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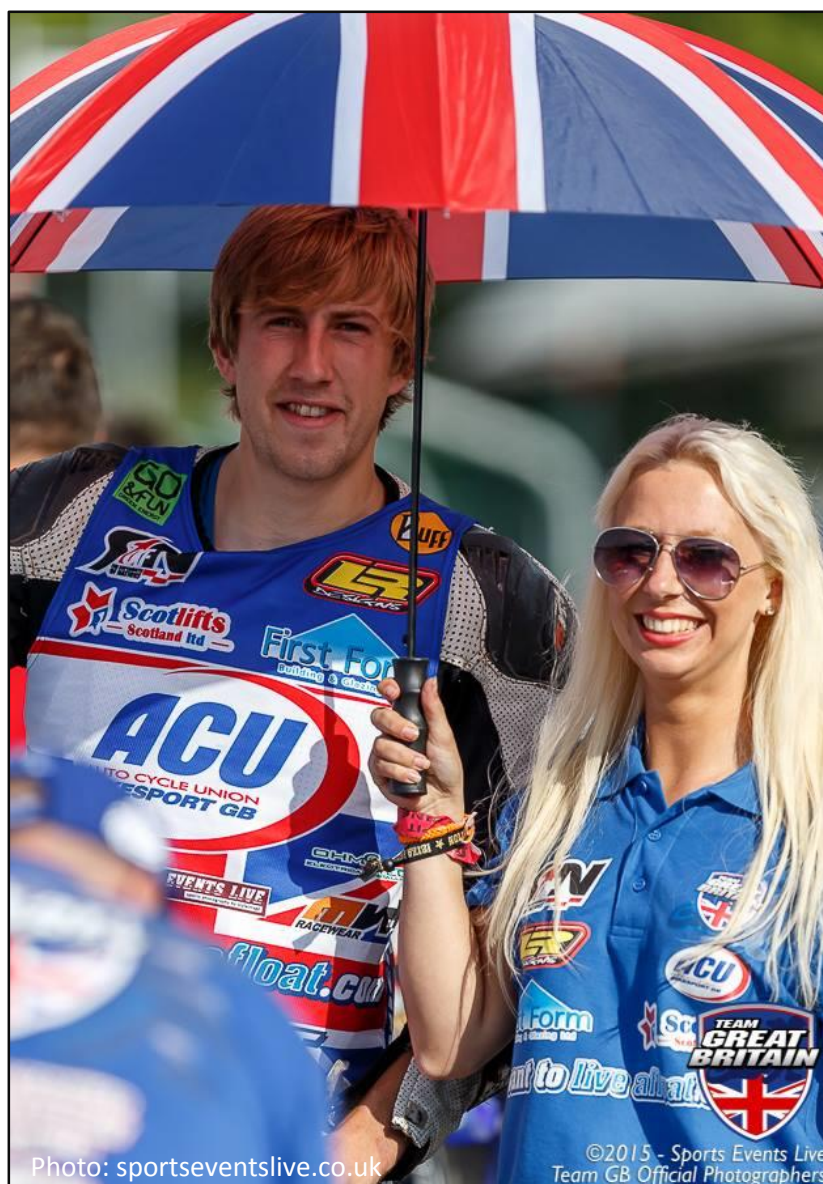
CORNISH MAKES TOUGH CHOICE

Norfolk's supermoto star Lewis Cornish has had another hectic time racing at home and abroad. He dominated round seven of the British Championship at the high speed Lydden Hill circuit near Dover, with an outstanding day's racing taking his CRT TM450 to the top step of the podium, but more importantly taking the lead of the British 450 Elite Championship. This outstanding ride cemented his position in Team Great Britain for the annual Supermoto of Nations event at Jesolo, Italy. However Lewis then had to make the toughest decision of his ten year career, the choice was either to defend his championship lead at the next British round or pack up and head for Italy to represent his county because both events were ran on the same weekend.

Cornish almost certainly sacrificed his British Championship challenge and took the decision to pull on a Team GB vest and race for his country for the fifth time at the Supermoto of Nations. This is where the World's top three riders from each country compete as team mates to show who really are the very best supermoto racers. As number one Team GB rider, Lewis was in the toughest qualifying group, but an impressive qualifying heat race in the field of GP regulars saw the 22 year old take the chequered flag in a superb sixth position which sealed Team GB's place through into the finals.

Lined up on the grid of 32 eager riders, Lewis had a fantastic start in race one, but a technical problem with the clutch on the first lap meant he stalled the bike on a tight turn. By the time Lewis had fired up his motor he was in dead last position with a seemingly impossible task ahead of him. Undeterred he set off in pursuit of the pack and began a systematic and at times extremely ruthless charge up through the field. Through some great skills and amazing controlled aggression, Lewis bravely forced his way through and into the top 20. With his small band of British fans urging him on, they couldn't believe their eyes as one by one he passed his rivals in a breath-taking display. As the laps wound down the only question on everyone's lips was just how far he could progress forward. Eventually Lewis took the flag in an outstanding tenth position, he had overtaken 22 of some of the best rider's in the world and set the sixth fastest lap of the race. Unfortunately for Team GB, Lewis' two team mates had problematic races including several crashes and even the handlebars coming adrift which meant Great Britain finished outside the top ten overall. A disappointing trip but Lewis' startling pace against the best has given him the momentum to put on a good showing at the final race of the British Championship at Cadwell Park, Lincs next weekend.

Lewis explained "To be leading the British Championship and then make the decision to race for Team GB was always a tough choice. Even though the team had a bad weekend in Italy, I don't regret my choice but it does mean I have a mountain to climb at the last round. I'm feeling really good after my place in the Nations races and last season I took the wins at Cadwell, so I'm confident I can do the same again on my TM450. The only thing I can do is ride my very best and hopefully take the win and then see how my rivals do. Whatever happens, I'd like to thank my sponsors and team for all the support and effort they have put in this year, I'll be looking to finish the season on a high."



Lewis in confident mood on the grid



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Lewis Cornish on his charge up through the international pack

You can keep in touch with how Lewis' season pans out by visiting www.lewiscornish.co.uk or by clicking onto the CRT Supermoto page on Facebook.

