

RESULTS SERVICE

## **Electraction TM UK**

*'09 British Enduro Championship – round 1: Muntjac Enduro, 22.2.2009*

### **Joy for McLaughlin and disappointment for Thain at '09 BEC round one**

Making his Championship class debut and having switched from a 250cc two-stroke to a 450cc four-stroke Irish youngster Phillip McLaughlin claimed one of the most impressive results at the opening round of the '09 BEC series finishing in a strong seventh place overall and fourth in the competitive Enduro 2 class. Helping Phillip claim his best ever BEC result was the fact that he was one of just 10 riders who ended the event without time penalties as the Diss MCC competition saw the BEC series get off to a demanding start.

Disappointingly, TM UK's guest rider Rodrig Thain - who stood the team's best chance of a claiming podium result – saw his hopes of the Enduro 2 class win ended mid-way though the event. Although a little slow to get going on the slippery opening special tests, WEC regular Thain was quickly up to speed and posted the overall fastest time on the event's second timed special test. Then, while pushing hard on the course Rodrig's carburettor slide fractured, which resulted in a premature end to the Frenchman's day. Needless to say having travelled to Norfolk for the one-day event from his home in France the TM factory rider was far from pleased to be heading home early.

But for McLaughlin the event ended with a hugely satisfactory result. Still a relatively inexperienced BEC campaigner, Phillip was clearly enjoying both the event and competing aboard his new 450cc machine. With competition tight throughout the Championship class Phillip's opening special test performance certainly wasn't his best but after the second test he lifted himself to 11<sup>th</sup> overall. In completing the final time control of the event without penalties Phillip lifted himself further up the results with a fine seventh place final position.

Also competing in the Championship class for TM Jamie Paget finished in 18<sup>th</sup> overall, posting one of the best Under 23 performances aboard his 250cc two-stroke.

As well as contesting this year's British Enduro Championship in the Championship class Phillip will also compete in the Enduro Junior class of the '09 World Enduro Championship, which starts on March 21 in Portugal.

**Nick Craigie – Electraction TM UK team manager:** “Rodrig was anything but pleased with the way his event ended, and so is everyone in the team. He found the first test much more slippery than he was expecting but showed on the second test that his speed was good. It's frustrating that such a small and generally unheard of problem put him out of the event. The performance of Phillip was extremely encouraging though. Ever since he stepped onto the 450 he's been riding well and clearly loves riding the bike. Moving up to the Championship class for the Diss MCC organised event is never easy, but Phillip rode superbly. I'm extremely pleased for him and hope he can carry his good form into this year's World championship.”

**2009 British Enduro Championship  
Diss MCC, Muntjac Enduro, 22.2.2009**

**Championship class overall**

1. David Knight (BMW) 874.86; 2. Si Wakely (Husqvarna) 878.06; 3. Tom Sagar (Husaberg) 885.79; 4. Daryl Bolter (KTM) 885.97; 5. Paul Edmondson (Suzuki) 887.39; 6. Aston Bird (Husqvarna) 901.18; **7. Phillip McLaughlin (Electraction TM UK) 912.59**; 8. Ollie Moyce (Husaberg) 915.19; 9. Darren Carter (KTM) 917.39; 10. Lee Edmondson (Honda) 957.96...

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