



Team Scotland ISDE 2009
Portugal
Team Report

Life in the paddock

12/10/09 Day one of ISDE 2009

Today was a very proud and memorable day for enduro sport in Scotland when our team of three riders took their place on the starting ramp of this year's ISDE. Derek Little was our first man away and at precisely 0911 kick started his Dennis Irvine Superbikes KTM 125 into life and left for the start ramp for a long hot day consisting of no less than seven special tests which saw him place a fantastic 15th place in the club E1 class. At the final service of the day Derek set about changing the rear tyre and air filter well within his allotted 15 minute work period before placing his machine back into parc ferme for the night. Scotland's youngest rider Ricky Mair was next rider to leave the start ramp at 0944 after posing for the all important photo with the Maxis Tyres Brolly Dollies. A day of mixed fortunes lay ahead for Ricky that saw him set some incredibly quick test times placing third fastest Brit on two of the days special tests but all to be spoiled by a mechanical breakdown in one of the test that resulted in him placing 117th in the Club E2 class. At 0958 our third rider Grant Smith took his place on the starting ramp on this his first ISDE and indeed this, his first International Enduro. Grant successfully started his bike and crossed the start line without any dramas. Placing 53rd in the Club E2 class is a great result and a good solid start to his week. In the evening he successfully changed the rear tyre of his KTM 200 EXC with ease, something of a first for Grant as he has never had to change a tyre under competition conditions. While the boys were out riding Dougie Aitken, Kevin Gauld and Dougie's girlfriend Cath were at service check No2 carrying out the refuelling of all team GB's bikes along with Nev and Jude from the British support team. Neil Chatham, Johnny Little, Jim Ballantyne and Gilbert Rae headed out to help the riders at the start and end of the special tests taking bum bags and giving drinks and much appreciated encouragement. Thanks to all our supporters back home for messages of good luck and support received just to get our team to the start line. More to follow as the week goes on.



Derek in the morning work area on day one.



Ricky posing with The Maxxis Girls



Grant with The Maxxis Girls