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Cornish Shows His Potential 'On Tarmac and Dirt'

A change of motorcycle race disciplines saw teenage supermoto ace Lewis Cornish enter a tough 4 hour off-road Eastern Centre Enduro at Tunstall, Norfolk. On fast open farmland Lewis aboard his hastily modified supermoto bike showed the amazing pace that has netted him three British Supermoto Championship titles. However in amongst the slower and more technical wooded sections his powerful and stiffly sprung 450cc KTM proved to be a massive handicap as Lewis man-handled his heavy machine around the trees. With only a limited fuel capacity, petrol stops were frequent and despite only having first gear towards the end of the race Lewis had pulled out such a lead he was able to take the victory with several minutes to spare. This physically tough off-road marathon was an ideal warm up for the following weekend's British Supermoto Championship held at the iconic Silverstone circuit in Northants in support of the penultimate BSB round

Back on tarmac. Cornish's 450 Elite qualifying didn't go well by his standards and on the concrete lined Stowe supermoto circuit he posted a disappointing 10th on the grid. Race one saw Lewis gun his Nameplate Services/DCR bike off the line and he pushed hard into turn one to move up a few places. Over the following two laps he took his bike to its limits and proceeded to make some stunning (not to mention brave) passes which saw him take the flag in a hard earned 5th place. This impressive result was matched in the following two races after another pair of titanic battles with several international standard rivals.

A trio of 5th places in the 450 classes showed Lewis was on form for Sunday's Open Elite races but drama in the pre-grid area before qualifying saw Lewis make a hasty bike swap. Jim Gray loaned his Husaberg 570 to Lewis and despite never even sitting on the bike before he rode an amazing qualifying session to make the second row of the grid in 6th place. Race one and Lewis was out for the first time on his new standard spare bike and despite not getting the best of starts and lacking horsepower compared with his competitors he managed to work his way up to 6th across the line. Race two was an almost identical race, which brought another well-earned 6th place. Unfortunately a perfect weekend was ruined in race three as Lewis through no fault of his own became the victim of a first lap race incident which had the Norfolk youngster crash to the ground. Luckily he was unharmed but he was a full lap down on the leaders as he rejoined the race. Knowing full well that a finish was vital to his 2011 championship results he nursed his damaged machine to cross the line just inside the top 20 places.

Lewis explained "I'm really pleased with my speed this weekend, if I'd been on my regular race bike I know I'd be even higher placed. Being on a bike every weekend over the last month has helped and I'm feeling so confident with my riding at the moment. Thanks to Billy (Nameplate Services) for getting a number 2 race bike organised for me and also Jim Gray who got us out of a fix by lending me his Husaberg on Sunday's qualifying."

Hopefully this is all good preparation for biggest supermoto event of the year at Mettet" followed by the SSM UK Championship at Lydd International Raceway, Kent before heading to Lincolnshire for the British Supermoto Championship. Another solid performance here will see him move up the standings at the final round at Cadwell Park.



Above: Lewis heading toward a top five place at Silverstone
Below: Lewis passing back markers on his way to claiming victory in the Eastern Centre Enduro.



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