

RESULTS SERVICE

## **Electraction TM UK**

*'08 British Enduro Championship – round 4: Knighton Enduro, Knighton, Mid Wales, 20-21.9.2008*

### **Impressive end to '08 BEC series for TM UK and Euan McConnell**

Electraction TM UK rider Euan McConnell came painstakingly close to ending his '08 British Enduro Championship campaign with overall victory on day two of the Knighton Enduro as the Enduro 3 class TM rider finished just two seconds behind eventual day and event winner Si Wakely. With the Enduro 3 championship decided at the previous round of the series Euan's hopes of ending the season with a win almost materialised but following a costly mistake on day one he eventually placed 15th overall, despite his strong showing on day two.

Although falling just short of matching the pace of day one winner Si Wakely, Euan was headed for a comfortable runner-up spot in the E3 class on day one having performed consistently during the six special tests. But at the end of the day a confused McConnell failed to check in on time at the final time control and incurred a 13-minute penalty. Euan's mistake dropped him to 16<sup>th</sup> in the overall day one Championship class results.

Determined to make up for his day one error McConnell was clearly out to improve things on day two and came close to topping the opening special test. Just hundredths of a second behind winner Wakely on the second test Euan topped the third test before narrowly missing out on winning the fourth and fifth tests. Placing eight seconds ahead of Paul Edmondson, Euan missed claiming overall victory by just two seconds but claimed a deserved Enduro 3 class win.

With his British Enduro Championship duties now over Euan now heads to the penultimate round of the '08 World Enduro Championship, the GP of Italy, where he will compete aboard a 300cc two-stroke for the first time this season.

In the Expert class Irishman Phillip McLaughlin continued to perform well in his first season of BEC competition with two overall runner-up results in the Expert class. With E2 class riders filling the top three spots in the overall Expert class on day one, Phillip placed half a minute behind winner Gareth Hopkins. On day two however Philip placed less than one-second behind Gareth to claim an extremely close runner-up result.

**Euan McConnell:** "Let's just say that day one didn't exactly go as I hoped it would. I rode pretty well on the tests but clocking in late at the end of the day messed things up. Day two was much better, although it's disappointing to have got so close to winning. There wasn't much to separate myself from Si Wakely and Paul Edmondson all day. I tried everything to pull a few seconds on them both of them but although I won one of the tests it wasn't quite enough to beat Si and get the win. It's a little disappointing but still a strong end to the season."

## Results – Knighton Enduro day 1

### Championship class (overall)

1. Si Wakely (Husqvarna) 1786.66; 2. Paul Edmondson (Suzuki) 1791.43; 3. Greg Evans (KTM) 1795.61; 4. Edward Jones (KTM) 1811.38; 5. Ashley Wood (KTM) 1841.21; 6. Lee Edmondson (Honda) 1844.54; 7. Chris Hockey (Honda) 1850.11; 8. Robert Jones (Yamaha) 1868.56; 9. Ollie Moyce (Yamaha) 1875.92; 10. Richard Hay (KTM) 1884.55... **16. Euan McConnell (Electraction TM UK) 2602.94**

### Expert class (overall)

1. Gareth Hopkins (KTM) 1229.5; **2. Phillip McLaughlin (Electraction TM UK) 1262.76**; 3. Rheinallt Davies (Husqvarna) 1271.58; 4. Mark Roberts (Kawasaki) 1274.91; 5. Bradley King (Gas Gas) 1283.33...

## Results – Knighton Enduro day 2

### Championship class (overall)

1. Si Wakely (Husqvarna) 1472.27; **2. Euan McConnell (Electraction TM UK) 1474.32**; 3. Paul Edmondson (Suzuki) 1482.15; 4. Greg Evans (KTM) 1489.45; 5. Edward Jones (KTM) 1510.26; 6. Ashley Wood (KTM) 1523.89; 7. Ollie Moyce (Yamaha) 1533.25; 8. Chris Hockey (Honda) 1533.41; 9. Lee Edmondson (Honda) 1533.51; 10. Darren Wheeler (Husaberg) 1547.99...

### Expert class (overall)

1. Gareth Hopkins (KTM) 1533.81; **2. Phillip McLaughlin (Electraction TM UK) 1534.24**; 3. Mark Roberts (Kawasaki) 1546.01; 4. Rheinallt Davies (Husqvarna) 1583.33; 5. David Brick (Kawasaki) 1587.78...

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