead of Kasey Corlett & Jack Hunter in C plus. Ben Collins, Aaron Molyneux & Dillon Killeen made up the podium in D plus.

The adult expert class was won by Barry Kinley on 22, some 73 marks ahead of the hard trying Saskia Baxter with Wayne Wardell being forced to retire on lap 3. Barry finished only a handful of marks ahead of Josh Brain & Tommy Maddrell, illustrating the high standard of our top teenager riders. Section 4, observed by Amanda Ansermoz, proved the most difficult & saw the two youngsters conquer the steep rocky climb on each lap whilst Barry ground to a halt twice.

Clear winner on 8 dabs in the Clubman class was Neil Christian on the Respol Montesa, opting to ride down a class whilst still recovering from the wrist injury suffered recently at the same venue. Damian Owen, also choosing to drop down a class after inspecting the course, took his 270 Beta to second place 10 marks down on Neil. Another noteworthy ride came from Robert Skillicorn rounding off the top 3, with another rare appearance.

David Harding Jnr took his Beta to the top of the pile over the Sportsman route finishing 5 marks ahead of a tie brake split for second which saw Rob Taylor getting the nod over Andrew Sidebottom on cleans. Dave Megson matched Harding's winning score of 6 over the same route on his recently restored TY 250 Yamaha as the only Twin Shock competitor.

The committee would like to thank the observers & work-party participants for their help & DOT for the use of the quarry. A big thanks to all competitors for the fantastic support – especially all the new faces.

A Class

1	Josh Brain	Sherco	30
2	Thomas Maddrell	Sherco	31
3	Kieran Jones	Gas Gas	72
4	Jordan Birchall	Gas Gas	94

B Class

1	Oliver Megson	Sherco	55
2	Craig Norrey	Beta	78
3	Joe Yeardsley	Sherco	87
4	Oliver Lace	Gas Gas	113
-	Carl Owen	Beta	rtd

C Class

1	Juan Lace	Beta	64
2	Jack Kelly	Gas Gas	100

D Class

1	Thomas Knight	Gas Gas	8
2	Adam Kelly	Gas Gas	20
3	Sophie-May Smith	Gas Gas	31
4	Max Lewthwaite	Gas Gas	45
5	Toby Collins	Sherco	54
-	Martin Hindley	Gas Gas	rtd

B Plus

1	Matthew Asbridge	Gas Gas	78
2	Steven Currie	Beta	86
3	Aleyn Taggart	Beta	114
4	Steven Teare	Gas Gas	120

C Plus

1	James Quayle	Gas Gas	36
2	Kasey Corlett	Gas Gas	44
3	Jack Hunter	Gas Gas	49
4	Matthew Corkill	Sherco	59
5	Jamie Everitt	Beta	66

D Plus

1	Ben Collins	Beta	13
2	Aaron Molyneux	Beta	17
3	Dillon Killeen	Gas Gas	19
4	Alex Lewthwaite	Sherco	32
5	Henry Dorman	Sherco	52

Expert

1	Barry Kinley	Gas Gas	22
2	Saskia Baxter	Beta	95
-	Wayne Wardell	Gas Gas	rtd

Clubman

1	Neil Christian	Montesa	8	
2	Damian Owen	Beta	18	
3	Robert Skillicorn	Gas Gas	24	
4	Andy Cannell	Gas Gas	29	
5	Andrew Cubbon	Gas Gas	38	
6	Sam Ansermoz	Sherco	41	
7	Graham Christian	Gas Gas	48	
8	Craig Magee	Scorpa	50	
9	Gareth Temple	Gas Gas	52	10 cl
10	Jonny Notman	Beta	52	9 cl
11	Peter Christian	Montesa	56	
12	James Grant	Montesa	57	8 cl
13	Michael Buttimore	Gas Gas	57	7 cl
14	Dean Taylor	Sherco	59	
15	John Norrey	Beta	74	
16	Nick Warburton	Beta	75	
17	Howard Sharkey	Beta	104	

Sportsman

1	David Harding jnr	Beta	6	
2	Rob Taylor	Sherco	11	27 cl
3	Andrew Sidebottom	Scorpa	11	24 cl
4	Rod Callister	Beta	17	
5	Barry Teare	Sherco	18	
6	Russell Moore	Gas Gas	19	
7	Gary Corlett	Gas Gas	29	
8	Jason Moy	Gas Gas	66	

Twin Shock

1	Dave Megson	Yamaha	6