



British Superstock 600 Championship Round 6 – 18-20 July - Brands Hatch GP

The 6th round of the British Superstock 600 Championship was held over the weekend at the Brands Hatch GP Circuit. It's an amazing circuit, with plenty of undulations and some really fast blind corners. I was feeling confident after Knockhill that we had made some good steps forward and I'd had a chance to work on some areas of improvement.

Friday was a beautiful day, low 30's and sunny. Practice in the morning went well, getting to the pace straight away, finishing practice 5th fastest. The weather was predicted to be thunder storms on Saturday for our second qualifying session, so we decided to use both our rear tires on Friday, in Qualifying one. It was a bit of a gamble, but one that was worth taking if the weather did turn on Saturday. We improved on lap times again, finishing Qualifying 1 in 8th place.



There was a severe thunder storm Friday night, with a very impressive lightning show! This kept the track wet for most of Saturday morning. However, we were out at midday, and the track was virtually dry for our session. Unfortunately I didn't manage to post a faster time than Friday, while a few other riders did go faster, this dropped me back to 11th on the grid.

The race on Sunday was 14 laps, although we had moved back a few spots in qualifying I was confident we could build on this in the race. I got off the line well and moved straight into 7th place on the first lap. I knew I had to stick with the front pack if I was to have any chance at them toward the end of the race. My first few laps were my best this year, I then came under some pressure from Spanish rider, Aleix Aulestia on a Triumph 675. We probably slowed each other down slightly, by dicing a bit, but I managed to then get a clear run and get my head down for a few laps. By this stage I had dropped a few seconds to the front pack, but my pace picked up and I was slightly catching them. It wasn't enough however, as I crossed the line in 8th place, 5 seconds behind race winner Kyle Ryde. This was my best ride of the season and probably my fastest ride while racing here in England. Finishing that close to the race winner and having another 6 riders in between, shows how close the pace was and only motivates me to find more to come out at the next round faster!



I can't thank my team at CPE Motosport enough for their continued hard work and support in my racing. I'm finding new areas all the time where progress can be made and really feel like it's all starting to come together. Thanks to my girlfriend, family, sponsors and supporters for always sticking by me and supporting me so much! The next round is at Thruxton in just over a weeks' time, I can't wait to be back on board the Kawasaki ZXR-600!

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