



## **\*\* Italy UEM and WTC 1/2 July 2006 \*\***

Alexz Wigg (JST 125 Gas Gas Pro Racing) had another successful weekend at the Italian rounds of the UEM European Junior and WTC Youth Championships. Alexz produced an outstanding performance in Darfo Boario Terme to take a convincing win in the Junior 125 class. His ride was one which was based on consistency making no major mistakes, taking the odd dab here and there to give him the clear cut win. Riding well on the steep and loose climbs section 2 was probably the deciding section, cleaned on both laps by Wiggy. Lap one he dropped 3 marks and the second loop 2 totalling 5, trailing Gratterola on two for lap one his Italian rival succumbed to the tough number two which dropped him down to second at the final reckoning on 9. Third place went to lee sampson (Sherco) for an overdue podium on 15. A pleased Alexz said " today everything seemed to click into place, I felt in control and made no seroius errors, a good result".

This result lifts Alexz to the top of the Championship, with a points lead of 8 points over the second place rider Gubian, with only 2 rounds to go. A great day for Alexz and the team!

Alexz was very keen to start on the Sunday WTC after the previous day's success in the Euro's full of determination to continue where he left off. The first lap on sections made slightly more difficult from Saturdays course proved to be a tough test of nerves and skill. Section 4 cleaned twice before proved to be a costly mistake, a five which spoilt a first lap of 8 marks lost, leaving Alexz in fourth place but only two marks behind the leader lee Sampson . Lap two started even better and Alexz was clean up to section five and as he failed to get out of this another unfortunate maximum was recorded. Apart from these fives he was on top form and completed the second lap for the best lap score (yet again) this time with winner Gratterola getting the nod for the win by reason of his better first lap, but only by a single mark. Alexz improved to second by the end of lap two but for that final section dab would have matched the score of the winner. "I know I shouldn't be disappointed with second today, but if I had avoided two slack dabs at 15 each time the win was there for the asking. I felt really good on the second lap and the sections that were altered were hard anyway, so it made it a clean or five in section 5, which maybe cost me the win today". Yet another good day's trialing and an improvement in the standings for both Championships this weekend. This still leaves Alexz in fourth place in the WTC which is very close in the overall positions. In the SPEA Young Hopefuls another maximum, which has him in second place overall, but only seven rounds to count. Next week Poland!

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