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DIENER 3RD IN MASTERS CLASS AT FINKE

Shane Diener finished the Finke Desert Race in 3rd place in the Masters Class. After prologuing in 42nd he was always going to have to work hard from there on, prologue is the key, and having to ride in everyone's dust just adds to the challenge. Diener started day 1 well taking hole shot and getting off to a great pace, which he maintained all the way to Finke passing bikes and making up time as he went. Taking only 2 hours and 24 minutes to reach Finke and moving up nearly twenty places was a great ride. With minimal maintenance to undertake to make sure his Kawasaki KX450F would make the return run it was an easy night.

The man who blitzed the field was Grabbo, who as expected won day 1 by more than 7 minutes, and pushing all aside as he proved he was the one to beat for sure.

With bikes expiring and riders unable to make the return leg the field was shuffled around before setting out. Diener set off looking to be in the top 10, but it wasn't to be this year and had to settle for 3rd in class and 23rd outright just missing out on the top 20 by only seconds.

It was a great weekend and we had no bike or rider dramas and made it up to Finke and back as we set out to do from the start. It wasn't quite the result we were looking for but we are still happy to be on the podium for the class and everyone's all good and as they say there's always next year.

Grabbo proved once again he is the man by winning his third Finke Desert Race in a row, now on a KTM, winning by quite a margin and stamping his name in the record books as one of the best desert racers ever.

Outright winners

Ben Grabham	KTM
Brad Williscroft	KTM
Chad Billet	Honda

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