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An all new concept was launched with a trial run event at Puzey's Bikers Warehouse in Northriding on Friday evening 23rd January. The track format is similar to endurocross but on a less extreme track using more natural obstacles. The race format is a bit of a mixture of endurocross and Supercross with 6 riders per race going through heat races and "First-chance" ("Last-chance" qualifiers to reach the main event. The heat races are 3 laps with the 1st and 2nd placed riders going through to the next round whilst the rest get another chance in a 2 lap qualifier. The final is 6 laps for the Pro class, 4 laps for Experts.

Being a trial run we only ran 2 classes (Pro and Expert) with 18 riders in each – in future we will open it up to 3 or 4 classes and more riders. The event proved to be a huge success with hundreds of fans glued to the action – not even the rain could get them to leave.

Brian Capper lead the Pro class final on his new Yamaha 250FX for half the race until a mud hole caught him out, giving Kyle Erasmus, also on a Yamaha 250FX, the gap he was looking for to take the lead. The fresh-out-of-retirement Richie van der Westhuizen, riding guess what ... you got it, his new Linex sponsored Yamaha 250FX, put the pressure on Kyle but could not make the pass. The crowd went ballistic as Brian tried desperately to catch the flying duo up front – this format really makes for incredibly exciting racing for riders and spectators alike.

Kirsten Landman (LeaderTread Brother KTM) completely dominated the Expert class, wining both heats and the Final with her smooth riding style. Watch out for more NiteX and EnduroX (the same format but in the day) coming soon. So far 3 dates are planned but there will be more: 13 June, 18 July, 10 October. Our email newsletter "Wheelspinner" keeps you up to date with what's coming up — Wheelspinner is free and you can subscribe to it at www. enduroworld.co.za.

Results:

Pro 1. Kyle Erasmus

Expert 1. Kirsten Landman,

2. Richie vd Westhuizen 2. Rudolf Pretorius 3. Brian Capper

3. Natasha Rugani











