

SACU EEC Enduro Championship 2014

Final round at Elgin Endurance Club's Monaughty Forest , Elgin

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Norrie makes his mark at Monaughty with his first Scottish Enduro Championship.

Over 70 riders from across Scotland and the North of England made the trip to Elgin for the final round of the Scottish Enduro Championship.

With all to play for in the various classes the competition was intense at a well kent course where the special test would determine the outcome of a year's long competition.

The effects of Hurricane Bertha were well in evidence with numerous deep pools and rivers running down the course catching out the unwary. Most riders got a soaking on the first lap as they rode through a normally shallow pond to discover it was a deep pool. At least it kept the dust down.

First away were the Championship class riders led by Frazer Norrie – who had already sewn up the Championship due to Fraser Flockhart putting his shoulder out at the previous round and not being able to start. But this did not stop young Norrie putting in by far the fastest times of the day – but being kept honest by Ricky Mair who chased hard all day for second . Scottish legend Richard Hay put in very consistent times all day for third and also third in the Championship.

A great finish to a season which included international competition in Europe.

In the Expert class Andrew Bisset continued his winning ways with times which would have put him well up in the Championship class. He has improved all year and got faster at each race. A great prospect for the future.

In the Veterans class local rider (and new Dad) Derek Little showed he has lost none of his speed with a great ride to take the win from Extreme enduro rider Gavin Johnston. Grant Smith finished running his new KTM in on the course for 3rd on the day – but Champion for the year. Newcastle rider Mark Ritchie made the long trek North but was struck down with a stomach bug which rendered him Hors de Combat.

Moving onto the Clubman the class Duncan Norrie put on a great show over the day to top the results leading home Lewsi Forbes and Ian Bisset ,who benefited from all the training with his son Andrew to frustrate other Clubman who find him hard to follow now !

Champion for the year in Clubman is Ben Thomson who won every other round.

Clubman B is proving a competitive class as some rapid riders like the extra time on course. Nathan McLean pushed hard for the win from Dax Edgely and Leslie Pole. Hamish Oag was hoping for the Championship but problems on the last test and time penalties stopped his challenge to Nathan who took the Championship.

Last but not least the Sportsman class – with over half the entry . With only a slightly reduced course it was a tough day out and a great win for Fergus Lamb followed by Steve Hughes who would take the Championship for the year. Johnny Stewart put in another consistent ride for 3rd following his win at Griffin.

Another long and testing day out at Monaughty with most riders putting in over 5 hours of non stop competition.

A big thank you to the Forestry for the use of Monaughty and to Kev and Barry for the course.

And we all got a free mug !!