

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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 Taggart's son Aley in 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

<u>A Class</u>			<u>Expert</u>		
1	Josh Brain	Sherco 30	1	Barry Kinley	Gas Gas 22
2	Thomas Maddrell	Sherco 31	2	Saskia Baxter	Beta 95
3	Kieran Jones	Gas Gas 72	-	Wayne Wardell	Gas Gas rtd
4	Jordan Birchall	Gas Gas 94			
<u>B Class</u>			<u>Clubman</u>		
1	Oliver Megson	Sherco 55	1	Neil Christian	Montesa 8
2	Craig Norrey	Beta 78	2	Damian Owen	Beta 18
3	Joe Yeardsley	Sherco 87	3	Robert Skillicorn	Gas Gas 24
4	Oliver Lace	Gas Gas 113	4	Andy Cannell	Gas Gas 29
-	Carl Owen	Beta rtd	5	Andrew Cubbon	Gas Gas 38
			6	Sam Ansermoz	Sherco 41
			7	Graham Christian	Gas Gas 48
			8	Craig Magee	Scorpa 50
1	Juan Lace	Beta 64	9	Gareth Temple	Gas Gas 52 10 cl
2	Jack Kelly	Gas Gas 100	10	Jonny Notman	Beta 52 9 cl
			11	Peter Christian	Montesa 56
			12	James Grant	Montesa 57 8 cl
1	Thomas Knight	Gas Gas 8	13	Michael Buttimore	Gas Gas 57 7 cl
2	Adam Kelly	Gas Gas 20	14	Dean Taylor	Sherco 59
3	Sophie-May Smith	Gas Gas 31	15	John Norrey	Beta 74
4	Max Lewthwaite	Gas Gas 45	16	Nick Warburton	Beta 75
5	Toby Collins	Sherco 54	17	Howard Sharkey	Beta 104
-	Martin Hindley	Gas Gas rtd			
<u>B Plus</u>			<u>Sportsman</u>		
1	Matthew Asbridge	Gas Gas 78	1	David Harding jnr	Beta 6
2	Steven Currie	Beta 86	2	Rob Taylor	Sherco 11 27 cl
3	Aley Taggart	Beta 114	3	Andrew Sidebottom	Scorpa 11 24 cl
4	Steven Teare	Gas Gas 120	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
<u>C Plus</u>			<u>Twin Shock</u>		
1	James Quayle	Gas Gas 36	1	Dave Megson	Yamaha 6
2	Kasey Corlett	Gas Gas 44			
3	Jack Hunter	Gas Gas 49			
4	Matthew Corkill	Sherco 59			
5	Jamie Everitt	Beta 66			
<u>D Plus</u>					
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			