

Woodhouse farm h&h Round 1 nrec challenge

Wilson's the daddy at woodhouse



This was the north riding enduro clubs first event since their successful trip to the ISDE in New Zealand where Luke Lusher, and Will Midgley finished with silvers and Mark Weaver a bronze, with this expertise on hand and the hard work of Phil Fawcett saw the north riding team completely change the Woodhouse venue, the new track based on an old motocross track with flowing trails, climbs and descents was going to test the eager entry.

By splitting the entry into two races the north riding club employed this tested formula to ensure quality racing, sportsman and motocross at 9 am and the championship experts, clubman, 040, at 12:15 pm.

The weather conditions were ideal, dry but overcast.

At 9 am the flag dropped on the sportsman field, the race was set for 2 hours and 15 minutes. A gaggle of riders were trying to push for the early lead, including Mick Robson, Mark Bell, and on his trusty Yamaha was the ever-improving Craig Thorpe. As the race settled down, it was Mick Robson who got to the front, the hard-chasing Craig Thorpe was gaining at times but couldn't get to the front, Mark Bell was now holding a comfortable 3rd place. As the riders reached the finish line, it was Mick Robson who took a narrow win from second-placed Craig Thorpe, and Mark Bell 3rd. All completed 16 laps.

In the motocross class, Martyn the Colonel Field took the hole shot and won himself a coveted nrec race shirt, his main rival John the Dawg Kerwin was back in third, but by the end of the first lap, the Dawg was on the Colonel, and during the first hour, these two old hands fought it out, continually swapping the lead, until the Dawg upped the pace and broke free, try as he might, the Colonel couldn't make up time on the Dawg, and John the Dawg Kerwin took the win with a fine 17 laps, Martyn the Colonel Field second 16 laps and Jim Beadle 3rd on 15 laps.



With a short interval, the north riding team repaired the track for the main race of the day, with the championship riders set to ride for 3 hours and 15 minutes, the experts were on for 3 hours and 13 minutes, and the clubman/040 classes 3 hours. As the flag dropped, the championship class were off, taking the hole shot was Justin the Daddy Wilson on his race fix KTM 250, in hot pursuit were Gavin Houson mps racing Husky and Steve Melville bikesport Yamaha.

over the first hour , young Houson and the daddy swapped the lead ,until a stick jammed into Housons carb causing problems and forcing him to pit for repairs costing him 5 mins, steve Melville was now in second, the daddy was holding the lead comfortably, but Houson was catching Melville and by the second hour he passed him, as the 3hour 15 mark was reached the daddy Wilson took the win from gav Houson in second, both riders completing 28 laps and steve Melville in third on 27 laps..

In the expert class Danny field tgor ktm at last showed some of his promise, by taking the overall expert win from second placed Ed McIntosh mps racing husky, David wood from Cumbria securing 3rd place on his gas gas 250 all completed 26 laps. The clubman class saw a 4 way struggle for the overall class win between Tim pattinson ,Phil corner Jonathon Hughes and steve jeminson with the win going to Jonathon Hughes , Tim pattinson taking a well earned second place , and steve Jemison 3rd all these riders completed 24 laps.

Steve parry made his long trip from Liverpool worthwhile by taking the 040 win by 2 laps from second placed rob swinbank , in third was nrec rider Nigel Hutchinson. At end the riders although tired were smiling having enjoyed the fantastic days racing the north riding enduro club had put on. The nrec team then provided an excellent results service and awards presentation lead by race director Tim gilbank round two of the championship moves to the popular Thorpe venue near bedale on June 3rd , one not to be missed.