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Queensland Arena Trial Championship – 28 August 2010

The week following the Australian titles I flew back up to the now sunny Gold Coast where the Queensland Arena Trial Championship was being held. The organisers had put a massive effort into the sections and were certainly going to keep the riders and spectators captivated! I am absolutely over the moon to now be the Champion of this event!

The event consisted of two grades with Youth and Expert and was very well commentated by Jack Cavanagh supported by Jack Field. The Youth were first out completing half a lap before the Experts entered the arena. Both grades completed 2 qualifying laps before eliminating all but the top 4 in each grade for the finals. The sections became progressively harder each lap, and at the end of each lap were finished off with the crowd favourite – the World Championship style, dual lane races. There were certainly some thrills and spills here!

I was riding surprisingly well in the foreign style of sections and was fortunate to have completed the first 2 laps with a loss of 2 points in the sections but unfortunately went up against the very fast Jake Whitaker, the recently crowned Australian Champion, in both races resulting in taking an extra 2 points on with me.

I must congratulate the less experienced Youth riders on how brave they were because I must say; even I was terrified of some of the sections in this event! Some of the sections had to be in excess of 3 metres off the ground with some huge steps involved!

The finals came and Sam Rummery rode well taking out the Youth class and then the experts were on. I began really well cleaning all of the early sections and the next closest rider was Jake who took a 1 on section 3 and an unlucky 'time out' on section 5. All I needed to do now was get through the last 2 sections for less than 6 points to keep ahead of Jake before the last race. I went clean until the final section where I took a 5! Now I had to just make sure that I finished the race in case I was still not able to keep ahead of Jake. Fortunately for me I was able to maintain my lead, as after another epic race I finished behind Jake again!

Second was Whitaker and third was Jack Field just ahead of an unlucky Boyd Wilcocks.

Big Thankyou to Team Kaos for getting my bike to and from the event! Thanks Paul at Gas Gas Motos Australia for flying up to the event to support his riders. Global Racing Oil Australia for the awesome oil, Dunlop Tyres for their brilliant tyres keeping me glued to each huge obstacle, and the Howell Family like always, for their support. Thanks to all the event organisers for an awesome event and all of the guys Garan, Toby, Dad, and Nick for being there to keep the riders safe!

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