

Paul Holmes extends points lead with 2nd overall at Round 5 of the British Championship!

19th July 2015 - Dean Moor MX Park, Cumbria, UK

The spectacular hard pack circuit of Dean Moor MX Park, situated in the Cumbrian Hills in the north of England, played host to Round 5 of this year's British Quad Championship. Arriving with a points lead of 40 over his nearest rival, Holmes knew he needed another consistent day to keep his Championship hopes in order.



Wet conditions almost caused timed qualification to be cancelled but the organisers decided that a one hour wait for the storm to pass was the best decision. Despite a very wet course, Holmes posted 3rd quickest time to secure a great and important start choice for the 3 races.

Race 1: Holmes rounded turn 1 in 4th place and concentrated on not making any early lap mistakes on the extremely wet track. He rode smart all race and worked his way up to 3rd place by the finish flag.

Race 2: Another good start meant Holmes was in the top 5 in turn 1, which soon became 3rd place by the end of lap 1 with some quick thinking to avoid incidents with other riders. It was to be another 3rd place knowing his closest rivals were all placed behind him and chose not to push on too much.



Race 3: Holmes took a spectacular start and managed to pull the holeshot and lead the pack into the opening lap. Unfortunately the lead was short lived due to an unfortunate tire puncture. The tire was ripped on the sharp rocks which had started to show by race 3. Holmes took the initiative to pit straight away on lap 2 and the team did an excellent job to replace the wheel and set him back off quickly, but it was in last place. Riding well and back to his old self he caught up to the rest of the pack and started making up places immediately. Lapping the fastest in the track, and setting the fastest lap of the

race and the weekend whilst coming back through the pack, Holmes eventually finished the race in a respectable 8th place.

Claiming 2nd place overall and finishing ahead of his closest rivals in this year's 2015 championship, Holmes now leads by 54 points heading into Round 6.

Round 5 results:		2015 Championship standings:	
1 st Luke Cooper	143 points	1 st Paul Holmes	654 points
2 nd Paul Holmes	125	2 nd Justin Reid	600
3 rd George Calloway	123	3 rd George Calloway	590
4 th Sheldon Seal	119	4 th Dean Colhoun	580
5 th Justin Reid	114	5 th Carl Bunce	578

Holmes commented after the day's action: "With the poor weather conditions this morning, I wasn't sure how today was going to end up! Mistakes are easily made in wet conditions and points can be easily be lost but I think I rode smart through the day and despite the misfortune of the flat tire in lap 1 of the last race, I rode my best after it and felt back to my old self. Quickest lap time of the race and weekend coming through traffic shows I have my speed back which is great! I need to say a huge thank you to the whole team who help make this possible, all my friends and family who made the journey north to support me and as always, my supportive sponsors who I can't thank enough.

