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Altus de Wet

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A BUSY YEAR AND LOTS OF PODIUMS FOR ALTUS DE WET

September '11 – It was an extremely busy year for the Brother Broadlink KTM works rider, Altus de Wet, who competed in the full national off-road championship as well as the Liquorland National Enduro Championship. In these two championships comprising of 11 races he claimed a total of eight podium positions and just missed out on two titles.

A single point separated De Wet from his arch-rival, Marc Torlage, before the Liquorland Champagne WFO National Enduro, the final round of the championship and after leading the E2 (200cc) Class from the second of the five rounds, he had to settle for second place with only two points standing between him and the title.

De Wet finished on the E2 podium after each of the five rounds and won this class at Montagu in the Western Cape. Only 22 points separated him from Torlage at the final event in KZN resulting in him finishing second in E2 and fourth overall at the race. Unofficial scoring sees him finishing fourth overall for the season after competing in a championship that was one of the most competitive in years. Only three points kept him from the overall podium.

Competitors had only had five chances to earn points in the national off-road championship – seven races were scheduled, but due to unforeseen reasons, two races were cancelled. After a season long three-way battle, De Wet, who only competed in his second off-road season after specialising in enduro racing, finished second in the OR3 (200cc) Class. He has won this class at an extremely muddy Bell 400 race held outside Hluhluwe in July.

Altus has travelled all over the country to compete in the WFO Championship in KwaZulu-Natal while he has also been overseas where he competed in a round of New Zealand Enduro Championship. He has also given rider training.

“It has been a hard year and the competition in both the national enduro and off-road championships were extremely high which means that you could not relax for a moment,” De Wet said. “Most of the races were very challenging and with Chris Birch competing in South Africa, all of us lifted our game which is very good for local enduro racing,” he commented.

“I would not have been able to give my best was it not for my sponsors and loyal supporters and I would like to share my gratitude to them,” he said. “Without their support, these results would not have been possible,” he concluded.

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