



**RACE REPORT
ROUND SIX
BRITISH SUPERMOTO CHAMPIONSHIP
THREE SISTERS, WIGAN
JULY 20th – 21st 2013**

Round 6 would take place at the Three Sisters circuit in Ashton in Makerfield, near Wigan. It was the second time in this year's series that it had been held there, a circuit that is well liked by all the riders. With the extremely good weather we have been having here in the North West, tyre choice was a major factor with some riders choosing the medium 14 Michelin rear, while others took a gamble on the soft 29. Surprisingly the soft option was standing up to the heat very well.

Saturday 450 Elite

In qualifying reigning champion Chris Hodgson took pole with DCR riders Lewis Cornish in 2nd and Davey Todd in 3rd.

Race 1

Chris Hodgson took the holeshot followed by Davey and Lewis, all three riders opening a small gap on 4th place rider James Addy, who it was good to see returning to racing after missing most of the year due to injury. At the halfway stage, Davey made a small mistake on the dirt section allowing his team mate Lewis past. Lewis then bridged the gap to Hodgson but try as he might could not make the pass and this is how they would finish. Davey with a lap to go ran off the track but managed to keep it upright, he lost a place and finished in 4th.

Race 2

Chris Hodgson again took the holeshot with Davey and Lewis close behind. Davey appeared to be struggling to hang onto Chris and was now starting to hold up his team mate. Both team mates passed each other a few times before Lewis made it stick and again caught up to Chris, finishing in 2nd behind him and Davey came home in 3rd.

After this race Davey was a little frustrated that he could not run the pace of Chris and Lewis so we had a talk about certain areas he could make improvements, Davey agreed and would give it a try in the final race.

Race 3

Chris once again took the holeshot with Davey and Lewis in his wheel tracks. This was a great race to watch with all three riders putting on a great display of why we love Supermoto racing. They were all tearing it up at the front, Chris took the win half a wheel in front of Davey with Lewis right behind them. It was an epic race that you could not call and any of the three could have taken the win, it was that close.

The overall results were 1st Chris Hodgson, 2nd Lewis Cornish and 3rd Davey Todd.

Sunday Open Elite

In qualifying Lewis took pole from Davey and then Chris, only for the organisers to then announce they were having a Super Pole. This would go in Chris Hodgson's favour as he had changed his rear tyre 2 laps before the end of normal qualifying. Both Lewis and Davey had killed theirs so would not have a tyre left for Super pole as there was no time allowed to change them. Despite this there would only be 200th of a second covering the top 3 riders. Chris took pole followed by Davey and Lewis.

Race 1

Started as they had left the day before with all 3 riders having a great battle, at the half way stage Davey made the pass on Chris and went into the lead. Try as he might Chris could not respond and with Lewis in his wheel tracks, pushing hard for the 2nd spot, they finished 1st Todd, 2nd Hodgson and 3rd Cornish.

Race 2

This time Davey took the holeshot from Chris with Lewis again in 3rd. This was the best race of the weekend with both riders not giving an inch and the lead changed many times with Lewis about 20 yards behind. Lewis had opted for the medium rear tyre, thinking it would be better later in the race, but this would not be the case. With 3 laps to go Davey passed Chris again at the end of the long finish straight. Sliding under Chris, inch perfect going into the last lap Hodgson was now looking ragged but Davey was still in control. On the last dirt section 200 yards from the finish Chris crashed, allowing Lewis through to take 2nd. Drama followed as Chris could not restart his bike and the entire field passed him before he got it going, opening the championship right up again.

Race 3

For this race Lewis swapped back to the soft tyre and both riders gave a great display of riding with Davey in 1st and Lewis 2nd and they were side by side all race long. After starting from the back of the grid, Chris managed to claw his way back to a distant 3rd.

The overall standings on the day were 1st Todd, 2nd Cornish and 3rd Sharp. This now means both Todd and Hodgson are tied on points on the championship table.

Summary

Thanks to all the DCR team, it was a great weekend with both riders making the podium both days and dominating the racing on Sunday. Thank you to everybody that helped out and everybody that came to visit and support the team over the weekend. Billy from Nameplate Services was there on Sunday to watch the boys, we hope they did you proud Billy! Norasport once again thank you for continuing to put on a great Championship this year and to the Three Sisters Circuit thanks for the free tickets you allowed us to give out at the Cholmondeley Pageant of Power. Speaking of which... .

My personal thanks to the Blakeman's and all the riders that took part in CPOP for the lovely canvas print they presented to me at the presentation on Saturday evening, for once ***I was lost for words..!!***



DCR Riders, Davey Todd and Lewis Cornish leading the field at Round Six of the BSMC

Thank you to Mary Hill for the above image

