

## JMc Roofing throw Philips a lifeline - by Baylon McCaughey

Former Mondello Masters and Irish Champion, Carl Philips has been thrown a lifeline by local race team, JMcC Roofing for the forthcoming Sunflower Trophy race meeting.



Philips, a podium finisher at last year's meeting began the 2018 season with a superbike ride with Gearlink Kawasaki, despite a top ten finish at Brands Hatch, both Philips and Gearlink went their separate ways.

Following his partnership with Michael Dunlop in 2017, Michael immediately stepped in

with the superstock Suzuki he rode the previous season, with backing from former sponsors, Sandown Racing, however, due to circumstances which we don't need to be reminded of, this partnership was put on hold.



Carl then rode for Morello Racing, and hoped to see the season out with this team, and in doing so, keeping himself in the BSB paddock, unfortunately, a sponsor pulled out, and for Carl, a premature end to the 2018 season.

However in a 360 degree turnaround, Philips has found himself a superbike ride for the end of season Sunflower Trophy race meeting, Thanks to Jason McCaw Roofing, who will run the Lisburn Fitness Equipment Engineer on their ex Hudson Kennaugh/Ryan Farquhar ZX10Kawasaki Superbike.

McCaw Roofing will have three superbikes in action at the Sunflower, with their usual runners, Ryan Gibson and Barry Graham onboard. Gibson currently lies 3rd in the USBK Championship, with superbike rookie Graham in 10<sup>th</sup> place.

Speaking of his delight, Carl had this to say ". Absolutely gob smacked!, I thought my season was over, overwhelmed to receive this offer, I'm grabbing it with both hands,

After being on the podium for the feature race last year, I will be aiming for more of the same this year again, Cant Thank Jason enough for this chance”

Team Owner Jason McCaw,” Carl has had a rather lean season by his standards, he has the ability to mix with the best hopefully, we can help him to be back where he belongs, on the podium again”

### **Information for Competitors & Spectators:**

The Sunflower Trophy race meeting which takes place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October and incorporates the final round of the 2018 USBK Championships. This is a two day event,

#### **Thursday 18th October:**

Competitors will be admitted to the Circuit from 4.00pm, but will NOT be admitted to the Race Paddock until Paddock Marshalls are in place to sort Parking.

Spectators /Motorhomes etc admitted to Circuit after 6.00pm.

#### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Practice and Qualifying will commence @ approx 9.15 AM.

Five Races will take place on Friday afternoon.

#### **Admission Charges;**

Friday ONLY ; £15.00

Saturday ; £ 20.00

ALL Weekend ( inc Motorhomes) £25.00

Children Under 15 ; FREE

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