



Team Kendall Racing Team Report, Sweden Internationals 9th – 12th June 2011

The first UEM race of the season has just been finalized last weekend, in great weather that was almost too hot for racing but nevertheless simply wonderful for the crowd and the crew of all race teams, present at the fantastic new Tierp Arena, about 1.5 hour drive north of Stockholm.

We arrived early on Thursday afternoon, in order to get ready for qualifying run number one on Friday morning. The Arena had almost been totally finished and the track preparations looked great, keeping in mind the performance that we were able to put down at our last test run in May, it really looked promising for the weekend.

Saturday morning came around and we were called to the lanes for Q1 and ready to see what the track could take performance wise. Peter made a long new burn out and staged, the green light came, nice and straight run 3.95 sec / 321.05 km/h (almost 200 mph) A NEW PERSONAL SPEED RECORD on the eight mile and then a white cloud from the bike, Peter got off the throttle and stopped the clock at 6.02 sec and we were number one qualifier after the first round.

We had to change a piston after the first run and decided to skip Q2 on the afternoon that day in order to be ready for Q3 on Saturday morning and we were still number 1 qualifier after Q2, with Ian King on his new good looking bike as number two qualifier, running 6.66 sec on the quarter mile.

On Q3 Saturday morning we added a lot more clutch just after the 60 feet mark and unfortunately the bike started to black track really bad so Peter had to abort the run, still number 1 qualifier after this run. On our last qualifying attempt on Saturday afternoon the bike was more or less going sideways from the 60 foot mark until the eight mile mark and Peter had to get off the throttle, still number 1 qualifier after this run and Ian King as number two qualifier, running 6.36 sec

Sunday came around and our first elimination run was early in the morning so we decided to run the bike on the safe side, since we were supposed to meet Jaska Salaakari who always runs fast. However, just before we were called to the lanes we heard from Jaska that he was not able to fix his engine damages from the last run and we got a bye run. If we would have known this just an hour earlier we would have been able to step up the bike a bit, but that's the way it is and we were satisfied with our first round performance anyhow, running a 6.04 sec / 370.37 km/h.

On E2 we already knew that we would have a bye run and we tried to add some more power, but the engine couldn't take all the added fuel so we ran just a bit slower but still a very good 6.05 sec / 366.10 km/h.

The final against Ian was supposed to be an anti climax since Ian had run some good numbers on his previous run where he took out Sverre Dahl, but when we were called to the lanes we found out that Ian would not be able to race due to engine damages. We had to run another bye run to get the trophy and since we had prepared the bike to run against Ian and didn't have the time to make any further

changes so we had to keep our set up and we were almost able to run a five second run at 6.006 sec / 354.56 km/h dropping a cylinder, which we were very satisfied with knowing that we had an sampled air reading of almost 3000 feet in the finals.

We could not be anything else than satisfied with the weekend, no 1 qualifier and winner of the event, that was what were aiming for!

Our next appearance will be at the UEM Sunoco Drag Challenge at Gardermoen in Norway the 4th – 7th of August, be there!

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Please find some photos by our good friend Patrik Jacobsson from www.racebilder.nu enclosed with this report.

Link to the finals from national Swedish Television SVT2/Sportspegeln:
http://svtplay.se/v/2451919/motor/fartvidunder_i_495_knyck_pa_tierp_arena

Link to our good friend and sponsor Tony Zetterstrom's movie at Youtube:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_-zHfloTbE

Best Regards from Peter and Sören Svensson, Team Kendall Racing Top Fuel Bike