

Biles Blitzes Tidworth

Tack n Trail 2012 Series Round 1

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A clear and bright day greeted the riders to Tidworth for Round One of the Track n Trail championship. With a large entry, busying themselves in the pits, ready to put them up against the skating rink that was a wet Tidworth. Due to the previous day's heavy rain the course was sure to be hard going for some. A nine to ten mile layout that included three good hard route options, the first being the concrete tank traps which were a really entertaining feature for the spectators and a big challenge to some of the riders but sure to bring a smile to their faces. The second being a washed out rain channelled hill climb which required some really precise throttle control and good body English. Although the easy section in this part of the course became a real challenge towards the end of the event and was littered with riders. The last hard route was a wickedly steep decent behind the old pumping station which plunged the riders down into the trees and for some this must have felt like a pure freefall. The rest of the course was flowing and varied and sympathetic to the heavy rain throughout the week but still had some nice mud holes.



*David Biles:
Championship
winner*

In the Championship class David Biles was really stamping his mark on Tidworth as his own, the winner of last years event simply rode away from the opposition in an almost effortless style. Nick Life had a great ride and was the only rider to match Biles' eleven laps and he finished five minutes back. Phil Studley, on the H2O hot tubs Yamaha, took third place after a tight battle with Life which saw them swapping positions several times. Tyson Mayton-Jones moved up the order after spending the first lap riding a very sick sounding Husaberg, come on Midwest crew WD40 in the ignition cover next time please! Top motocrosser Jake Shipton gritted his teeth and pushed on to finish fifth in front of Jack Twentyman having a very workman like ride to come from way back.



*Peter Archer
Back on top of
the Over 40's
Expert*

In the over 40s Expert class Peter Archer ex AMCA motocross champion had a strong ride to take the win after a race long dice with Ewan Harrison. Third place went to Mr Consistency Gary McCoy. I must mention Jonathan Tarr who was a front runner early on, he took the lead on lap five only to have it all go wrong on the mud hole on the far side of the course taking a slightly wide line, he went straight over the bars into the drink. He was seen laps later still kicking a drowned KTM.



*Jon Tarr's KTM
Drowning*



The Expert class had John Lister being the only rider to get ten laps in and with a fastest lap that would have put him top six in the championship class he rode to a fine win.

John Lister Expert winner.



Left Drew Slevin third

Below: Joe Dyke dealing with the wet conditions.



Second went to Richard Benham. Third place went to Drew Slevin in his first time out in the experts and put in a great ride in tough conditions. Forth went to Darren Hounsell who was only forty seconds behind Slevin. Poor Joe Dyke had been in the mix for a good position until lap seven when his engine let go.



Clubman 2t had Mark Mealham have an excellent ride to win by nearly nine minutes over Mark Goddard who had second under control from the first lap. Third went to Robert Moulding followed home by Mitch Frost and Chris Brown.

Mark mealham Club 2 stroke first

working their way up the leader board after poor starts. It was Chris who put the pressure on in the closing stages producing his fastest time on the very last lap but it wasn't quite enough to catch Richards. Third place went to Elliot Davis.

Giles Richards making the mud seem no problem to take 1st Club 4 stroke

Over 40s Clubman saw first go to Dave Kirtly with a very strong and consistent ride and even a flat rear tyre in the last few laps didn't stop him taking the win. Second was Steve Davey and third went



to Andrew Smith. All three of these riders had lead at some point during the race, a real close one. Good stuff guys!



Dave Kirtly: Over 40's Clubman Winner

Over 50s, Sean Skinner had this one under control with Anthony Marshall also managed nine laps, well done! Third went to Gary Taylor.

Over 50's Richard Strawbridge skating the easy route!



In the Sportsman 2t Alex Knott had a great win a lap clear of Richard Sayer and Elliot Croft.



Sport 2 st Alex Knott winner



Sportsman 4t had another clear winner Craig Osment with eight laps. Second went to Mark Lovell followed by Ben body.

*Sport 4 st Craig Osment
winner*

There was a very large entry in the trail class which was won by James Browning, followed home by Andrew Wakely and Bradley Cannings.



*James Browning Trail class
first place.*

Just a small Gripe, whoever it was who chose to straight line the woods at the top of the course towards the end of the event going through three or four double taped areas, I suggest you take a long hard look at yourself as this level of course cutting is pretty sad on what was a nice flowing track through the trees anyway.

What had been a clear bright day for the adult event soon turned into something very different for the youth race and during the opening laps the skies blackened and there was torrential rain on what was already a challenging course. The kids really toughed it out in nasty conditions and its hardly any wonder that Track n Trail are producing some fantastic youth riders.

Youth 125, Im so pleased for Charlie Frost taking a fantastic win after handling the relentless pressure from Dylan Baynton and let's face it Dylan is a hard nut to crack. Well done mate, cracking ride. Second place was Dylan Baynton, look out everyone he is up to a bigger bike soon. Third went to Ashley Wilcox and a good forth for Paddy Twentyman.

BW 85 class had a great win for Issac Atherley who put in consistent laps in tough conditions and was the only big wheel to get in six laps. Second was Nathan Baggott who is always a rider to be reckoned with no matter what the conditions and third went to Niles

Reid. A quick mention must go to Jordan Ridgeway, whose first time out in big wheels, saw him lead until lap four but unfortunately he had to pull out as the cold and damp didn't agree with his asthma.

SW 85 George Saunders was the winner with a measured ride taking the lead two laps from home. Josh Wilson and Matthew Martin had a close race for the podium.

65 class, Well done Ben Harvey taking your first win battling through in a determined style, im sure it's the first of many to come, great job! Second went to Carl Benham.

This event was a great start to the Track n Trail championship which is going to have some fantastic venues over the nine round series. Looking forward to the next round already! Just a small note to finish, you just don't realise how much hard work goes into these events, Mike and Tom were still clearing the track long after most of us had gone to bed, thanks guys!

