

## Koyo initiative with Dave Croft of D2 Group

July 11th Silverstone International Race Circuit

Due to the Formula 1 in the preceding 2 weeks there was no practice time available on the international circuit, which subsequently nobody had raced on.

The number of teams racing this weekend had swelled considerably from 45 teams to a heavy and compact 55. From the outset Dave Croft could see that this was going to be a technical and mentally draining race.

With many teams taking part the standard and expectations were high to say the least, due to the considerable presence in riders taking part from the British Super Bike Series.

At the 11th hour due to an urgent health matter Dave Croft's regular team-mate, Giles Cooper was unable to race. Giles stand-in for the race; Allan Yulle was not a seasoned rider,

but was keen and hungry to help the team.

With only 20 minutes of qualifying to put in a good time and familiarise themselves with the circuit, neither rider was confident of starting too high up the pack. With this already against the Team, it soon became apparent that a monumental effort would be needed, after discovering that a technical fault with Teams transponder meant they were relegated to last place on the grid. Over the following 3 hours Croft was forced to both learn the track and technical complexities as well as improve the Teams' overall position. Indeed in his last stint out on track



Croft consistently lapped in times good enough for a top-ten place.

The final position out of the days racing was a respectable and admirable 40th out of 55 teams. A sterling effort considering the class of riders on the track and the Team starting at the back of the grid.

After looking at the race data and once the day had ended, it became apparent that less than 1 lap separated their overall position of achieving a top 30 position.

So thanks goes to Allan Yulle for his contribution to the Team and Koyo for their continued support throughout the series. The next race is the fast-paced track at Cadwell race circuit during this month.

At this point we would like to mention a joint Koyo initiative of

Dave Croft in partially funding the Handstand Charity in their appeal for Marshall Janson. Dave Croft and D2 having kitted out their rider in new race leathers to bring a smile to the youngsters face. Please visit [www.handstand.org.uk](http://www.handstand.org.uk) for any help and support that would be greatly received.

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