

Neil Chatham Under 23 E2 2013 Champion

Neil Chatham made the long trip down to Banbury for rounds 7 and 8 of the ACU British Enduro Sprint Championship. Neil had led the class from the start of the season but a couple of below par performances saw him fight to the finish on Sunday. Saturday was a day of two halves with poor times in the morning followed by quicker times in the afternoon although it was not enough to beat Max Varney who pulled himself up the results table to within just one point going into the final round on Sunday.

The first three tests saw the pair swap places to within a second of each other and Max was less than a second ahead as they went into the final three tests in the afternoon. Neil pulled out all the stops and put in his best time of the weekend stretching his lead to 9 seconds. All that remained at the end of the day was for Neil to hold onto that lead and with completely contrasting styles they set out for the final time. As Max returned to the spectator area he stalled his bike leaving Neil to bring it home neatly to secure the E2 Championship. It could easily have gone the other way and the two shook hands at the finish.



This is Neil's last competition before heading out to Italy with the SACU ISDE Team to take part in motor cycling's equivalent to the Olympics, his confidence has certainly had the boost it needed.

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