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CORNISH'S HECTIC EUROPEAN FINALE

Norfolk supermoto star Lewis Cornish's first season competing in the French Prestige Championship drew to a close at the purpose built Villars Sous Ecot near the Swiss border. This tough, technical track with a GP standard off-road section was always going to be a difficult new circuit to learn for Lewis but despite his lack of circuit knowledge he managed to qualify his RAW Motorsports TM450-SMX in sixth place. However with the leader's lap times so very close it was all to play for. As the lights went out for race one Lewis lost a few positions in the first lap mayhem but soon moved up past several rivals. The extremely physically demanding circuit combined with the 30+ degree temperatures meant that fitness was always going to play a part in the final results. Towards the end of the race Lewis responded to another rider's efforts to catch him and during the nail biting final few turns it looked as though he had done enough to hold his 5th place. However a lurid slide as Lewis gave his bike full throttle coming out of the final turn saw his rival pip him on the line which dropped him down to sixth place. In race two a fall whilst in fifth spot saw him eventually finish in 7th place in the second race was a disappointing finale for Lewis' French season but overall it has been a fantastic debut year in the World's toughest championship.

An offer to compete in the Italian Championships aboard a Teknoteka TM450-SMX at Latina was eagerly accepted by Lewis and once again he showed his skills in a field packed with World and European Championship regulars some of who are based at this circuit. Despite looking very similar to Lewis' own machine the Teknoteka bike was completely different in the chassis, suspension and engine departments and required a new riding technique to get the best from it. With very little time to learn the circuit, new bike and adapt to a new style Lewis managed to qualify in 10th place which wasn't to his liking. As the lights went out in race one the pack thundered off the line and into the first sharp bend leading onto the off-road section. Taking action to avoid a fallen rider Lewis found himself on the ground. Undeterred he re-joined the race in last position and soon began setting faster and faster laps and passing rider after rider. Lewis was one of only a handful of riders to be jumping the 'triple' on the off-road section which allowed him to catch and pass plenty of riders. At the flag he finished in 12th position which wasn't a true reflection of his speed.

A better start in race two and this time he kept out of any early trouble. Once more he began to make some fantastic moves on the off-road which soon saw him chasing down rider after rider and charging up through the pack. As the laps wound down Lewis had his eyes on a fifth place but the flag came out before he could better his sixth place. This was an outstanding result considering the standard of the rivals he had beaten on a strange bike and another new circuit.



Despite missing round one due to an operation Lewis has enjoyed a successful first season in the French championships

Lewis Cornish explains about his 2016 season. *"I've had to really step up my game this year to compete in the French and Italian Championships. The class of riders is World and European standard and it's been a steep learning curve. The tracks are all new to me so it's a hectic race weekend and it shows that I'm learning quickly as I get faster over the race weekend as I learn the tracks. I love the challenge of all this and I know I'm faster than ever thanks to racing with the world's fastest riders. I'd like to thank Steve Pasco at Raw Motorsport for his high support in the French Championships and also to David Rodriga at Teknoteka for his invaluable help in the Italian Championships, it's been a fantastic season in Europe and now I'm looking to my next challenge in the FIM Asia Championship with Kenny Motorworks."*



Lewis was joined by his mum Julia at the Alpe d'Huez round

So with Lewis' 2016 European race season finished it will soon be time to head off to Indonesia to compete in the high profile FIM Asia Championships, aboard another borrowed machine. Keep up to date with Lewis and CRT Supermoto by clicking onto www.lewiscornish.co.uk and the CRT Supermoto page on Facebook.

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