



Dan Reardon News

Reardon Lays Down The Challenge To Reed

In front of a full house at Round Five of the Australian Motocross Championship at Barleigh Racetrack in Raymond Terrace, NSW, Australia, Dan Reardon proved he has what it takes to challenge the worlds best.

With determination, fast pace and uncompromising performance, the Pro Open rider, took on Chad Reed, head to head, and demonstrated to everyone in Motocross why he is Australia's next potential world champion.

After qualifying for the first race in third place, Reardon rolled onto the start line with a point to prove. Renowned for being a hole shot specialist, Reardon launched from the start line, to again win the hole shot.

Onboard his 450, Reardon dominated the first half of racing. Reardon laid down the challenge to Reed, that if thought he was just going to waltz into Raymond Terrace and walk all over the Australian competition, he had better think again. Reed was going to have to earn his win.

"I was really happy with my racing performance," said Reardon. "I didn't have the greatest qualifying session, as I struggled to find a clean, fast run. I didn't post the best qualifying time, but I was feeling good, so I knew I would be right heading into race one.

"I really wanted to get the hole shot in the opening race, as I have been really strong out front all season. When I got the lead into the first turn, I just focused on riding my own race. I had a feeling Chad was right behind me, but as my bike was really fast, I was able to stay out in front for over half of the race.

"Chad really put pressure on me in the second part of the race and after two hard laps, he eventually passed me. We began to lap the field and I had to work really hard to stick with Chad whilst avoiding lapped riders.



"It was good to get the first race out of the way and I felt confident heading into race two. I had a fair idea of how I could better my race pace in the second moto, as I had never raced Chad before, and I now knew what to expect from him in the next race.

"I again jumped well from the start line in the final race and won the hole shot. I pulled a good lead on the field and rode fast, hard laps. It was a great race as we were always challenging each other and there was plenty of passing and banging along the way.

"I held onto the lead for nearly three quarters of the race before Chad got passed me for the last time. I again only finished seven seconds behind him, the same as race one and I finished 42 seconds in front of Daryl Hurley in third.

"Racing against Chad was great for the team and for my confidence. We know we have a great team and a great bike, but we have now had the opportunity to see first hand how we measure up to an international rider and his race bike. We may not necessarily have all the bells and whistles of an AMA team, but we were able to stick it with a world class rider and I am really proud of that."