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TOBY PRICE SETS AWESOME PROLOGUE TIME FOR 2015 TATTS FINKE DESERT RACE

KTM rider Toby Price has proven yet again to be the class of the bike field for the 40th running of the Tatts Finke Desert Race.

Price (from Aberglasslyn in NSW) aboard his #1 KTM 500 EXC annihilated the opposition with a lap time of 5 minutes and 5 seconds around the 8.3 kilometre prologue track.

His dominance was such that his time was a massive 8 seconds faster than second placed qualifier David Walsh (from Alice Springs in the NT) on the #2 Honda CRF450R who stopped the clock at 5 minutes 13 seconds.

Price who is a three time Finke Desert winner (2010, 2012, and 2014) placed third earlier this year in his inaugural Dakar event.

Today's stunning performance by Price was achieved despite the fact that the rider had suffered an injury earlier this week in pre-running that saw him limping heavily before the start of today's prologue lap.

The third fastest prologue time was 5 minutes 15 seconds set by Wayde Carter (Eden Park, Victoria) on the #14 KTM450EXC.

Last year was Carter's first attempt at Finke and the then 17 year old prologue 14th and finished 21st outright.

Tomorrow's (Sunday June 7, 2015) race for bikes commences at 11.30 am for leg 1 of the event that takes the field 226 kilometres from the Alice Springs start to the overnight stop at Finke before returning to Alice Springs on Monday June 8.

Full results on the event web site: www.finkedesertrace.com.au

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