

Last Dutch effort

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WITH the scheduled opening round of the Maxxis British SidecarX Championship cancelled on Friday of last week Britain's Stuart Brown/ Josh Chamberlain and Richard Jenkins/ Dan Chamberlain attempted to take out late entries for the third round of the Dutch Open SidecarX series at the mecca of sidecar sport, Lochem.

Although late the entry was accepted by the organising club, meaning a trip for Brown and Jenkins over the Channel.

There was a special appearance with Willemsen/ Bax on the entry list. No, not Daniel Willemsen, but on this occasion his brother Marcel, who raced and used all of Daniel's equipment, including his passenger, Robbie Bax.

Marcel retired from sidecar racing but is now racing solos and proved to still be competitive.

For Bax this was a good opportunity to get some time in the chair to keep race fit for the next race with Daniel - planned for the Ukrainian GP at Chernivitsi.

Daniel was present in Lochem and helped out, but was looking far from fit. Not surprising, with so many broken ribs and a broken collarbone - it will take the multiple world champ some time to heal.

The weather in Holland was excellent. The track was in perfect condition. Dutch tracks are hard and tough normally and so is the GP track in Lochem.

Brown/ Chamberlain lapped in 2:19.9 for ninth in qualification. Jenkins was 12th with 2:22.5. Fastest were Ben Adriaenssen/ Ben Van den Bogaart with 2:14.3.

Adriaenssen was clearly fastest to the first turn in moto one but went in too fast. He drifted wide, giving Marcel Grondman/ Chistiaan Verhagen the opportunity to go



Brown and Chamberlain caught mid action at the weekend

TIME TO RHYNIE

A HOST of riders from all over the UK will be heading to Rhynie, near Huntly, in the Scottish Highlands, for the second round of the Scottish Motocross Championship on Sunday, April 28. The track is situated at Rhynie (Postcode AB54 4HH) and racing starts at 11am.

There are still places available in most classes, so get your entries in soon. To help other licence holders, a club day membership and a day licence are available. Entries should be sent to to Di Stewart on 07543-837319. Download forms from the SACU website - www.sacu.co.uk

through on the inside line to take the holeshot.

A lap later Adriaenssen was in the lead ahead of Grondman, Van Duijnhoven, Willemsen, Van Werven, Hendrickx and Visser. Brown and Jenkins followed in eighth and ninth. Adriaenssen looked to go for an easy win but misfortune struck and they went out with a mechanical problem.

Grondman inherited the lead and was hunted by a group headed by Willemsen and Jan Hendrickx/ Elvijs Mucenieks, who both had overhauled Van Duijnhoven.

Once Jan Hendrickx was passed Willemsen, the gap to Grondman was quickly closed and Hendrickx took over the lead and raced on to victory.

He was chased over the line by a trio of outfits - Grondman/ Verhagen, Willemsen/ Bax and Carlo Van

Duijnhoven/ Marc Van Deutekom. Brown had missed the leading group but closed on them during the race. When Stuart finally caught Van Werven, time ran out.

Strong

Jenkins dropped out of the later phase of the race with a broken exhaust pipe.

Adriaenssen gave nothing away in the second start and was off. Ben and Ben had a really strong race and continued their very good start of this 2013 season. Grondman/ Verhagen also impressed. They followed Adriaenssen and kept hanging in there not too far behind the leaders.

Marcel Willemsen led the main group until Hendrickx/ Mucenieks passed him. Also Visscher and Van Duijnhoven were in the hunt. Gert

Van Werven missed the connection, but was also faster than the second group led by Thijs Derks with Jenkins tenth and Brown 11th.

Unfortunately the race was red flagged red after a crash by Wesley Genevasen/ Jimmy van Gennip.

The overall winners were Jan Hendrickx/ Elvijs Mucenieks, while Grondman/ Verhagen increased their lead in the points table.

Brown ended the day ninth overall, while Jenkins was credited with 19th.