



PRESS RELEASE

HASLAM AND BYRNE TAKE A WIN APIECE IN CADWELL PARK THRILLER

New lap record and fast laps till race end logged throughout races with softer Pirelli rear tyres

Cadwell Park, Lincolnshire, UK, 29th August 2016 – Shane Byrne and Leon Haslam traded blows in two gripping MCE Superbike races at Cadwell Park today to continue their exciting title battle.

PIRELLI **STATS** **CADWELL PARK**

POLE POSITION
LEON HASLAM- 1:25.923

WINNER – RACE 1
SHANE BYRNE (SC1- SC0)

WINNER – RACE 2
LEON HASLAM (SC2- SC0)

NEW LAP RECORD
HASLAM- 1:26.590

FASTEST RACE TIME
RACE 1- 26:20.322 (R2 PACE CAR)

SC0 SC1 WET RAIN

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Pirelli Overview

Following the trend of the last few races, by far the most popular rear tyre choice at Cadwell Park was the softer (SC0) rear Pirelli DIABLO™ Superbike Slick in both qualifying and the two races, with only Luke Mossey making use of the harder SC1 choice. However Leon Haslam was close to choosing the harder tyre for race one after logging quick laps on the tyre in morning warm up.

At the front of the bike most riders used the softer SC1 tyre but notable exceptions of the GBmoto Kawasaki riders Leon Haslam, James Ellison and Peter Hickman.

Haslam logged the fastest ever lap of the circuit during the final stage of qualifying with a scintillating 1:25.923 lap.

The two dry races were always going to be a case of outright speed combined with tyre conservation and in race one 'Shakey' seemed to have some grip in hand in the later laps to take the win. Haslam broke his own long standing lap record with a 1:26.590 lap.

Race two was punctuated by several laps behind the Nissan GT-R safety car which may have helped Haslam to keep up his pace till the very end, in fact he logged the fastest lap of the race on lap 15 of 18.

Roads hero Ian Hutchinson took a popular pole position and dominant win in the Pirelli Superstock 1000 race. All riders in the class along with its smaller capacity Superstock 600 cousin and Supersport 600 all use road legal Pirelli DIABLO™ Supercorsa SC tyres.

In the open tyre competition of Moto3 it was another dominant double win from runaway series leader; Pirelli rider Charlie Nesbitt. Jake Archer, currently second in the series, joined Pirelli this weekend and carded second & fourth place finishes. In Moto3 'Standard' fellow Pirelli rider Dan Jones repeated the feat in his class and in the Standard class Adam Clayton and Asher Durham took a runner up position in each of the two races.

Race Review

Byrne seemed to have the upper hand through the practice sessions and he traded fastest times with Haslam during qualifying with the 'Pocket Rocket' leaving the best to last setting pole position and the fastest ever lap of the circuit on his final lap.

Both races had the same three main protagonists; Byrne, Haslam and Jason O'Halloran. The two title contenders clearly had stronger areas of the track and fans were treated to some fantastic overtaking manoeuvres between these respected rivals. Australian star O'Halloran continued his fantastic form and kept the other two riders looking over their shoulder.

Race one witnessed a perfect, calculated move by Shakey on the final lap to take the win from Haslam. In the second outing Haslam or the 'Pocket Rocket' as he is known, held on for the win after a hard but fair move on four time Champion Byrne. O'Halloran split the two to log a 3-2 card and cement his third place in the series.

Pirelli View

Pirelli UK Racing Manager Jason Griffiths commented, *"Pirelli UK Racing Manager Jason Griffiths commented, "A fantastic weekend of racing in front of the usual huge crowd at Cadwell Park. Track temperatures increased enough today to allow the softer SC0 compound to perform in terms of lap time and durability. Leon Haslam establishing a new lap record in race one was very pleasing but to see him setting consistent 1:26 laps at the end of race two was equally satisfying. A clean sweep of wins once again in the Moto 3 classes, together with some new riders choosing to fit Pirelli, rounded off a great event."*

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Race one result:

1. Shane Byrne (Be Wiser Ducati)
2. Leon Haslam (JG Speedfit Kawasaki) +0.272s
3. Jason O'Halloran (Honda Racing) +2.534
4. Tommy Bridewell (Bennetts Suzuki) +2.862s
5. Glenn Irwin (Be Wiser Ducati) +9.362s
6. James Ellison (JG Speedfit Kawasaki) +10.330s

Race two result:

1. Leon Haslam (JG Speedfit Kawasaki)
2. Jason O'Halloran (Honda Racing) +2.191
3. Shane Byrne (Be Wiser Ducati) +2.688
4. Peter Hickman (JG Speedfit Kawasaki) +5.812
5. Tommy Bridewell (Bennetts Suzuki) +7.108
6. Dan Linfoot (Honda Racing) +7.260

MCE Insurance British Superbike Championship

1. Shane Byrne (Be Wiser Ducati) 272
2. Leon Haslam (JG Speedfit Kawasaki) 251
3. Jason O'Halloran (Honda Racing) 211
4. Michael Laverty (Tyco BMW) 147
5. Dan Linfoot (Honda Racing) 145
6. James Ellison (JG Speedfit Kawasaki) 140

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