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Double Podium Weekend For Cornish

Nameplate Services/DCR racer Lewis Cornish continued to boost his 2013 British Supermoto Championship challenge by taking the second step on the Elite 450 and Elite Open class podiums at round two of the series last weekend. The demanding Rednal Raceway circuit proved to be too Cornish's liking as he made the most of the high speed off road jumps and twisting technical tarmac sections. In Saturday's 450 Elite races the Norfolk based racer battled with his rivals to scoop second place overall behind the five times British Champion Chris Hodgson, but it was in the televised Open Elite class run on Sunday that Lewis really showed his intentions to be a championship contender this year.

A poor start from the front row saw Lewis drop to eighth place but he immediately forced his way past three rivals into turn one closely followed by another couple into the next tight right hander. By the time the pack thundered down the fast straight and into the off road section Lewis was into second spot, which is the position he comfortably held until the flag. This was backed up with a similar result in race two but as the rain clouds loomed over the Shropshire skyline quick decisions needed to be made as to tyre choice for the final race of the day.

Dave Clarke, in front of the TV crews hurriedly prepared the tyre cutters and embarked on embedding a series of cuts into the rear tyre of Lewis' bike in an attempt to gain the optimum grip. However, despite this and after a 'wet race was declared Lewis decided the best option was to go with a full wet rear. Approaching the line for the final race of the weekend Lewis was confident that he could push for the win despite the rain increasing in its relentlessness. Following another poor start Lewis' pace allowed him to pushback up to the head of the pack hunting down the reigning champion in first place. Despite truly difficult conditions Lewis reeled in the rider ahead at an impressive rate and from the pitwall it was evident that a visible gap was closing. In this last race it looked like he could simply follow the leader and make a pass when it suited. However the mud and rain spoiled Lewis' challenge for the race win when his goggles became unusable due to water ingress so he threw them to the side of the track and continued to charge on regardless. Unable to maintain the same pace due to the lack of visibility Lewis battled on through the pain of no eye protection to keep ahead of his Nameplate Services/DCR team mate Davey Todd to take the runner up spot and also the overall second place in the Open Class.

On the podium Lewis explained how his Rednal race weekend went. "I'm so pleased with how I rode here and the team all helped me get the bike, tyres and suspension set up for this technical track. It's a track that I seem to go well on and I'm sure I could have raced for the win in that last race if I hadn't had to take off my goggles. I was really struggling to see with the rain stinging my eyes and face but to come away from here with a couple of podium places and second in the 450 Championship is a real result. Andy, Chris and Dave all helped to sort out the bike and I'm really up for a challenging for the title this season. Chris (Hodgson) was fast and consistent all weekend and was always going to hard to beat, but in the last race I did think I'd be in with a chance of the race win. Overall the team had a good weekend with Ross (Gurd) taking the National win and both Davey and me on the podium in the Elite class." After the race Lewis guided the TV crew around the Rednal circuit explaining the quickest way to put in a lap, this will be screened on Motors TV later in the summer. A short break and Lewis will be returning to Rednal Raceway with his Nameplate Services/DCR team mate Davey Todd for the opening round of the British Masters Championship where they hoping to keep up their fantastic start to 2013 and scoop another podium.



Lewis powering toward a series of podium places at round two of the BSMC
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