

#14 in your program and #1 in your heart. This entire column is dedicated to the retirement of one of the best racers to grace our sport. Kevin Windham was a darling with the fans, a hero to his peers, and an ambassador for the sport. Its sad to see him call it a career.

Quick Kdub Memory--Brett Lee

In 1991, I had just finished riding 80cc bikes and moved to a 125cc Honda. I practiced and raced in Florida for much of the winter and race the long running WinterAm Series. At the time the 80cc class was "the" class. It had several "cant miss" superstars. A very small Ricky Carmicheal, Greg Rand, Robbie Skaggs, Robbie Reynard, Tony Hayes and Kevin Windham ripped it every weekend. To this day I still love seeing and hearing a talented kid race a 80cc bike. In 1991 these kids were magic.

Windham stood out of the group. I remember him and his dad hitting the races at Dade City and Gainesville in a white van and tearing up the tracks on his team green Kawasaki. He was butter smooth then, as he is today. He was the one kid consistently at the front of the pack of speedsters and seemed to always sneak the win. He never looked the fastest, but he never has.

It is a great memory of those young kids battling for at a very pure point in their career. The beginning of their careers before money or fans, or championships.

For me Kevin was a connection I had to Pro racing, a rider I could relate to. I have heard that from many people, many fans. Kevin for so many people was a connection on the line that took us on his ride through out his long career. It will be exciting to see where he goes next.

Twitter has become the instant connection to ... well everyone. To no surprise first word of Kevin's retirement came out on twitter. A small collection of the tweets from fans and friends for Kdub.

[21 Jan Kevin Windham @kdub_14](#)

Got home to a cheering squad. Everything in the past 48hrs is so bitter sweet pic.twitter.com/xRTtYK8m

[21 Jan Jolene Van Vugt @JoleneNitroGirl](#)

[@kdub_14](#) your a legend! Thank-you for all the awesome years and inspiration!! Gonna miss watching and cheering for you!

[20 Jan Trey Canard @TreyCanard](#)

What a great career, what an honor to get to know [@kdub_14](#) Thankful for last night. [#SoliDeoGloria http://instagr.am/p/UuZsFjnwic/](#)

[20 Jan Michael Byrne @byrner26](#)

[@kdub_14](#) congrats on a amazing career! not sure if I'm happy to get the oldest guy tag now lol. It was an honor to race with ya mate.

[20 Jan Kevin Windham @kdub_14](#)

Doing different things with champagne these days. No more shaking it up. Thanks for all the kind tweets pic.twitter.com/Y2zxt4S

[20 Jan Ricky Carmichael @RickyCarmichael](#)

[@kdub_14](#), congrats on a awesome career!!! Proud to say I had the pleasure of racing you and also watching you. You should have no regrets!!

[20 Jan Carey Hart @hartluck](#)

[@kdub_14](#) congrats on a great run buddy. You have accomplished so much on and off the bike. Ill miss seeing the #14 going around the track.

[20 Jan Davi Millsaps @DaviMillsaps](#)

[@kdub_14](#) gunna miss ya being out there bud and I am honored to have raced with you with so long wish u all the best

[20 Jan Kevin Windham @kdub_14](#)

Thanks for all the support from my sponsors, competitors, industry, and promoters. And to my fans for making my trophy's mean something.

[19 Jan Nate Adams @NateAdams741](#)

[@Kdub_14](#) you're a legend. Thank you for what you've given the sport. [#respect](#) [#deftfam](#) <http://instagr.am/p/Us0Id1C5t3/>

[19 Jan Ernesto Fonseca @efonseca10](#)

2night our sport says goodbye to one of the worlds' greatest. Hoy el MX mundial despide a uno de los mejores [@kdub_14](#) 1 of the badest...

[19 Jan Jimmy Button @BTNFLY](#)

With [@kdub_14](#) retiring tonight it officially closes the chapter on the era that I was a part of. Congrats KW on an amazing career. [#respect](#)

[19 Jan GEICO Honda @FCHonda](#)

Your fans & team love you [@kdub_14](#) pic.twitter.com/LK9M2TqH

[19 Jan SPEED Channel, Inc. @SPEED](#)

Kevin Windham ([@kdub_14](#)) Announces Retirement »<http://bit.ly/YgbxN6> [#SXonSPEED](#) [#A2](#)

19 Jan [TransWorld Motocross @twmxdotcom](#)

The saddest parade lap ever. Thanks for the memories **Kdub**.

[19 Jan Dean Wilson @DeanWilson15](#)

Kdub u retired a legend and will always be someone I look up to. To have a racing career lik that is something I dream of. Farewell to**KDUB**!

[19 Jan vurbmoto @vurbmoto](#)

KDUB is pulling out a whole line of transfers, dude knows how to psyche up the crowd

[19 Jan Pizza Hut @mattBISCEGLIA](#)

Even if [@kdub_14](#) retires he is still the baddest dude ever so much respect **kdub** !

[19 Jan DMXS Radio @dmxsradio](#)

[@kdub_14](#) [#respect4ever](#)

[19 Jan Shoei Helmets @ShoeiHelmetsUSA](#)

“[@MSRMX](#): [@kdub_14](#) loves the fans! [#A2](#) [#classy](#) [#fanfavorite](#)<http://fb.me/1Rry541Nh>”

[19 Jan Sean Hamblin @seanhamblin105](#)

You always had style,rhythm,grace & an effortless way you went about racing a dirt bike, but it's the CLASS we all will remember[@kdub_14](#) ☐ ☺