



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **CORNISH STORMS TO BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP LEAD**

Norfolk supermoto ace Lewis Cornish took his CRT TM450 race bike to the top of the British Elite 450 Championship at the weekend. The 22 year old's bike turned up at the Lydden Hill circuit near Dover, following a successful trip to Estonia, with minutes to spare before the start of round 7 of the series.

With very little time to prepare the bike for qualifying, Lewis managed a disappointing (by his own standards) third place on the grid, but as the lights went out for race one and the bikes thundered off the line, it didn't take Lewis long to move up to second place. In a high speed game of cat and mouse, Lewis's speed across the fast gravel sections saw him reel in and pass the leader and he held this position to the chequered flag.

Race two saw Cornish hit the front from pole position and dominate the race to take a well-deserved win. The final race and it was a four rider freight train as the leaders swapped and changed position almost at every turn. It didn't take Lewis long to take the lead and it looked like a repeat of the first two races was on the cards. Then with a few laps to go, Jay Smith forced his way through which pushed Cornish wide and allowed the following riders to pass. Undeterred, the CRT racer skilfully made his way back to challenge for the lead once more and several times the large crowd held their breath as Lewis drew level with his friend and rival, and almost made the pass. At the finish line Smith took the win a mere 0.2' second in front of Lewis. This was enough to give Lewis a comfortable overall win and the top step of the podium, but more importantly this outstanding ride saw him overtake Matt Winstanley at the top of the British Championship standings to take the lead by 10 points.

Lewis explained *"I had some great races here today, the track is pretty straight forward and not very technical but the dirt sections are crazy fast. I was sat on the rear fender laying flat on the bike and the front end was light and moving around on the gravel. This was the quickest way but I couldn't do it every lap as it took some hanging on to. Considering my bike has a completely standard engine on this fast track it was at least as quick as my closest rivals so we know there's more to come from it. I'm real pleased with how everything went today on a track that I'm not keen on and I've took the championship lead, I've hit top form just at the right time and I can't wait for my next race in Italy."*

As the British Championship leader, Lewis Cornish has earned his place as number one rider for Team Great Britain at the Supermoto of Nations event near Venice, Italy. However a tough decision has to be made because if he pulls on a Team GB bib and lines up on the grid in Italy on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, he will miss the next round of the British Supermoto Championship at Three Sisters which will hit his title hopes hard. This would mean Lewis' last chance to secure the title will be at Cadwell Park, Lincs at the end of October.



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**Lewis Cornish takes another win on his way to leading the British Elite Championship**

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22 year old Lewis has a tough career decision on his hands

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

