



## JAMIE STANLEY RACING

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### **GWS MOTORSPORT BATTLE BACK TO HARD FOUGHT FIFTH**



GWS Motorsport fought back from an early setback to claim a well deserved fifth position – and Lotus Exige Cup class victory - in round four of the Lotus Cup UK at Oulton Park, Cheshire, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

The weekend started strongly when the team qualified on the front row in wet conditions at the picturesque Cheshire circuit, just 0.252s shy of the pole position time.



With the sun appearing and the track drying, it was decided that Jamie Stanley, who hails from nearby Chester, would take solo driving honours and the local racer battled surrounding cars to secure third at the end of the opening lap.

A brief safety car period interrupted the early stages of the 75-minute encounter, but Stanley lay in a solid fourth position on lap 12 when unfortunately he was forced to take

avoiding action following an incident ahead, which caused him to spin and dropped the #47 Lotus Exige to the back of the field.

Stanley's spin resulted in the car developing a misfire, which forced him to make an early pit stop and put the team a lap down on the leader - the Cheshire racer rejoining the race in 21<sup>st</sup> place.

Undeterred, Stanley used his extensive circuit knowledge to quickly battle back through the field in the second half of the race. Within ten laps he had climbed into the top ten, setting a blistering pace as he continued to fight his way through the order. By the closing stages he had reached an impressive sixth position, before snatching fifth two corners before the chequered flag.

The squad's overall result also ensured that they clinched victory in the Exige Cup class.

Glenn Sherwood, GWS Motorsport team principal, said: "We made the decision to keep Jamie in the car as it gave the team a better chance to gain more championship points and it was a decision that paid off. The class victory and overall top ten finish gave us the maximum points haul, which was a fantastic result for our key sponsor, GT Radial, and their guests, who were in attendance as it is their home event."

Jamie Stanley, GWS Motorsport driver, added: "The team worked really hard all weekend and it was great to secure class victory as a reward for their efforts. It was unfortunate that the early incident cost us the chance of challenging for an overall podium but it was still a solid result, at a circuit that means such a lot to me."

The Lotus Cup UK now travels to the world-famous Spa Francorchamps circuit in Belgium for the only European round of the season on 11-13<sup>th</sup> July 2013.