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### UK 24 hour MTB Champion to Pilot Team Wiggle Tandem

Two months after Team Wiggle Tandem were forced to abandon their attempt to set a new Side to Side record across the UK from Pembroke to Yarmouth, the outfit is set to make the best of the late autumn winds and undertake a second attempt on Rocket 1.

David Harmon and Jeremy Hastings were forced to call a halt at 230 miles after unbearable pain in Jez's left foot meant that it was unlikely the pair would succeed, despite being 17 minutes up on schedule at the time. After further investigation it was found that Jez had been unwittingly carrying a stress fracture in one of his toes.

"It was the most forlorn moment you could possibly imagine," states Harmon, who has just returned from commentating the World Road Championships for Eurosport, "Jez was distraught but at the time we had little choice but to stop. In many ways it's easier now we know just what the problem is."

Harmon will be partnered in the second attempt at the record in 2010 by current UK 24hr Solo MTB Champion, Matt Page who won the title against a class field at Newcastleton in May.

Page, who lives and works in mid Wales is currently on duty for sponsor Wiggle at the World 24hr Solo Championships in Australia and as well as hoping to come back home with a medal, is looking forward to the switch to Rocket 1.

"It's certainly going to be a challenge for me but one I am really up for," commented Page, "It helps that I am not much different in size to Jez and I have plenty of experience at both the distance and night time riding, so getting used to the time trial position will be the greatest challenge in the short space of time available."

Wiggle's 24hr champion will certainly be familiar with many of the roads used in the first half of the route as the team attempt to round out what has been a difficult year with a success on the road.

"Record Breaking is 'the long game' in cycling," adds Harmon "there are a 100 things that can effect any attempt at any time. This year we have been forced to pass over 3 different windows of opportunity due to either injury or adverse conditions but Wiggle, Dolan and all our partners understand the nature of record setting completely and are fully supportive. It will be great to round out the 1st year of our 2 year association with Wiggle with the new record on Rocket 1."

Featuring a host of features unseen on an endurance tandem before, Rocket 1 is the first in a series of machines that Team Wiggle Tandem hope to use to tackle some of the U.K.'s long standing road records including; Liverpool-Edinburgh, the End to End and even an attempt at the legendary Paris-Brest-Paris race in 2011. Some of the groundbreaking technology includes Hope disc braking, custom carbon tandem fork, Rotor Q-Rings and custom manufactured PowerTap and Fast Forward carbon Rims.

Harmon and Page will spend the next 2 weeks studying the westerly winds that are so often a happy hunting ground in the late autumn before attacking the route in the late autumn.

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