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Barcelona SuperEnduro

After a few good days testing and training in Spain with the KTM factory Enduro team Jonny felt confident and ready for the final of the 2011/12 FIM SuperEnduro Indoor Championship in Barcelona.

Going into the final round Jonny was holding second place in the series with a small 2 point advantage over Husaberg factory rider Joakim Ljunggren.

In the qualifying race Jonny made a poor start but quickly came through the pack on a track which did not create good racing, the circuit was strange, quite fast and easy with the exception of one point which can only be described as a sandy bog after the water section, this area caused most of the night's crashes and problems. The deep sandy rutted turn claimed Jonny when he crashed with another rider, he damaged the bike and had to withdraw from the qualifying race which would give him last gate choice for the finals.

Heat one and JW started from the second row, running outside the top 10 on lap one, he quickly moved up the leader-board picking off riders each lap until the race was red flagged due to another big pile up after the sand section !!! The race was re-run and Jonny had a tense performance to finish 6th, unfortunately his main rival Ljunggren made 3rd position which demoted JW in the championship back to third.

Heat two and Jonny would make no mistake at the start, he powered his KTM 300 EXC to a holeshot and quickly pulled out a good advantage, however in the later stages he clearly slowed as he became tired and allowed Spanish rider Alfredo Gomez to get very close, the pair battled for 2 or 3 laps until finally Jonny took a well earned win.

The final race would see Jonny start again from the second row, he moved up to a top 5 position and just made a steady ride to the finish as his main rival Ljunggren was back in 8 or 9th position.

JW's three consistent performances gave him second overall for the night's racing, even though the organisers made a mistake and awarded another rider 2nd on the podium !!, but most importantly Jonny managed to hold onto the Championship 2nd position.

Jonny Walker SHR KORR KTM 300 EXC "After crashing in qualifying the night did not start well, damage to the bike meant I had to stop and therefore I did not earn a good gate choice for the finals. Because of this I felt under pressure and was riding very tense all night, the battle between me and Joakim was very close and he actually beat me in the first race which only made it more difficult for me, in the end I got the result I needed and it was great to win one race, but I'm a little disappointed in the way I rode tonight, I would like to thank all the people and sponsors who have helped me earn this result".



Julian Stevens Team Manager “This was a very difficult night for Jonny, with holding 2nd in the Championship it created a situation in which he had to perform and would test how he could race under pressure to keep his place. The night did not go easy, but at this round most of the riders suffered some bad luck and it was Jonny's consistency and race win which made the difference, he did a very good job tonight and certainly worked very hard for his runner up championship place”

Result Overall

1. Taddy Blazusiak KTM Factory Racing 350 EXCF
2. **Jonny Walker SHR KORR KTM 300 EXC**
3. Alex Salvini Husqvarna 310

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Next Event:- 11/12 Feb, British Sprint Enduro round 1

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