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Jason English claims third consecutive JetBlack 12 hour win while Griffin gets into Croc Trophy

For the third year in a row current World 24 hour Mountain Bike Champion, Jason English, has won the JetBlack Western Sydney MTB 12 hour race. The 12 hour race was held last weekend for the second time at an exclusive MTB venue at Dargle Farm near Windsor west of Sydney. The 30 year old PE teacher from Port Macquarie completed 24 laps of the 10 km long track in just 11 hours 39 minutes.

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English lead early in the solo men's race with challenger Andrew Hall sitting in second place. With plans to race the following day's 8 hour Grand Prix English said he intended to pace himself. English's plans changed just a few hours in as he decided to ride with the Bernard Riders team. Near the end of the 12 hour mark English joined Hall who was only one lap down. With only 20 minutes remaining English called it a day and Hall finished on equal 24 laps and with a respectable 12 hours 15 minutes.

Third was James Lamb with 23 laps in 12 hours 17 minutes. Despite not being in medal contention fourth placegetter, Mark Griffin from Croydon, claimed the valuable Crocodile Trophy race entry.

Despite racing his first ever 12 hour event, Sydney sider, Mark Griffin was please to finish in fourth place after completing 22 laps in 12 hours and 11 minutes.

But the biggest reward for Griffin was receiving a challenging prize, an entry into one of the toughest mountain bike races, the Crocodile Trophy.

"For me I just wanted to survive it," he admitted.

Griffin's bonus prize, an entry in the international Crocodile Trophy event to be held in far North Queensland in October, was clinched by securing time bonuses via a Facebook promotion by 12-hour organiser Rocky Trail Entertainment and by recording a high lap tally.

"The Crocodile Trophy is just a big event. It's world renowned," Griffin said. "It's one of those challenges you just have to say you've done it once."



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Griffin said he would now focus his training for the multi stage race which runs between 18 – 27 October this year.

“There are a few guys that have ridden it and they’re really helpful. I don’t have any illusions of grandeur. I know it’s going to be tough,” he said.

The women’s race was won by Liz Smith in 12 hours and 2 minutes completing 12 laps overall. Her nearest competitor was Breony Webb on 10 laps.

Winners of the other Jet Black 12 hour categories were Hugh Stodart on 22 laps (solo master men); Brett Bellchambers on 23 laps (solo male single speed); Enduro Pulse Racing Pairs on 24 laps (team 2 male); A Crack’n Race on 16 laps (team 2 female); Ashfield Cycles Racing Team on 27 laps (team 4 male); Ashfield Cycles Women’s Team on 17 laps (team 4 female); Stevens Bikes on 25 laps (team 4 mixed); WSMTB Juniors on 20 laps (team 4 male junior).



Sunday’s Shimano MTB Grand Prix races also held at Dargle Farm provided some close results in the teams. The 8 hour solo men’s winner was Scott Pomroy on 14 laps and Marty Stozik second with 13 laps. Third was Andrew Clark on 12 laps. The solo women’s race saw two riders on 12 laps. Sarah Neumann narrowly beat Belinda Porter by just 13 minutes. Despite being run over seven hours the racing was just as competitive.

The overall leaders in the popular endurance racing series are now Marty Stozik in the men’s and Sarah Neumann leads Porter in the women’s series by just 10 points.

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The Shimano 4 hour Grand Prix was won by solo riders Sebastian Jayne in the men's and Emily May in the women's.

In the separate bike shop category ranking, where riders can claim their collected series points for a designated store, the Bike Shed Mortdale and the Gordon Street Cycles from Port Macquarie are set up for a showdown in the final round which will be held at Stromlo Forest Park in Canberra on 24th September.



For full results and event information go to: www.rockytrailentertainment.com

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