



Final round of the Dickies British Supersport championship and we started the weekend with a very different set up than when we were here in the middle of the season. We have developed the bike a lot since then and I've had to adapt my style since then. So we ran a very similar set up to what we used in Assen, this is more weight to the back and heavier springs in the front to give me the support on the brakes. I felt good coming into the weekend, and with the changeable weather that was predicted, I figured maybe I could capitalise and make up some points in the championship.



Straight out for FP1 and the track was a bit iffy! It had rained overnight, so we didn't want to take any risks early on in the weekend. I got to use intermediate tyres for the first time. They felt great in the damp conditions as they gave me the confidence in the damp sections and then I could push them similar to a dry tyre in the drier sections without them feeling soft and on the limit. I ended the session in P6, and was happy with that!



The bike was feeling good coming into the session, the set up wasn't far off, but we changed the rear shock settings mid session to give me more feel. We did this by opening the compression to allow the rear to adsorb the bumps better and let it sit through its stroke easier giving me better feeling with rear grip. I made an unfortunate error into paddock hill, a joined the elusive turn one crash club, when I tucked the front on the way in. Still managed to keep 8th in the session, but I gave the boys a lot of work to do before qualifying on Saturday! Took a bit of skin off my elbow but other than that, I was okay!





For qualifying we got the bike working well, however throughout the session, the engine got slower and slower and the big end eventually went in the engine. I still managed a quick lap at the start of the session in the dry, and ended up qualifying in 10th. All in all, with all the dramas of the weekend, I wasn't too disappointed. Fair play to the boys for repairing the crash damage, and then a quick engine change before race one later in the day! They worked so hard to get me back out on track, all credit to them!

Race one was good fun! I made a decent start and got up to about 7th on lap one, but from then on it was a busy race! I was in a group with a couple of others, chopping and changing places every lap! I ended in 6th, which meant I maintained 6th in the championship at that point too. After all of the weekends troubles, I was glad to bring back some solid points!



Sundays race 2 and Storm Callum hit! It poured with rain from lunchtime onwards, so at least we knew that the track would be fully wet! We put softer springs in the front and rear, we also made the bike more rideable with the throttle connection being softer. So in 2nd, 3rd and 4th gear, when I had the throttle grip at 40%, I was only getting 20% from the engine. This makes the bike more rideable and helps prevent rear wheel spin. I made a good start, up to about 5th and then ran wide on the cooper straight, and tested my lawn mowing skills the whole way down! I rejoined in dead last, with a lot of work to do! Lap by lap I felt more comfortable and the bike was working a dream! From the back, I had no choice but to ride smooth and hit my points! I seemed to be catching people easily, and had really good pace. I managed to keep this up the entire race, and made my way back up to 3rd!





This is my 2nd podium of the year and I can't believe I managed to go from 28th to 3rd in 18 laps! I have to say a massive thank you to all my team who pushed through the hard times this weekend and proved you can never give up! And to my sponsors, because without them this just wouldn't be possible! I finished 5th in the championship and the top rookie in my first year in the class – roll on 2019!