

Winrow Extends Series Lead At Dusty Dean Moor

Sunday the 19th of July saw Paul Winrow and team-mate Giles Davis return to British Quadcross action after a month long break, Iveston & Satley MCC promoting round six of the 2009 ACU British MMX Quad Championship at the photogenic Dean Moor circuit near Whitehaven. A fast hardpack circuit with some huge jumps that made for spectacular viewing for the large crowd in attendance, both riders travelled to the venue on the edge of the Lake District firmly focused on a good result to boost their British Championship campaign, and after a thrilling and dusty days action they had achieved their goals, Paul going 4-1 to take the 2nd step on the podium and extend his series lead, while Giles had put in a superb performance on his first visit to score 12-11 for 11th overall.



Race One

Despite heavy rain and severe weather warnings issued for the weekend of the meeting, warm weather and sunshine delivered a quickly drying circuit in almost prime condition as the twenty-eight strong field took to the circuit for timed qualification. Despite having never ridden the circuit before, Giles quickly adapted to the demanding layout to post 16th fastest and an all important front row start, while Paul took the number one pick of gate with a lap time half a second quicker than his nearest rival. As the gates dropped for the first of two twenty-five minute plus two-lap motos, both riders got decent starts off the concrete start line, Paul rounding the first corner in 5th with Giles slotting in to 14th, and as they broke the timing beam for the first time had already begun to move through the pack running 4th and 13th respectively. With the circuit kicking up dust in many places

and circulating as quickly as conditions allowed, both riders battled for position as the race progressed and with less than five minutes of the allocated twenty-five minutes remaining had dropped back slightly, but pushing to the chequered flag managed to move up the leaderboard in the closing stages, Giles taking the chequered flag for a superb 12th while Paul had fought his way through on the last lap for 4th.



Race Two

The closing moto of the day was to provide some fantastic racing that kept the crowds on their toes and well entertained. Another good start saw Giles round the first corner mid-pack and tentatively negotiating his way through the dust on the opening lap. Biding his time and gradually increasing his pace as he acclimatised to the conditions, Giles began to pick off places and move his way through the field, making up three positions for 12th in the opening ten minutes before taking 11th at the twenty minute mark, Giles comfortably holding the position to the chequered flag. A textbook start saw Paul take the holeshot and lead the field out on the first of sixteen laps of the fast and furious circuit with two riders in pursuit. As the race progressed the leading duo pulled away from the remainder of the field and cheered on by the crowd the lead changed hands many times over the race distance, Paul running 2nd at the halfway point but with the leader in his sights. Using the excellent handling of the TRX450R to maintain a gap of less than a second as the pair circulated at a frenetic pace, Paul applied constant pressure and made his move on the last lap to take the lead, taking the chequered flag after thirty action packed minutes for 2nd overall.



Paul Winrow

“ Overall I’m happy with the result today, my goal was to extend my lead in the Championship and I’ve been able to do that. This is a really fast circuit, and I made the wrong tyre choice in the first race and really struggled in the first half to find a pace and rhythm that I was comfortable with. Once I got in to the circuit I was able to catch back up and managed to nip 4th on the last lap. The 2nd race was a much better start and was a lot of fun to ride with the lead swapping quite a bit, but I knew I had the pace so I was happy to follow close behind and make my move near the end. The Winrow Honda TRX450R worked flawlessly as usual and keeps does what you ask of it no matter what the terrain, so I’m really looking forward to the next meeting in Leuchars on the 2nd of August.”

Giles Davis

“ It’s been a really good day and I’m pleased with my performance and results. I’ve never been here before and it’s a big fast circuit, so to have come away with 11th overall despite my lack of experience and a month with no racing is really good. I’ve never used a concrete start line before so I fluffed my start a little in the first race. I spun up on the line and once the wheels hit the dirt they dug in and lifted the front end so I’d to back off a little, but I was able to move up and was happy with 12th. The dust at the start of the second race was tough to deal with until the pack got spread out a bit, but once it settled a little I was able to work my way through so I’m pleased with that. I’m now getting more confident on the bike and my fitness is constantly improving, so with three rounds remaining I feel confident that I can improve on my 14th place.”



Results

Race One

1st – Mark Watson; 2nd – Paul Holmes; 3rd – Justin Reid Team Can-Am; 4th – **Paul Winrow**; 5th – Jason Macbeth...12th – **Giles Davis**

Race Two

1st – **Paul Winrow**; 2nd – Mark Watson; 3rd – Paul Holmes; 4th – John Mitchell; 5th – David Wray...11th **Giles Davis**

Championship Standings (after 6 of 9 rounds)

1st – **Paul Winrow 268**, 2nd – Paul Holmes 241, 3rd – Jason Macbeth 218, 4th – Leon Beda 155, 5th – Justin Reid 150...14th – **Giles Davis 92**



