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Report from the second round of the BSMC–Rowrah Cumbria – April 24th – 25th 2010

Cornish Hits Early Goal

Racing in the British Supermoto Championship Elite class, 17-year old Norfolk 3 x Junior and reigning 250 champ Lewis Cornish has risen well to his latest challenge. Round two of the 2010 British Championship was held at the picturesque Rowrah Stadium circuit on the fringes of the Lake District last weekend and Lewis showed his much more experienced rivals how determined he is to succeed in this ultra tough series.

During Saturday's dry and sunny 450 Elite races he qualified his Nameplate Services, MWR tuned bike to an amazing seventh on the grid surrounded by top quality World Championship regulars. Off the line in race one, young Cornish wasn't fazed by his competitors and forced his way to fight for the lead but he was caught up in a turn-two pile up which (once he'd picked himself up) saw him struggle home in an eventual 16th. Clearly disappointed by not making the most of his superb qualifying session he was now starting back on row 4 for race two. As the lights changed for race two Lewis powered his way up through the field and in an impressive display of controlled aggressive racing he crossed the line in a well-deserved 8th place. However with a sting in the tail he was involved in a collision where another rider crashed into him. A damage limitation 16th place was his result in the final 450 race.

Lewis was eager to find some consistency for Sunday's Open Class (up to 700cc) races and South African champ Craig Venske gave the teenager a few welcome tips before qualifying. Despite his KTM450 giving away up to 200cc to some of his rivals Lewis put in a qualifying time to place him 10th on the grid in the dreadful wet and slippery conditions. Ever determined and despite a poor start he was soon giving it his usual 110%. Lewis rode a fast but mature ride to take an eventual 10th place in each of the first two races. The final race was the highlight of the weekend as Lewis had another poor start and had to force his way past the riders in front. At mid-race distance he came upon a four-rider 'freight train' and managed to pass them all thanks to an amazing display of riding on the tricky dirt section. Once clear of this traffic, Lewis battled 'tooth and nail' for the remainder of the race with Finnish World Championship rider Sami Salosta. As the laps wound down the two eager racers slid around the wet circuit locking handlebars and putting on a fantastic show for the crowd. On the penultimate lap Lewis took an alternative line on the dirt section and cleared the double jump so high he almost landed on Sami as he made the pass stick. However around the long 180-degree Paddock Bend the Finn made a move up the inside and with neither rider willing to give way and the bars locked together it was a breathtaking finale as Lewis was pipped across the line. Before the 2010 season had started it was hoped that Lewis Cornish would be challenging for top ten positions by the year's end. However the new kid on the block has already achieved this in only his second outing in the sports ultimate class which bodes well for the future



Lewis Cornish #31 qualifying seventh in British Supermoto Elite
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