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Over the Moon for World BMX result for Glyn boy

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A teenager from **Ewell** has been celebrating after his first time representing Great Britain in this year's BMX World Championships.

Hugo Moon, 15, competed against 200 riders in his age category at the event, which took place in Glasgow.

The annual competition saw 3,000 riders from some 50 countries take part, with each competing in three races, or Motos, to secure a coveted top-four place in the final.

Despite having only taken up the sport in 2020, Hugo, a student at Glyn School, a member of GLF Schools Multi Academy Trust, achieved fourth, third and fourth places in his qualifiers. He finished sixth in the Eighth Final to attain an overall ranking of 48th in the world.

"Hugo had an amazing time and enjoyed being part of the GB team, although it was a little overwhelming, as it was his first experience of an event of this magnitude, and the sheer scale of the event was impressive," said Hugo's mother, Sheryl Moon, who was there with his father and older sister to support him at the event.

"It was a rollercoaster of emotions from nervousness to excitement and enjoyment. Participating was not just about winning but also about personal growth. He learnt the value of perseverance, resilience, and the importance of setting goals and striving for them."

"He loved being in the GB tent with all the camaraderie, nervous energy and banter," she continued. "The spirit of the GB riders and supporters was so strong; the support and encouragement were heart-warming.

"He was a little disappointed as he really wanted to be in the top 32, but, if he did it again, I'm sure he could achieve that now that he's experienced his first World Championships. With some more regional and national races under his belt, he will only get better and faster."

Currently attached to Runnymeade Rockets, with whom he trains twice a week, Hugo first took up Park BMX when he was 12, before progressing to competitive racing aged 13. His selection for Team GB was based on his high national ranking the previous year.

As well as his family, the Year 11 student has been supported by friends and staff members at Glyn School, part of the GLF Schools Multi-Academies Trust – although GCSEs mean he will be unable to compete in next year's event.

"Watching Hugo compete was nerve-wracking but also very exciting for us – I'm sure competing is far easier!" added Mrs Moon. "The crowd atmosphere was electric and so supportive towards all our GB riders. The event was not without drama, with some riders falling and being injured in practice or in races. We were just praying he stayed on his bike and got through each race. But, honestly, we are so proud of him.

"Hugo has been on an amazing and fast journey to get to this level. This experience will stay with him forever, and to be able to say he represented Great Britain is a huge honour."

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