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Cornish On Top Form

Lewis Cornish's supermoto year has really started to come together following a recent run of bad luck. The Norfolk teenager had a hectic two weeks in which he took his Nameplate Services/DCR 450 race bike to some impressive results. The first of these achievements was recorded at Lydd International Raceway in Kent who hosted the second round of the popular British Supermoto Masters Championships. After scooping a win in the Saturday race's Lewis was confident leading the final day of the weekend where he was hoping to capitalise on his continued good form. However, after a sterling, determined ride in the final race and in sight of the finish line the bike suddenly cut out allowing the chasing pack to stream past while robbing Lewis of not only the race victory, but also of the overall weekend win and the chance to lead the championship. A dejected Lewis pushed the bike back to the paddock where investigations found the route of the bike problem to a faulty electrical item.

Undeterred by events at Lydd the team replaced the rogue ignition unit and set off the following weekend to Three Sisters Circuit in Lancashire for round five of the British Supermoto Championships.

Three Sisters race weekend was plagued by changeable weather conditions and saw Lewis line up in a strong field of European and World Championship regulars. Due to poor tyre choice Saturday's qualifying didn't go to plan. From a disappointing eighth on the grid Lewis' best result on the day was an equally disappointing fifth (by his standards) which wasn't helped by a hasty move from a competitor which saw them both tangle and ultimately crash to the ground. Lewis now had a mountain to climb but a gritty ride from down the standings he forced his way back up to a respectable sixth place at the flag.

Sunday's weather conditions improved and with the late entry of Christian Iddon, the former eight times British Champion, it wasn't going to be an easy day ahead. However Cornish pulled off another amazing ride to take fastest lap and pole position on the grid. In race one Lewis took the lead early on until he was passed by Iddon's more powerful 650cc machine. Not letting his rival get away Lewis pulled off an audacious move to re-take the lead and the two riders began to gap the pack in a race of their own. Once again Iddon powered past and Lewis had to settle for well-deserved runner up spot. A pair of fourth places and a third overall rounded out the weekend as Lewis continues to move up in the championship standings. Lewis explained;

I'm very pleased with my pace today but disappointed that I didn't get another podium in the last race. Some riders are riding on the edge of their capabilities and I seem to be the one that's suffering from their mistakes. This was a tough meeting due to the extra European riders and I really enjoyed my battles with Christian (Iddon). Today proves that I can run with anyone and I'm looking forward to proving this again at the next meeting at Crail, it won't be easy because the locals ride and practice there all the time but I do like the track and I'll be giving it 100%."

Lewis soon heads off on his long road-trip North of the Border to Crail, Fife for rounds five and six of the British Masters where he's hoping to maintain the pressure on the Championship leader. In the meantime another MX race is on the cards to help with on bike training and fitness.



Lewis leading the pack – Three Sisters



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