



# Dan Reardon News

## Reardon Holds Onto Championship Lead

It was an uncharacteristic result for Kawasaki Racing Team's, Dan Reardon, at Round Six of the Australian Motocross Championship held at Echo Valley in Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia, over the weekend, with the current championship leader falling just shy of a podium result.

Dan still maintains first place honours in the Pro Open championship on a healthy 260 points, but crashes in both races hindered his overall round six results.

Reardon shot from the gates in race one, to claim the hole shot convincingly and was quick to stamp his authority on the opening laps of the race. By the halfway mark, Reardon was 15 seconds ahead of the field.

"I had a lot of confidence in my 450 and I was travelling along nicely, until I hit a really deep rut on the back straight step up section," said Reardon. "Basically, my bike stood still when it jammed in the rut, and I kept going over the front handlebars. Thankfully I didn't hurt myself too much in the fall, but I did damage my bike. I managed to restart it and get going again, but I lost valuable time and places restarting.

"I had to settle for fifth place in the opening race.

"In Race Two I didn't win the hole shot, and there was about five of us battling on the opening turns. I went down in turn five, bending my bikes shrouds and radiator, and was back in last place when I rejoined the race. I knew it was going to be hard to get back up the front on such a slow track, but by the halfway mark I was back up in seventh place. I kept it consistent and came home in fifth place.

"It's defiantly not the result I was looking for, especially when I was basically racing in my own backyard. I suppose it's fair to say, that you can't really go fast when you are lying down.

"But I can't dwell on it, as we have to move straight onto round seven of the championship at Mackay this weekend. I will wake up tomorrow morning and focus on my upcoming races, with a goal of winning more valuable championship points for Kawasaki."