

## British Superbike: James “The Rocket” Rispoli Narrowly Avoids Catastrophic Collision; Finishes Strong 7<sup>th</sup> Place

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Daytona, FL After what can only be described as a chaotic race at the Donington Park GP, James “The Rocket” Rispoli escaped a disastrous crash in the opening laps of race two to gain valuable points.

“This is what we train for,” Rispoli remarked. “You must be constantly aware of your

surroundings, while always looking to get ahead of the competition.” Rispoli employed his years of training to eschew what could have been a disaster. “The crash involved a racer directly in front of me as I was dicing my way from a 12<sup>th</sup> position carving my way to the front of the pack. It looked like there were no serious injuries, but it’s always hard seeing fellow bikers get caught up in a massive high-side like that.”

Despite the terrible situation, Rispoli placed 7<sup>th</sup>, putting him in the top 20% for this race. “If it weren’t for the accident, it would have been much easier to place higher. My Team Traction Control Yamaha R6 was strong and running tight as I was taking advantage of the early laps to pass as many riders as I could to get up to the front group. Right now, I’m just thankful that I was able to maneuver my way out of the crash even though it caused me to sit up and lose touch with the lead group.” Rispoli commented. Although there was additional pressure added into the race, Rispoli managed to keep his calm and finish the race as well as one can expect.

Rispoli commented “Next time, I’ll be ready to take the lead right from the get-go and finish stronger. All of my efforts, dedication, and focus is now on Brands Hatch.”