

Moxie Adv Challenge 2013 Formguide

The second Expert and third Sport Series events take place this coming Saturday in the idyllic setting of Tulfarris on the banks of Blessington lakes in Co Wicklow.

With the provisional entry list now available it looks like 2012 Moxie race winner Derrick Evans and runner-up Chris Caulfield will again be leading the charge in the somewhat longer Moxie Pro Expert Series race this coming Saturday.

Caulfield is fresh from a narrow win in Waterford last weekend and is a course specialist having lived locally until recently but Evans is also in good form as evidenced by a second in MonsterMAC recently ahead of Caulfield and he may well prevail again with a likely stronger final bike leg in what is sure to be a close battle.

Mark Walker is another local who should go well and will hope to make the podium whilst teak tough Mick Jordan of Cycle Inn fame won't be far from the podium either and should take the vets title if, as expected, Caulfield make the podium.

With several new faces in the wave 1 line up we could have the top lads shaken up but one who is sure to feature prominently and could well make the top 5 overall here is the ladies favourite Sessel Elmstrom . She makes the trip from Denmark specially for the event and is hotly tipped to repeat her win of last year despite Monster MAC winner Ann Marie Egan's presence in field. A newcomer to the scene is Christina McKensie from Scotland who will challenge Egan strongly and this pair should be strong enough to keep Lisa Mc Mahon off the podium even though she is showing signs of a return to her good form of last year having won the Blackstairs 7 Steps adventure race recently whilst Sarah Galligan should round off the top 5 if she elects to compete in the Pro rather than the shorter sports race for which she would surely be one of the favourites.

On the Sports class Moxie race Jonathon Caulfield will seek to improve on his 4th place of last year and with the winner Evans and his elder brother Chris both competing in the Pro he is fancied to take the win and possibly make it a Caulfield double if Chris can take the spoils in the Pro event. Others like Chris Daly and vet Patrick Fitzgerald will make each other work hard in what could be a closely contested race for podium spots.

Two young entrants of note are juniors Rasmus and Daniel Elmstrom , sons of Sessel, who could well put many of their elders to the sword despite their tender years.

In the ladies race Sandra Caulfield could well make it a memorable day for the family as she should go well in the ladies sport race with vets Hilary Jenkinson, Misty Price and Mary Collins others that will be aiming for the podium along with some others with unknown adventure racing form.