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### 40 » BSB

We're starting with an exciting young team this year in BSB with the Motorpoint Yamaha crew, and our game plan was always to be able to start racing four to five meetings into the season – which is now! We knew we'd need time to build up confidence and self belief for both James and Loris before they could start showing what they could do. James was a bit over-awed at first, racing with, from his, view, his heroes and legends – but he's turned the corner now and he's up for racing against them – and he proved this at Knockhill.

### 46 » RAPID SOLICITORS

This is a good news story, Rutter is a top bloke and loves his job - very much one of the kind I described in the foreword! He has forged a great little team with people he likes and on his favoured Ducati he comes back to life! He has real race winning potential and will still fire it under 'em. Phil Jessopp seems to be a genuine guy with lots of enthusiasm and Martin is on his way back from injury and giving his Dad plenty to think about. It's good to see new sponsors coming in. Rapid Solicitors see our series as a good platform for their business, as do Bathams beer. I'm not sure if Rutter and the crew get to sample the beer but makes a change from Monster and Red Bull!!

### 52 » NORTH WEST 200

What a nightmare weekend! I really felt for Mervyn Whyte, the race director. We were over a couple of years ago and suffered same scenario with the rain. Having raced the roads and loved every minute it's hard to knock it. The bikes are seriously fast now, so maybe the 600s should be the main event. The top boys all on 600s would still be a great show; but it's a tough call: even on a 600 the spray looked pretty bad. We all were gutted for Stuart Easton, this was an unfair black mark for the North West as it could have happened anywhere - a bike in front misfires and you're in trouble. A freak accident and one of our top men is out, with a long road back to fitness. He might look like a little boy, but he is a hard nut and he will fight back. We are all looking forward to seeing him back in the paddock.

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