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NAMEPLATE SERVICES / DCR SUPERMOTO TEAM



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Cornish Takes On The Challenge North Of The Border

With much anticipation the Nameplate Services / DCR Supermoto Team headed for the legendary Three Sisters Circuit in Wigan on the last weekend in July with their star rider's eyes firmly set on another respectable top ten finish. During early in the meeting Lewis pulled into the pits explaining to the team that he felt his race bike was losing a significant amount of power, to which end the team set about, what turned out to be, a long and technically difficult task of identifying the problem. Without the benefits of a spare race bike it was looking as if the potential for a top ten finish had disappeared. However the problem was eventually traced to a faulty ignition coil which was breaking down as the bike hit its optimum temperature. Despite this handicap (which was only cured for the final race of the weekend) the Norfolk youngster still scooped a brace of 7th and 8th place finishes in the 450 and Open Elite classes. Lewis and the teams' determination ensured further points scoring in the British Supermoto Championship leaving Lewis well within the top ten of the 2011 season standings. Thankfully due to the investigative work of the team the next race meeting would see Lewis and his bike back to their regular 100% form.

Crail, Fife was the location for the Scottish Masters and National Challenge and Lewis headed off on the mammoth 1100 mile round trip to one of the most picturesque race tracks you will ever come across. With a strong field consisting of International standard riders and local Crail Raceway specialist's Lewis placed his Nameplate Services/DCR KTM in an impressive 5th place at the end of Saturday's qualifying sessions. The superbly prepared circuit and sunny weather ensured some fierce and spectacular race action and Cornish made sure he was right in the thick of it. A titanic battle with former Scottish Champion Jack Gow saw Lewis make his move in the last corner of the race and pip his rival on the line for 4th place. A better place on the grid for race two helped Lewis take a well earned third at the flag, and for race three a truly awesome bar to bar race with Dave Hartley resulted in the spoils going to Hartley via a last lap dash for the remaining podium place.

The last race of the day and Lewis lined up alongside David Hartley, Richard Blakeman, Neil Craystone and Davey Todd as Team England took on Ireland and Scoland in the 2011 Nations Challenge. Off the grid young Cornish fired off the line like a missile passing five riders on the first lap alone. Lewis's lightning start witnessed him taking the chequers as runner up, which contributed toward Team England lifting the Nations Challenge Shield.

Lewis explained "I was really determined to make up places off the start because you have to be very aggressive at Crail to make a pass. The bike launched perfectly and I got past Neil and up to third at the first turn and then took one of the Scots at the next turn. Hartley was in the lead and at one point I thought I was closing the gap but I'm really pleased with second which helped the team take the overall win. Although it was a long trip it was worth it because the Scottish riders, teams and organisers are all so helpful and friendly, and going home with some prize money didn't do any harm either."

A confident Lewis who was now laying in second overall set some super quick qualifying times for Sunday's Masters races and took an impressive third on the grid for race one. However a mistake on the warm up lap saw him crash hard and damage the bike, the organisers kindly held the grid just long enough for Lewis to take his place but another fall on the dirt section meant that it was a major uphill battle just to secure seventh place. A deserved fourth place in the final race of the day meant that Lewis and his team returned to their Norfolk base with some well deserved prize money.

Many thanks must go out to Team Nameplate Services sponsor Billy Holt who recently came up trumps with the purchase of a new race bike for Lewis to use as a spare machine when required. Also a big thank you to all of the Scottish Supermoto clan for putting on such a professionally run race weekend and make Lewis and Dave both feel so welcome.



Lewis Battling Hard with David Hartley for Podium Glory



Team England Celebrating a Well Deserved Win in the Nations Challenge

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Lewis Cornish and his family would like to thank his loyal sponsors for their continued support:

