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Report from Three Sisters, Wigan – Round Six of the BSMC

Hard Ride for Cornish

The British Supermoto Championship returned to its spiritual home, Three Sisters Circuit for round six and 17 year-old Nameplate Services/MWR racer Lewis Cornish was keen to continue his progress up the Elite class ladder.

The Norfolk youngster has proved he has the required speed and skills in his first season in what is regarded as one of the toughest national championships within the sport. In the 450 Elite races on Saturday Lewis made the most of the damp and slippery conditions passing the Belgian champion on his way to equal his previous best race 7th place finish at Sportcity, Manchester. However as the track dried out for the final races he couldn't capitalise on his improved grid position as the bike set up was giving some significant handling problems. However a daring last lap move saw Lewis take two positions to move him up to tenth at the flag.

Sunday's Elite Open Class pace was extremely fast and following qualifying Lewis said "I can't believe I've only managed 14th, I've never ridden so hard in a qualifier but if we can get the bike set up better I think I'll find another half a second". With the suspension adjustments changed, the first two races were uneventful for Lewis and he moved up to finish 12th and 10th. The final race of the weekend saw a first turn pile up as riders fell, Lewis emerged from the mayhem towards the front end of the field. But the race was stopped and following the restart Lewis found himself 'penned in' and stuck behind a five rider freight train. The rider at the head of the pack was holding up the riders behind but he was sticking to his line which made overtaking a very risky decision.

Lewis picked off his rivals one by one and made an amazing pass on the leader of this small pack into turn one. Once clear he pulled away and was now lapping over a second faster than his previous best lap times. Within a few laps he had caught the rider in 10th and it was then disaster struck. A rock was thrown up from the bike in front and this saw Lewis crash as his rear wheel went sideways. All of the riders he had battled so hard to pass swept by as Lewis picked himself up and restarted his bike. Rejoining the race with less than two laps to go and despite an injured hand, he managed to catch up to the pack and also take one more position before the chequered flag.

With a break of almost a month before the next British Championship round at Manby Showground, Mike Wright Racing will be refreshing the engine in the race bike whilst Lewis remains focused on his training regime.



Lewis focused on chasing down the pack
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