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WELLARD YAMAHA ISDE TEAM TRIUMPHS IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY

A great motocross result has propelled the Wellard Yamaha ISDE Team into the top 10 rankings at the conclusion of the International Six Day Enduro in Greece.

Starting the final day in 11th position, each of the three riders stepped up the pace in the motocross round to position the team in 9th place at the conclusion of racing – a fantastic result given their relative lack of enduro experience.

“Given the team had to buy, beg, borrow and steal all their gear, including new motorcycles, when their shipping container, complete with their customised Yamaha WR450F’s, failed to arrive in Greece, this was an absolutely amazing result,” said Team Director Mauro Balzarini.

“It showcased the grit and determination of the team’s riders and management just to get to the starting line, let alone complete one of the most gruelling ISDE’s in history. And for each rider to perform so well was an added bonus.

“It is an amazing result.”

The Team’s goal was to race consistently to achieve a top team result, but that didn’t stop both Matt Gangell and Liam Robertson from receiving gold medals for being within 10 per cent of the winner’s time, and Paul Humberston from receiving a silver medal for completing the course within 20 per cent of the winner’s time.

Team Manager Peter Strickland said the basis for team’s success team’s was its strength in the face of adversity, whether it was the tough start the team endured in Greece or the rough terrain the riders encountered throughout the six days.

“Being a good rider is as much about being positive as it is about riding well and I think we brought over an awesome team this year as they have put the results on the page when needed,” Peter said.

“Paul, Matt and Liam rode smooth and fast but consistently without losing any trail time and pushed in the special stages.

“I am immensely proud of the team. Our three young WA riders have banged bars with the world’s best and have come up trumps.”

For more information about the event visit the team's e-garage at
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