

STEVE HOLCOMBE

7 TIMES WORLD CHAMPION



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Steve Holcombe crowned 2020 EnduroGP World Champion

Beta Factory Racing's Steve Holcombe has won this year's EnduroGP World Championship, bringing yet another year of racing to a memorable close in Portugal. A spectacular end to the 2020 FIM Enduro World Championship, Holcombe added the EnduroGP crown to the Enduro 2 title he won on Saturday, lifting his world championship tally to seven.

- Steve has been crowned 2020 EnduroGP World Championship
- Perfect weekend sees the Beta racer also lift the Enduro 2 World Championship
- The Brit now has seven enduro world titles to his name

After clinching the Enduro 2 World Championship title on day one of the season's final event, Steve had just one all-important box left to tick as far as his 2020 season was concerned – that of securing the EnduroGP crown. With a four-point lead over nearest rival Brad Freeman, things were anything but settled. And with weather conditions turning sour, the championship outcome came right down to the wire.

Trailing Freeman entering the final special test, Steve incredibly took the advantage when Freeman ran into trouble within sight of the finish. Brilliantly mastering the conditions, Steve exited the test ahead and in doing so became the new EnduroGP World Champion. The title marks Beta Motorcycles' first EnduroGP crown on four-stroke machinery, clearly demonstrating the winning capabilities of their RR Racing 4T 350.

Despite what has been an eventful year due to the coronavirus pandemic, Steve has still managed to win two Enduro World Championship titles along with the Italian Enduro Championship, which he won two weeks ago. His performances show that he's back to his best having overcome the energy-sapping Epstein Barr illness that plagued his 2019 season.

Steve Holcombe: "I'm lost for words right now, it's hard to explain how much winning this EnduroGP title on the 350F means to both Beta Motorcycles and myself. Today was a crazy day, in a way I guess it's fitting for how strange 2020 has been. I was behind, kind of where I needed to be, but also not able to find the speed I had on day one. But I just tried to keep fighting and hoping for a break. When the weather turned, things changed, and, well, here I am as world champion. I feel for Brad because he was doing everything right, but in an instant his luck was out. Unfortunately, that's racing - I've been there before and know how that feels. On the whole I just can't thank Beta and all the team's and my sponsors enough for all they've done. We've proved again that we're the best team in the paddock and these titles are for them as much as for myself."

Results - Enduro World Championship, Rnd 4

EnduroGP - Day 1

1. Brad Freeman (Beta) 56:22.12; **2. Steve Holcombe (Beta) 56:24.41**; 3. Josep Garcia (KTM) 56:48.54; 4. Andrea Verona (TM) 57:10.40; 5. Thomas Oldrati (Honda) 57:32.83...

EnduroGP - Day 2

1. Josep Garcia (KTM) 1:03:32.76; **2. Steve Holcombe (Beta) 1:04:16.50**; 3. Brad Freeman (Beta) 1:04:38.28; 4. Danny McCanney (Honda) 1:05:11.83; 5. Andrea Verona (TM) 1:05:20.57...

Championship Standings (After Rnd 4 of 4)

EnduroGP

1. Steve Holcombe (Beta) 146pts; 2. Brad Freeman (Beta) 140pts; 3. Andrea Verona (TM) 100pts...

Enduro 2

1. Steve Holcombe (Beta) 154pts; 2. Loic Larrieu (TM) 118pts; 3. Danny McCanney (Honda) 116pts...

