



## Paul Holmes wins Round 2 of the British Championship!

**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2015: Desertmartin, Northern Ireland**

**With 2-1-2 race finishes, HOLMES Racing's Paul Holmes took the overall honours in style to win Round 2 of the 2015 British Championship at the spectacular Desertmartin circuit in Northern Ireland.**

With an unusual 12 weeks between rounds 1 and 2 of this year's Championship, Holmes finished Round 1 just a single point behind the championship leader and was determined to be well in the lead after Round 2. Holmes with help from his team and sponsors was well prepared and travelled to Northern Ireland full of confidence. Heading out in the rain on a track he hadn't seen for 4 years, Holmes posted a lap time just 1.4 seconds from the local riders which gave him a brilliant 4th gate choice for the three 20min + 2 lap races.



**Race 1:** Getting a great jump out of the gate, knowing a good start was imperative; Holmes rounded the 1st turn in 3rd place and used his wits on lap 1 to make a quick pass to put himself straight into 2nd place. Having a good race long battle, Holmes settled for 2nd place at the flag.

**Race 2:** Despite getting boxed in on the start Holmes still managed to come out in 7th place. With the track already in a rough state, and torrential rain falling nonstop, Holmes used the sighting lap wisely and made some prestigious passes putting himself in 3rd place by the end of the first lap. By the half way point in the race Holmes had made the pass for 2nd and had closed in on the leader. Not rushing his next pass, knowing he had great lines and speed, Holmes made his move for the lead with just 2 laps to go and pulled a decent enough gap to control the race until the chequered flag.



Photo: Paul Ervine

**Race 3:** Starting in the top 5 Holmes was in a good position, and joint on points heading into this last race so the overall victory was very much insight. Making some strong passes and drawing from his wealth of experience, Holmes got into 2nd behind the early race leader. With the main competition for the overall win far behind him, he rode strong until the end of the race mistake free on the very challenging circuit to come home in 2nd place.

Scoring solid points and taking the overall victory, Holmes now pulls 25 points clear at the top of the championship standings and will have the red plate on his HOLMES Racing Yamaha at Round 3 on the 24<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Round 2 result:

1 <sup>st</sup> Paul Holmes.....	144 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Justin Reid	136
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dean Colhoun	130
4 <sup>th</sup> David Cowan	125
5 <sup>th</sup> Luke Cooper	119

#### 2015 Championship standings:

1 <sup>st</sup> Paul Holmes.....	280 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dean Colhoun	255
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sheldon Seal	230
4 <sup>th</sup> Carl Bunce	228
5 <sup>th</sup> Justin Reid	227

**Holmes commented after the day's action:** "I have worked really hard since round one and really wanted a solid result here today and managing to come out with overall win and the Championship lead is great! I now have the red plate for round 3 and I hope I can continue this momentum. I couldn't have done this without the help and support of all the team, my family and my supportive sponsors, so I want to take this chance to say thank you to them all."

