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Lewis Cornish on Winning Form

A return to Three Sisters circuit for round four of the British Supermoto Championship saw teenage Elite racer Lewis Cornish qualify his freshly rebuilt Nameplate Services/DCR KTM in 9th place for Saturday's 450 races. Avoiding a turn one multi-bike pile up Lewis picked his way safely through the chaos and began to make his way up through the pack up to 7th place. However with just two laps to go Lewis was once again the victim of another rider's unfortunate crash and as the incident unfolded right in front of him Lewis' KTM hit the fallen bike causing him to take a heavy tumble onto the Three Sisters tarmac. Determined to ensure a finish and despite suffering a nasty looking injury to his forearm, Lewis nursed himself and his damaged KTM across the line to a deserving points scoring 14th position.

A trip to the medics, a few pain killers and a repaired machine later, Lewis was keen to end his run of bad luck by endeavoring to continue the days racing even though his injuries were placing him in significant pain. In spite of starting the next race from 14th on the grid the following two races saw the plucky Norfolk youngster conclude his Saturdays racing with a move up the field to score a pair of eighth place finishes.

The following day, a battered and bruised Lewis lined up for Sunday's Open Elite races and a poor choice of tyre on the drying circuit saw him drop back from his 7th place grid position to a disappointing 11th at the flag. After a review of tyre choice for races two and three Lewis moved up to finish 10th and 8th respectively which means that Lewis is currently holds 7th position in the 450 and 8th in the Open Elite British Supermoto Championships.

The following weekend and thanks to the generosity of Billy Holt at Nameplate Services, Lewis was entered in rounds five and six of the SSM.UK Supermoto Championships at a fantastic new venue at Rednal near Oswestry, Shropshire. On the Saturday we were rewarded with dry conditions which allowed for a display of some outstanding supermoto action. Unbeaten SSM.UK championship leader Ben Robb and Lewis thrilled onlookers in qualifying and it soon became clear they were in for a treat. Off the line in race one the two riders pulled away from the chasing pack and as Lewis piled on the pressure, Ben made a mistake which allowed Cornish to take the race win.

In the extremely wet and windy conditions for Sunday's races it was decided to miss out the off-road section. Lewis Cornish put his bike on pole by 0.75' and things looked promising despite the torrential rain. Lewis made a clean get away but as he got on the gas coming out of turn three he almost high-sided and was lucky to get away with what could have been a heavy fall. Managing to recover from the near high side, the bike and rider were drawn into the tyre wall and the impact left Lewis with a stalled machine. The chasing pack passed the stricken Lewis leaving him in dead last position. But Lewis wasn't beaten yet and as he hurriedly plucked his KTM out of the tyre wall to set off in pursuit of regaining the lead. Despite having trouble with vision, due the atrocious weather condition he set about a miraculous recovery to pass every racer on the circuit apart from Robb who eventually took the race win. Over the following races the two riders showed they were in a class of their own and despite Lewis' best efforts he could only finish runner up to an on form Ben Robb which gave him the second place overall on the podium.

Lewis explained "Its great to be on the podium again and we've had some good racing here on this superb new circuit, I'm pleased to have had a race win but it's disappointing the dirt section wasn't used in the rain because I reckon I could have been looking for another win if the dirt section was used. A big thanks to Billy and Dave for getting me to an extra race meeting and I hope to do some more SSM.UK races later in the season"

The next BSMC round is at the redeveloped Blyton Park on July 2nd –3rd no doubt Lewis will be eager to build on his recent success on his climb up the British Championship table.



Lewis 'Storming' to a podium finish at the new Rednal circuit based on Oswestry
Thanks to Andrew Awbery for this stunning image

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