Paul Holmes wins British Championship Rounds 4 AND 5!

Two rounds of the 2010 GOLDSPEED British Quad Championship were held on the same action packed weekend at the extremely challenging sand circuit of Leuchars; brilliantly hosted by Quad Racing Scotland.

Saturday 14th August:

Race 1: Making a great start, 2009 European Quad Champion Paul Holmes was in the top 5 around the first corner and made quick progress getting into 2nd place but on lap 3 Holmes unfortunately pulled out the engine cut-out cord and dropped back to 8th place. Finding some great lines and riding with his head Holmes was in 4th place by the half way point in the race. He then made further passes on John Mitchell and Jason McBeth to get into 2nd position where he then battled for the lead. However, suffering from an overheated clutch was unable to hold onto 1st place and had to settle for 2nd, finishing 0.357 secs from the race winner.

Race 2: Not content with his race 1 result Holmes took charge of the race from the gate drop taking a great Holeshot and rode hard and smooth for the first 20mins of the race pulling a huge 20 seconds from 2nd placed Winrow. Holmes held his impressive lead until the chequered flag with an eventual lead of 21.031 secs, taking not only the race win but the overall win on the day as the remainder of the day's racing was cancelled due to time constraints.

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Sunday 15th August

Race 1: Pleased with his performance during Round 4, Holmes intended to keep the momentum going and achieve top results. Starting the race rounding the first corner in 5th place Holmes had his work cut out. As the track was in good condition after the previous night's preparation the speed was intense and passing was difficult but Holmes was patient and made the passes when he needed in order to conserve energy on the demanding track. As Holmes picked off the 4 riders in front of him, including race leader MacBeth, Holmes set the fastest lap of the day with a 1:57.872 which was also the fastest lap of the whole weekend! After taking the lead with a few laps remaining, Holmes pulled a comfortable gap of just over 12 seconds and crossed the finish line to take the race win.

Race 2: Making an awesome Holeshot, Holmes blasted round the first corner and never looked back setting another fastest lap of the race with a 2:01.234 and rode to another great win 19.803 seconds over 2nd placed Winrow.

Race 3: With his heart set on another race win, Holmes claimed 2nd spot round the first corner. Within a few laps Holmes had passed Winrow around the outside of a sweeping bend and proceeded to charge all the way until the chequered flag claiming yet another race win making it 3 from 3 on the day. Holmes showed immense speed, exceptional fitness and a perfect bike set-up and also recorded another fastest lap of the race which was over half a second faster than his closest competitor.

Winning both Round 4 and 5, Holmes is the first person this season to win more than one round and has moved from 6th place in the series to 2nd with 2 rounds to go!

Holmes commented after the weekends racing: "*This weekend has been perfect for both me and the team. We've worked really hard and we've had a lot of traveling with back to back race weekends, the last one being the GOLDSPEED European Championship round in Latvia, so I am really pleased we've pulled it off, and in this way!! In all the races I felt great, I loved the track, and with 4 wins and a 2nd it showed. I'd like to thank my supporting sponsors, friends and family for helping me achieve these 2 overall wins!*"

Holmes now moves onto the next race, the spectacular 12 hour Quad Endurance at Pont de Vaux, France, where he'll be teaming up with Romain Couprie and Joe Maessen. More information can be found here: http://www.pdvracing.com/2010/france/mondial.html

Round 4 overall Results (only 2 races)

1 – Paul Holmes	**47 points**
2 – Paul Winrow	47
3 – Jason MacBeth	38
4 – James Hellewell	36
5 – Carl Bunce	33

Round 5 overall Results (3 races)

1 – Paul Holmes	**75 points**
2 – Paul Winrow	66
3 – James Hellewell	55
4 – John Mitchell	49
5 – Mark Watson	48

Championship standings (after 5 of 7 rounds)

1 – Paul Winrow	299 points
2 – Paul Holmes	**259**
3 – Carl Bunce	232
4 – Mark Watson	231
5 – Jason MacBeth	228