

## Weekend to forget at Mallory Park

Robbie will be hoping to put the bad luck behind him after a frustrating weekend at Mallory Park.

After qualifying in a disappointing 21st position on the grid, things were not looking good for Robbie, who was hoping to keep a firm grasp on his championship lead.

The weekend was plagued with setup and electrical issues, which hindered Robbie's performance.

After a weekend of setup issues, Robbie finally found a setup which seemed to work for morning warm-up, however, electrical problems stopped him from doing more than 2 complete laps, thus leaving him very nervous for the race ahead.

With the clouds in the distance very black, it was obvious it would be the rain tyres that would need to be warmed prior to the race. Just as expected, the heavens opened and everyone panicked. The whole suspension setup was softened to allow for the conditions and Robbie head out for the race.

On the sighting lap, Robbie noticed how quickly the track was drying and opted to insert a rear intermediate into the bike, but leaving the wet front.

The race went ahead and Robbie got a great start, but was soon eaten up at the first few corners. With the tyres not quite to temperature, Robbie was finding it difficult to match other riders on acceleration. He plugged away and it was clear he was struggling on the ever drying track. His times were consistent and he managed to claim 17th over the line – 4th in the cup series to which he would lose the championship lead to Sam Lowes.

“To be honest, this weekend is one I will be forgetting very quickly. We had a bad setup and I just wasn't riding how I should have been. I didn't want to crash and just wanted to get a good result, but things were panning out as they should. The race was a nightmare too, we definitely chose the right rear tyre but the front needed to be harder, I was losing the front everywhere. Still, if I was riding how I should have been I would have been further up the field. My confidence has taken a lot of battering over these past couple of races and I need to get my act together if I am to win the championship. The whole team are putting in so much effort for me, making sure I have the right package. I just need to repay them!

Over the 2 weeks we have off, I intend to be training hard. I must go to Brands in the best shape, the championship is not over and I won't settle for second best – Not again!” explained a disappointed Robbie.

There is now a 2 weekend break for all of the teams, and then it's off to Brands Hatch for round 8 of the British Superbike Series, where Robbie hopes to relight his title chances.