

MAX COOK SIGNS OFF IN STYLE



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Mansfield based Binch racing and Max cook headed to round 10 of the championship at Donington park.

Fridays two free practice sessions were severely hampered by bad weather. The morning session was very cold and damp so Max elected to drive the team kettle rather than risk it out on track. The afternoon was even worse with driving winds and heavy rain putting pay to any worthwhile time on the 2.48 miles Derbyshire circuit.

Come Saturday morning it was hard to believe it was the same weekend. The morning sun came out, as did the droves of spectators and the circuit was drying.

The qualifying session got underway at 12.40 with many opting to take caution early on due to the lack of practise time.

As the session continued lap times began to fall with Seth Crump, Max Cook, Sam Laffins and Aaron Silvester in a four way dice for Pole Position.

Max pitted on his fresh rear tyre on lap 8 to try and find himself some space on track. Despite sitting comfortably in 3rd on the time sheets Max wanted a gap on circuit so he could piece together some stronger sector times.

Unfortunately it was not to be and the traffic proved to be too much. As the chequered flag came out Max would end the session in 2nd place for a front row start in the race. Unable to hide his disappointment and frustration to not secure another pole position, Max was very happy with the bike and made it clear he had more to give and there was more to come....

Slightly earlier than usual, the Junior Superstock race formed on the grid for a 10.30 start. As the teams cleared away from their riders and machines, Max dropped his visor and let out a big deep breath, he wanted the win.

The team had been given clearance from race control to run the number one on the bike. Crowned class champions only the week before Max wanted to continue his rich run of form.

The lights went out and Max made the perfect start taking the lead into turn one at Redgate. Luckily for Max he was not involved in the incident behind him at turn one. Fellow Yamaha rider Aaron Silvester came through from 4th on the grid to take 3rd place before high siding in front of the luckless Sam Laffins forcing them both into the gravel which would be the end of their race.

Pole sitter Seth Crump had slotted into 2nd place in the race closely followed in 3rd by 2nd in the championship Franco Bourne.

As is very typical of Max and very important, Max spent the early laps getting some warmth into his tyres before pushing on for a lead. Being the first race on track that morning, aside of the various warmup sessions, Max wanted to be patient and comfortable before he pushed on.

As lap 5 started Max was happy, his Yamaha R6 was singing, the tyres were up to temperature and Mx set the fastest lap of the race (1.33.55) to make a 1.5 second gap. He gave the team a nod on pit wall and it was now time to put a show on for the bumper crowds at the teams home circuit.

Lap after lap he was setting near perfect lap times to break the chasing pack. Max took the chequered flag on lap 14 with a 3.46 second lead delighting the whole team once more. Not that it mattered as the championship had already been secured but it was very clear how happy Max was to bring the number 1 plate over the line in first.

Max and the bike returned to the team awning to be met with huge cheers and applause from family, friends, sponsors and adoring spectators. Champagne corks popping and cameras flashing it was great to see so much support for a young man and his team that have worked so hard to achieve their goal.












Mansfield based Binch Racing and Max Cook are National Junior Superstock Champions.

Despite the championship moving onto Brands Hatch for the season finale. The team and Max have agreed to step back from the Junior Superstock class to try something different.

The team will be competing at Brands Hatch but not on their stock 600 machine. More news on that next week.



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POS	NO	RIDER/TEAM	POINTS											
				SILVERSTONE 15 - 17 APR	OULTON PARK 30 APR - 02 MAY	DONINGTON PARK 20 - 22 MAY	KNOCKHILL 17 - 19 JUN	BRANDS HATCH 22 - 24 JUL	THRUXTON 12 - 14 AUG	CADWELL PARK 27 - 29 AUG	SNETTERTON 09 - 11 SEP	OULTON PARK 23 - 25 SEP	DONINGTON PARK 30 SEP - 02 OCT	BRANDS HATCH 14 - 16 OCT
1	1	MAX COOK UGGLY & CO by BINCH Pro Yamaha	265	R1	R2 R3	R4	R5 R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11 R12	R13	
2	54	FRANCO BOURNE Marvel HCL Motorsport Kawasaki	170	25	10	13	25	16				20 20	16	
3	21	DAN BROOKS R4R Vision Team Kawasaki	144	10	13 16	20	9	13		16	20	13	7	
4	34	AARON SILVESTER A & J Racing Yamaha	140	20	11 11	10	11	9	20		11	11 10		
5	57	SETH CRUMP SEEEETH Yamaha	129	8	10 13	9	13	8	9	5	7	16 11	20	
6	55	LOUIS VALLELEY TeamVal-Tech Racing Yamaha	97	16	20 20		16	25						
7	64	ASHER DURHAM Completely Motorbikes/Affinity	97		9	5	10	7	13	10	16	8	13	