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Report from the opening round of the 2011 BSMC Season

2011 Season kicks off for Cornish

Team Nameplate Services/DCR Supermoto Elite racer Lewis Cornish made a steady start to the new British Championship season opening round at Silverstone. Lewis running his lucky number 8 once more, had a busy weekend racing in both the 450 and televised Open Elite classes. In the 450s he qualified his Dave Clarke prepared machine in ninth place before taking 8th in race one, followed by 9th in race two and then a more impressive 7th spot in the Trophy Final despite clashing with World Championship rider Richard Blakeman. The makeshift CP50 Circuit had been laid out on one of Silverstone's massive car parks and featured a small but impressive off-road section plus a mixture of low speed hairpins and high speed corners marked out with high kerbing and daunting looking tyre walls. Sunday's Elite Open class had a full grid and stiffer competition and 18 year old Cornish set his bike up to turn direction faster at the expense of stability. Narrowly missing out on a top ten qualification spot in 11th the Norfolk based racer had some bad luck on the race starts as riders crashed in front of him or he got penned in by a bottle neck at turn one. On the first few laps of race one, Lewis passed six riders to finish in 9th at the flag. Another spot of bad luck saw him finish race two in 10th despite being faster than the 2 riders he was catching in front. Determined to get a decent result in the Final Lewis managed to avoid any hold ups during the opening laps and despite an overheating soft rear tyre, he managed to put in some solid and consistent laps to take a comfortable 8th place.

Lewis explained "I really didn't feel confident at pushing hard here because one tiny mistake could really hurt if you hit one of the kerbs or caught a tyre wall. To be honest I'm a little disappointed with my results after such promising pre-season testing. But at least I've put some safe and consistent laps in and scored some good British Championship points and my main rivals have been having problems, so its a good start to my 2011 season.

Lewis' next British Championship meeting is at Three Sisters near Wigan over the Easter break which is a more traditional circuit and much more to his liking.

Following on from round one of the BSMC Lewis was invited, by key sponsor Billy Holt of Nameplate Services to participate in the Wirral Off Road Hare and Hounds event at the legendary Hawkstone Park motocross circuit based in Shropshire. Never one to miss an opportunity to gain on bike experience Lewis lined up alongside over 80 riders on the weekend of the 9th / 10th April. Under unusually high temperatures for the time of year Lewis put all his skills to the test on the demanding and undulating circuit aboard his trusty KTM machinery. Straight from the start things looked promising, however after a stall the bike failed to fire up immediately resulting in the chasing pack gaining places over Lewis.

Both the weather conditions and the circuit were taking their toll on many riders both experienced and novices alike and toward the final stages of the enduro Lewis had no option but to make a pit stop and take on board water to re-hydrate. The welcomed refreshment gave Lewis some new energy which he put to good use during the remaining laps of the event and at the chequered flag a well deserved 6th place was achieved. Lewis and his team were delighted with this result as under difficult conditions, plus a field of over 80 riders Lewis demonstrated his potential in his off road skills against some more seasoned riders.



Why not come along and give your support to Lewis at Three Sisters circuit, Wigan over the Easter weekend as he competes in round two of the BSMC

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