

Mayfair Gearbox Club MX Round 8 Terra Topia 13 Oct 2019

The back to back weekend continued on the Sunday after the GXCC8 event held on the Saturday. The teams weary riders summed up their reserves to go racing at the penultimate round. The circuit has become favourite for some and unkind to others at this round. Practice times for 65cc rider Donell Pietersen was mid pack in 14th, but his fellow team riders times were way down the order. The bikes of Oratilwe Phiri and Jayden Pietersen were showing signs of low compression and power loss. Kade Cruz in the 50cc qualified low down the order in 24th. This was his first attempt at a back to back race weekend. The 85cc rider Katlego Makhene qualified in 24th out the 29 rider line up. The signs of fatigue of the previous days racing was evident in our riders. In heat one Donell finished a credible 9th. A good result considering how his practice went. Kade finished 7th in 50 novice class a good result for a first time at this circuit. Katlego Makhene had an incident packed race in heat one in 85cc junior class. A crash cost him time and battled through to finish 14th. Oratilwe and Jayden laboured their tired engines home to finish 19th and 22nd respectively in 65cc picking up points for the series. They retired both bikes after heat one to prevent further damage to the stricken engines. In heat two Donell did us proud by finishing 5th and gaining valuable points for the series. An overall 6th place. The rider was super smooth and consistent with no mistakes. Kade finished 8th in heat 2 a good result for the weary racer. Overall he gained 7th. In heat two Katlego had a good start and was competing with the top eight racers before a rider went down in front of him and he crashed losing time which dropped him into last place. He remounted and showed a lot of heart to regain four places. Katlego's riding has elevated and his speed and stamina at the event showed

Oratilwe in heat 1 before he broke down mechanically



50cc Start line with Kade Cruz

85cc Practice Line up



Katlego pushing hard in heat one



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Donell Pietersen in action – Race heat 1



Oratilwe heat 1 trying to fend off competition



Donell Pietersen in action – Race heat 1



Jayden Pietersen in heat 1 before his bike suffered loss of power



Katlego had a good start in race heats



Donell Pietersen race home to finish 6th overall

