

TrackNTrail - Matterley Enduro Event

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Sunday 23rd of February saw near on perfect weather for Track N Trails Enduro event at Matterley racetrack. The tightly contested Championship race was eventually won by Crescent KTM rider Daryl Bolter, who held pole position for the majority of the race, clocking in the best average lap time in the process.

A large crowd of spectators gathered to watch close to 300 racers take on the gruelingly challenging track which lasts up to two and a half hours without stopping. Thankfully the sun was out to gloriously welcome them and the racers as they embarked on the stamina testing course which crossed the gorgeous Hampshire countryside. No terrain was left unturned as the riders tore across the green fields and past the towering trees which created enough obstacles for them to overcome. Some riders came across difficulty over the chalk hill which created a nice difference in terrain for the riders, especially as the race wore on.

In the Championship race 29 year-old Daryl Bolter seemed to have his goggles in a twist when the flag was dropped which we suspect may not have been completely accidental as Botler is one to embrace the challenge of battling his way through other riders to victory. The Crescent KTM rider lead the race for the most part and achieved an average lap time of (15:00.71) which was over half a minute faster than all other Championship riders. Bolter, who has been riding for over a decade, showed great grit and discipline to maintain outstanding lap times tipping him to the crown.

In 2nd place Max Varney notched up a respectable average lap time of 15:33.10 and a very impressive fastest lap of the race with 14:07.93. They were propped up by 3rd place rider Daniel Price who wasn't far behind with a great effort bagging an average lap of 15:48.40 .



Max Varney

The Experts results showed some great riders with 1st place Harvey Dark leading up until lap 4 where 2nd place Ashley Williamson nearly jumped into the lead for the only to be trumped by Dark in their final two laps, whilst Ross Stturmey was able to finish closely after in 3rd place.



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With the over 40's Expert's Phil Lewis stepped up after the first two laps to claim 1st place, Nick Ames sitting steady in 2nd and Euan Harrison storming from 11th position after the 1st lap to 3rd overall.

Elsewhere in the other group races, the riders fought hard to gain a place in the top three. Neil Franks came first in the Clubman 2 group followed closely by Mark Copeland and Donovan Pearce creeping up behind in 3rd. Clubman 4 put on a great display with George Miles grasping the win, whilst 3rd place David Luff was thought to maybe claw back to claim second when he gained nearly a minute on 2nd place David Wathen in the 3rd lap. The over 40's Clubman again saw a close top 3 with Adam Dewey standing victorious at 1st place followed by Adrian Evans in 2nd and Paul Smith in 3rd.



Daryl Bolter

In the Sportsman 2 st group it was James Beresford who managed to lead in front of 2nd place Mark Taylor and 3rd place Ben Bridewell to claim number 1 position. Again, Sportsman 4 st showed very similar results with all top 3 powering through 8 laps of the Matterley's mischievous track with Ben Cowdrey sneaking the win, seconds in front of Richard Perkins, with Steve Curtis comfortably sitting in 3rd place.

There were also potential riders of the future who took to the course in the 125cc race where youngsters cut their teeth on the circuit and look to improve their skills. Young Bradley Rowland in his last youth race finished a clear 3 minutes ahead in 1st

followed by Josh Coppins in 2nd and Chris Corthorn in 3rd.

In the Big Wheel, Bret Rowland flew ahead in 1st and maintained his position throughout with rider no.126 also cruising in 2nd followed by Jordan Meredith in 3rd. In Small Wheel, Matthew Martin coming from dead last after a first corner pile up was able to receive a great 1st position win after overtaking 2nd place Brad Folley in the 2nd lap whilst Alfie Webb comfortably claimed 3rd place. Finally for the youngsters in the 65cc Harry Raynor put in a solid ride to claim 1st position.

On the other end of the spectrum was the Over 50's where Graham Darby did not fail to perform, leading strong from the first lap and finishing with almost a minute gap beyond 2nd place Neal Wailing, with Rupert Gabriel trailing closely behind in 3rd.

Our Trail class riders tore the track up, Nick Pottow pulling 1st position with Rob Higgs in 2nd and Alex Morgan in 3rd.

Overall, the day was a great success with riders and spectators enjoying the rare sunshine, even if it was a little windy. Track N Trail look to have a busy year ahead of them, with many more races lined up across the south of England. Let's hope the weather is as kind on every race day as it was at Matterley.