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SMITH SNATCHES MITTELRHEIN CUP RACE 3

Rivals caught sleeping after Full Course Yellow

Ryan Smith completed his hat-trick of wins in the Mittelrhein Cup in a dramatic third race on Sunday morning.

David Jenkins – starting from pole position – was looking secure after taking an early lead with only fellow MAN racer Luke Taylor for close company. Smith had meanwhile been fighting his way through heavy traffic after being relegated to row six of the starting grid following a track infringement during Qualifying. The reigning British Champion had soon climbed up to third and was gradually closing down the leaders.

As the race progressed Jenkins briefly lost the lead when he ran wide under braking – but Taylor’s moment of glory was short lived as Jenkins fought back and reversed the positions.

A Full Course Yellow (FCY) situation brought the leading trio closer together as they all circulated at reduced pace. But the turning point of the race came when the green flags were eventually shown and both Jenkins and Taylor were caught napping... with the fully charged Smith passing both in one smart move on the starting straight. “At the re-start David was carefully watching his speed and clearly the engine was off-boost” explained his mechanic brother James. Clearly Taylor was equally off-guard.

Smith – clearly more familiar with the FCY procedure thanks to his numerous FIA European Championship outings – really hit the ground running with his motor on full boost when greeted by the green flags.

GARRETT CONTINUES DIV.2 DOMINANCE

Luke Garrett continued his clean-sweep of BTRA Division 2 victories with another strong performance in his silver MAN – followed home (at some 17 seconds distance) by Craig Reid (Iveco) and Brad Smith (DAF).