



Paul Holmes continues to lead British Championship

24th May 2015: Foxhills, Wiltshire

Double British champion and current championship leader, Paul Holmes holds his number one spot after Round 3 of the Championship.

The 3rd round of the 2015 ACU British Championship was held on 24th May at Foxhills, the former GP circuit in Wiltshire. In the short, timed qualification session Holmes managed to post a decent lap time and secured 3rd place despite having to learn the track very quickly. This was Holmes' first visit to the former GP track since riding an 85cc mx bike back in 2003 but the majority of the riders had ridden at the venue during the 2014 Championship which Holmes missed due to injury but he overcame the difficulties and made his own lines and rode his own session as he set his machine up for the races.



Race 1: Blasting out of the start gates on board his HOLMES Racing Yamaha, Holmes rounded the first turn in 3rd place and immediately put pressure on the riders ahead. Before the end of the first lap Holmes had already made his way into 2nd place and sat in behind fellow DWT rider Jeremie Warnia. By half way, Holmes was still in 2nd place but another rider rear-ended him in a slow turn resulting in both machines getting tangled and it took over a minute to separate them. After eventually getting re-mounted in 15th place, Holmes did what he could until the finish flag but had to settle with 13th place.

Race 2: Re-focusing and determined to get a better result, Holmes got another good start and was in 4th place as he started to work his way toward the front. After making up places where he could but ever conscious of the technical track catching out many riders, he rode safe and with good speed to come home in 3rd place behind the 2 early race leaders.

Race 3: Very similar to race 2 with Holmes having to make a few passes early on in the race. Holmes had to settle for 3rd place with the 2 early race leaders making a difficult gap to close from the off.

Finishing just 5 points from 2nd overall, in 6th place, Holmes keeps hold of his red plates and Championship lead as the series heads south in 2 weeks time for Round 4.



Round 3 result:

1 st Jeremie Warnia	150 points
2 nd Dean Colhoun	123
3 rd Justin Reid	123
4 th Carl Bunce	121
5 th George Calloway	119
6 th Paul Holmes	118

2015 Championship standings:

1 st Paul Holmes.....	398 points
2 nd Dean Colhoun	378
3 rd Justin Reid	350
4 th Carl Bunce	349
5 th George Calloway	333
6 th Sheldon Seal	329

Holmes commented after the day's action: "After an unfortunate incident that was caused by another rider ruining race 1 for me, I am happy to come away healthy and still with the championship lead. Today has been a tough one, but I feel I gave it 100% and I must take the positives out of this weekend, such as the quad working excellently and the team doing a really good job. I look forward to round 4 and hope to get back on the podium! Another thank you goes out to my supportive sponsors, family and friends who make this all possible."

