

Holmes Podiums Again At Drama Packed Dean Moor

Paul Holmes made it five podiums from six at the latest round of the 2009 ACU British MMX Quad Championship on Sunday the 19th of July, the Team KTM UK rider putting in a superb performance to take his KTM 505 SX ATV to the third step of the podium and maintain his challenge for British Championship honours.



Promoted by Iveston & Satley MCC at the picturesque Dean Moor Motocross Circuit near Whitehaven, the extremely fast hardpack venue on the edge of the Lake District did not suffer the heavy downpours that had been previously forecast, blue skies and a brisk wind quickly drying out the circuit with dust becoming a key factor as the day progressed.

With some closely fought battles and fantastic racing action entertaining the many spectators who had travelled to the Cumbrian venue, the day was not without problems or drama for Holmes and his team-mate James Hellewell, a bittersweet result for the team seeing Holmes put in a magical display to fight his way through from just inside the top ten on the opening lap of both races to finish 2-3 and 3rd overall, Hellewell's amazing progress from a second row start in to points scoring positions in each moto thwarted by mechanical problems in the opening race and two separate punctures in the final outing.



Holmes' amazing consistency on the KTM 505 SX, finishing in the top three in ten of the twelve moto's to date, has increased his lead over 3rd in the series to twenty-three points with a twenty-six point deficit to the leader, while Hellewell still remains well placed for a top twenty finish with three rounds remaining.



Paul Holmes

“ It's been a good end result today but I feel a little disappointed that I didn't finish higher. The start line at this circuit is concrete and I struggled to get away which left me with a lot of work to do in both races. The circuit is really fast and not the most technical, and the combination of dust while battling in a group and the pace of the guys I

was racing with made it really difficult to pass. By the time I worked my way through the leader had pulled quite a gap, but it felt really good to be able to make up so many positions and to get on the podium again. The KTM 505 SX was handling really well and I think the consistent results have shown just how good this bike is in only its first year, with this in mind and three rounds to run I feel the race for the Title is far from over.”



James Hellewell

“ It certainly hasn’t been the best day or result but that’s all part of racing I suppose. I felt really good coming in to this meeting as I really like this circuit and have done well here before, but sometimes things don’t go according to plan and you have to put things behind you and move on, although to get another rear puncture after already stopping to change one in the second moto was a little hard to take in. I’m obviously disappointed at coming away with no points, but I know that my speed and fitness are really good and that I’m capable of running inside the top twenty, so with three rounds remaining I’m feeling confident that I can get more points on the board and finish inside the top twenty come September.”

Results

Race One

1st – Mark Watson Suzuki

2nd – Paul Holmes Team KTM UK

3rd – Justin Reid Can-Am

4th – Paul Winrow Honda

5th – Jason Macbeth Honda

Race Two

1st – Paul Winrow Honda

2nd – Mark Watson Suzuki

3rd – Paul Holmes Team KTM UK

4th – John Mitchell Yamaha

5th – David Wray Honda

Championship Standings (after 6 of 9 rounds)

1st – Paul Winrow 268

2nd – Paul Holmes KTM 241

3rd – Jason Macbeth 218

4th – Leon Beda 155

5th – Justin Reid 150

22nd – James Hellewell KTM 23





