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Silverstone hopes go up in smoke



For the second consecutive year, GWS Motorsport's hopes of a podium result at Silverstone were dashed when a technical problem ruled them out of the Lotus Cup UK's second round at the Northamptonshire track on Sunday 28th April 2013.



The weekend began in promising form when driver pairing Glenn Sherwood and Jamie Stanley were reunited for the first time this season, after Stanley contested the opening event at Snetterton on his own, and set a blistering pace during free practice - ending the 20-minute session just 0.048s off the pace in second place. They were also the quickest competitors in the Lotus Exige Cup class by a significant margin, lapping more than eight seconds quicker than their nearest rival.

Buoyed by their impressive pace, the Winchester squad felt confident heading into qualifying. Sherwood took initial driving honours but had completed just four laps when

an engine failure brought the Lotus Exige to a standstill. Although his early pace was sufficient to secure 15th on the grid for the afternoon's hour-long endurance race, the severity of their engine woes meant GWS Motorsport could take no further part in the weekend.

To add insult to injury, the weekend's events marked the second year in a row that GWS Motorsport did not line up on the grid for the race at Silverstone; a gearbox issue in qualifying prevented them from taking part in 2012's visit to the home of the British Grand Prix. Thankfully, however, these technical issues are few and far between and the team is determined that this second round incident will be a minor hiccup in an otherwise solid season.

Glenn Sherwood, GWS Motorsport driver and team principal, said: "It's heartbreaking to be unable to take part in the race after the team worked so hard to prepare a great car for us, but unfortunately that's just the way it goes sometimes. We'd like to thank all the sponsors and other guests that turned out to cheer us on and we won't be letting our heads drop just because we've had a bit of bad luck. It's early in the season and there's still plenty of time to show the rest of the field what we're made of."

Jamie Stanley, GWS Motorsport driver, added: "I'm gutted for Glenn and the guys that we didn't get to race at Silverstone but sadly these things happen occasionally. I guess after what happened last year, Silverstone just isn't a lucky track for us! What we can take away though is that once again the car had good pace, something we should hopefully be able to convert to podium results as the season goes on."

GWS Motorsport will be back in action at Brands Hatch on Sunday 19th May, when the Lotus Cup UK supports the prestigious DTM German Touring Car Championship.