



At his very first attempt at the most famous trial in the World, Alexz Wigg (300 JST Gas Gas) managed to secure a sensational result by finishing sixth after six days of hard competition. Rightly described as one of the toughest challenges in trials Alexz finished top Gas Gas rider, best first timer gaining The Ian Pollock memorial trophy, and a winning member of the best manufacturers team alongside Dan Thorpe and Shaun Morris.

The week started well on his early day with a solid performance, sensationally ending up in fifth meant that at 17 years old he had provided a good foundation which meant he would have a chance of a top ten position. Alexz had other ideas and kept on the pace with scores of only 1 and 12 on the Tuesday and Wednesday, maintaining his position of 6<sup>th</sup> on the Thursday.

With two days left he was a little way behind 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> but with WTC riders Pasquet and Morriss just behind he was up against it both ways. Two more days of single figure scores, 4 and 4 meant it was very tight for placings going into the Saturday. The last day was as Alexz said “ my best ride of the week, but I lost a slack 5 and a three which was not the way to finish off”. If he had managed to save a one he could have finished fourth, but that’s the only down side in an incredible effort which most agree is the outstanding performance of the event.

“ I just didn’t know what to expect and it is of course very, very different to anything I have done before. Being on the 300 for six days was really good too, and hopefully I will feel a little more at home on it now. The bike never missed a beat all week, we changed a couple of tyres, bent a lever or two, and changed the gearbox oil on Wednesday. The air filter was left alone and we didn’t have to do anything else to the bike apart from adjusting the chain, all credit to factory Kev for preparing my engine. Having John Shirt and Wayne Braybrook to ride round with has been magic, I feel that I couldn’t have done it without their help, and would like to say a big thank you to them both, it allowed me to concentrate on the sections which was the easy part I guess”.

On the Saturday with the results in Alexz was a little disappointed to have lost out on fourth by the odd mark “ I felt I rode my best day today when I was fairly early and missing out on 4<sup>th</sup> has annoyed me. I really enjoyed the trial and can’t wait to get back next year. Hopefully I can do a bit better and get nearer the podium, but it’s a definite for 2008!”

Alexz was washing bikes on Monday and getting sorted for this weeks British Championships in Wales. The following week the team are off to France then Japan for the WTC, a busy season gets into full swing.

