

## Reid Moves To 9<sup>th</sup> At Troublesome Tinkerhill

A fantastic revamped and reworked Tinkerhill Motocross Circuit provided the setting for round two of the 2009 Ulster Premier Quadcross Championship at the weekend, the hard working team at Quad Racing Ireland hosting the event at Jim O'Brien's spectacular venue on the outskirts of Newry. Having made a promising start to the season with some outstanding results at Ulster and British level, Justin Reid and Team Can Am travelled the short distance from their Comber base eager to move up the series standings, but as they packed away the Team Can Am DS450x MX after two action packed motos, Justin had had a frustrating day with chain derailments in both races curtailing his progress, Justin nevertheless scoring a fantastic second moto 7<sup>th</sup> despite his chain woes to move to 9<sup>th</sup> in the series and just forty-two points behind the leader.



### Race One

Despite heavy rain in the days prior to the meeting, the hardpack circuit dried out quickly as timed practice got underway, Justin putting together a fantastic qualifying lap to secure 4<sup>th</sup> pick of gate. A poor start by his standards saw Justin round the first corner mid-pack in the twenty-four strong field, but using the excellent handling of the DS 450x MX Justin began to work his way through the pack, completing the opening lap of the twenty minute plus one-lap moto having moved up to 9<sup>th</sup>. Choosing different lines to pass in the more rutted parts of the circuit and with the leaders in sight, Justin had moved up to 7<sup>th</sup> on lap two when disaster struck, a large stone bending the chain guide and derailing the chain. Dropping to dead last as he worked trackside to repair the problem as best possible with no tools, Justin finally got underway but with the guide

damaged beyond repair the chain derailed twice more during the moto, Justin pushing as hard as conditions would allow to the chequered flag to finish just outside the points.



### **Race Two**

Slotting in to 10<sup>th</sup> as he headed around the first corner and out on the first of thirteen laps, Justin once again used the excellent Rotax powerplant to blast his way through the pack in the early stages, moving up to 7<sup>th</sup> as he broke the timing beam for the first time before taking 5<sup>th</sup> on the next lap. Lapping furiously while involved in a four-way battle for 3<sup>rd</sup>, Justin was applying tremendous pressure to pass when lady luck struck another cruel blow, the chain once again derailing after a rock hit the guide. Dropping back to 15<sup>th</sup> as he fought to get underway, Justin set off at a blistering pace and using the fantastic handling of the PEP suspension attacked the circuit and began to move up the leaderboard, Justin battling through to 12<sup>th</sup> by the halfway point. Increasing his relentless pace as the race progressed, Justin continued to scythe his way through the field to take the chequered flag for a fantastic 7<sup>th</sup>, Justin amazingly setting the second fastest lap of the moto on lap ten when the circuit was at it's roughest and in traffic!



## Reid

'Today has been pretty disappointing to say the least... the chain guide is my own design and it worked perfectly all of last season but today there were some really gnarly ruts with big stones in them and I hit one hard enough to bend the guide right around which pulled the chain off the sprocket. It took ages to straighten it – I had to find some big rocks at the side of the track and sort of throw them at it to get going again but I'd lost too much time to get back into the points in the first moto. The start of the second race was quite scary as I got hit from behind and someone came over the side of my quad. I was able to get away ok and was working through the field well when I had to change line and got hung up on another rut which bent the guide and pulled the chain off again. I knew exactly what to do this time though so didn't drop so far back. I charged hard for the remainder of the race and got some good laps in but there just wasn't enough time to catch the leaders. It's back to the drawing board now to redesign the guide before the next race...'

## Results

### Race One

Winner – David Cowan; 2<sup>nd</sup> – David Wray; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sean Goss; 4<sup>th</sup> – Johnny Kelly; 5<sup>th</sup> – Ricky Toye

### Race Two

Winner – David Cowan; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Michael McAneney; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sean Goss; 4<sup>th</sup> – Ricky Toye; 5<sup>th</sup> – David Wray...**7<sup>th</sup> – Justin Reid**

### Championship Standings (after 2 of 6 rounds)

1<sup>st</sup> – Michael McAneney 81; 2<sup>nd</sup> – David Cowan 75; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sean Goss 74; 4<sup>th</sup>  
– David Wray 72; 5<sup>th</sup> – Johnny Kelly 68...**9<sup>th</sup> – Justin Reid 39**

**Next Race:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May – 2009 ACU British MMX Quad  
Championship (Round 3), Desertmartin Motocross Circuit, Desertmartin

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