



NEW DEAL: Geoff Martin, from H & J Martin, with Kirk Jamison and the Jim Angus Contracts Suzuki

Aghadowey cloud still hanging over Jamison

A CLOUDBURST at Aghadowey in mid-July arguably cost Kirk Jamison the Irish Superbike Championship.

"After finishing second to Alistair Seeley in the 2006 title race I set my sights on going one better this year but it wasn't to be," reflected Jamison. "Still, it has been one of the most competitive championships in recent years," added the 26-year-old Newtownards rider. "Five of us were hating it."

"That day in the wet at Aghadowey was my downfall in every sense of the word. I crashed out when leading the first race and I didn't go out in the second leg."

"Up until that stage I was in with a shout but now, with one round remaining, I'll probably have to settle for fifth."

"The Sunflower incorporates the final round in just under a fortnight's time and after that I have another

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outing as a member of the Irish team at the annual Celtic Match-races in Wales in November."

On his Jim Angus Contracts Suzuki Jamison scored 11-wins including a precious one over Cameron Donald.

"That was at Bishopscourt where I beat Donald in the first Superbike race on easter Saturday," recalled Jamison who was backed throughout the season by his employers, the long established Belfast building contractors, H&J Martin.

A commercial manager within the company, Jamison returned to Croft in Yorkshire hoping to retain the coveted Ken Redfern Trophy.

"I was leading the race right up until the last corner when I was unceremoniously punted off the track but I got going again to finish second," recalled Jamison.

"However, that same weekend I had a doubles in both the Superbike and Supersport classes—it was the first time I had a four-timer."

"Yes, that was probably the highlight of my season even though I had to forfeit the Redfern Trophy."

"I was the first winner at the new Anglesey GP track in Wales where I set the lap record and at East Fortune during the Steve Hislop memorial meeting I had two wins and another lap record."

Looking to the future Jamison is hoping to have a new Suzuki and a 600 Yamaha for next year.

"The Suzuki will be in Superstock trim and that will allow me to take-in some of the British championship



FLASHBACK: Kirk Jamison leads Michael Pearson at Aghadowey

rounds," explained Jamison looks set to have the backing recently formed supporters' club.

"A club has been formed Greyabbey and already fund-raising is underway, hopefully with their I will be able to progress further achieve my goals," added Jamison. "The Irish Superbike title has got to be a priority."

"I will also be returning to Croft East Fortune in Scotland."