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Exige Class Champion

GWS Motorsport is celebrating after clinching a third consecutive Exige Cup class title yesterday (Sunday 27th October) in the final round of the 2013 Lotus Cup UK at Snetterton circuit.



The Winchester squad arrived at the Norfolk track not just leading the Exige Cup competition, but also with a strong chance of taking the overall Lotus Cup UK trophy. Sadly, however, a penalty issued during the race – a two-hour dash into the darkness – shattered the team's hopes of finishing on the podium or overturning the eight-point deficit to standings leader Simon Deacon.

Going into the season finale, GWS Motorsport's driver Jamie Stanley was in a strong position to strike for the title after qualifying third, three places ahead of Deacon.

In a change to proceedings for the final round, race points were awarded at the halfway point, which mean Jamie had to create an advantage of at least nine points within the first hour. Although the Chester-born racer, who now lives in Milton Keynes, maintained his position, Deacon stayed in close contact meaning GWS Motorsport were forced to settle for overall second place.

With the title out of reach, Stanley devoted the second half of the race to securing the squad's third Exige Cup and ending the season with a good result. Any hopes of a final podium were scuppered, though, when GWS Motorsport was issued with a 30 second penalty for a pit stop infringement. This meant they were classified twelfth at the finish – not quite the high they hoped to finish on, but still a good enough result to clinch an Exige Cup hat-trick.

Jamie Stanley, GWS Motorsport driver, said: "It was frustrating not to win the overall title because the team worked so hard, but it was still a great result to take the Exige Cup again. At the end of the day, we know that we've built the fastest Exige in the field for the past three seasons and that's something to be proud of."

Glenn Sherwood, GWS Motorsport team principal, added: "What a great result to walk away with the Exige Cup trophy for the third year in a row. It's been a difficult season at times and perhaps without some bad luck and unfortunate penalties we might have won the overall title, but the Jamie and the rest of the team have done their absolute best and I'm really pleased with the results we've achieved."

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