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The Avalanche Enduro took place for the second time at Ae Forest, south of Scotland, that week end.

New rule in 2010 :

A start 2 by 2 was not really appreciated at the announcement, some riders (2 in total!) even cancelled their participation ... But the **305 riders** who decided to take part to the event appreciate it, their smilly face proved it !

On Saturday May 8th the **Seeding Run (SR)** opened the week end in the afternoon. The best rider was **Glyn O'BRIEN** (Mad Dog), surprised came from **Mickael THICKENS** (mtbskills.eu) who took the second place, he looks in a good shape for the 2010 season. The third place was for **Rupert FOWLER** (MBR). But where is **Nicolas VOUILLOZ** (Lapierre) ... 7th position, with almost 7 sec late for the day after.

Ladies were about 20 and lead by **Carrie POOLE** (Crosstrax) for the Seeding Run.

On Sunday, anything can happen, particularly when you start 2 by 2. The organization decided to change a bit the start of each special stage from last year as they needed to be wider. Elbow against elbow - 5, 4, 3, 2, ... 1 GO ! some used to take starts with several riders others tried to deal with their mate, but at the end the time gave the ranking.

Stage 1, **Nicolas VOUILLOZ** made the best time in 2min51, second position 2min55 for **Glyn O'BRIEN & Rupert FOWLER**.

Stage 2, **Aidan BISHOP** (Rapidracers) did the best time, he was in a good shape as he get 4th position at the Seeding Run.

Stage 3, the rider are all right to say that it is the hardest one even if it is shorter and **BISHOP** took the lead.

Stage 4, the longest stage but after the report of the rider, finally starting 2 by 2 made a new motivation and even on stage 4 where you have some little uphill, where you could give up if you are alone, with an opponent in front or behind you never want to give up, you prefer to make you heart going up and up But no way to stop !

Nicolas VOUILLOZ won it.

Stage 5, he is a winner and he managed to make it, **Crawford CARRICK – ANDERSON** (CCA SIGNS) won in 2min17 and with only a 1sec of difference second place was for **Nicolas VOUILLOZ**.

Stage 6, the deliverance ... the downhill specialist 10 times World Champion, **Nicolas VOUILLOZ** imposed himself with 3min25.



The final result (SR+SS1+SS2+SS3+SS4+SS5+SS6) gave **Nicolas VOUILLOZ** winner! He didn't expect it as he said the race was physical and we have all noted that **the British are now aware of what the Enduro is** and how to deal with the difficulties so race is going to be great for the **Megavalanche in Alpe d'Huez!**

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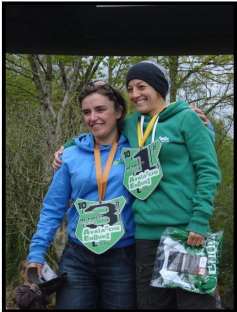
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Second place is for **Aidan BISHOP**, third is **Ben WHITEHEAD** (All Terrains Cycles) who are in the same time the winner in Master 30 for Aidan and Senior category for Ben.

One **Cadet** took part at the event, usually they prefer to ride DH bikes, but we can encourage him because he did very well, **Joshua HURLEY** (Galloway Hillbillies).

Junior had been leaded by **Robbie NELSON** (Hetton Hawks).

For the Master 40 **Crawford CARRICK – ANDERSON** signed the best position and **Garry HIGGINS** (Hills Have Eyes/CCCC) showed that he is still the leader of the Master 50.



Carrie POOLE proved she was the best that week end in having the best time of each stage she won overall. Second position is for **Meave BAXTER**, very closed with **Sam HILL** (The Break Pad) who took finally third place.

It has been a very good week end for everybody,

We thank all **riders for their cleanliness**, passion and motivation, the **7Stanes** for their support as well the **Forestry Commission**, all our partners: **Bluegrass** and **Mulebar**

And all the organization members: **Rainet radio**, **First Aid**, the **marshals** for their time ...

Let's meet for the next event **Maxiavalanche in Vallnord** on **June 12th and 13th** or before for and XtremeXCountry, the **Transvesubienne**, race for the warriors, finishing in Nice French Riviera **30th of May** !

Respect the place – Respect the track – Respect your adversary

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