

INJURY DISASTER SHOCKS HODGSON

Ex-WSB champ crashes his R1 and damages shoulder he wrecked in 2009

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BSB returnee Neil Hodgson faces an uphill struggle to get fit in time for the second British Superbike round after a nightmare crash at Brands Hatch.

The Motorpoint Yamaha rider was flicked over the highside of his R1 and landed heavily on the same shoulder he all-but destroyed in a motocross accident last year.

Hodgson had a series of operations to repair the rotator cuff he badly damaged training in America and admitted the shoulder felt weak even before the crash. When he returned from the Brands medical centre he could not even lift his arm and said: "As soon as I leave here I've got to plan how I can get this fixed." Hodgson wasn't prepared to speculate how long the recovery process might take. **Full story on page 61**



Hodgson is fired out of the seat of his Motorpoint Yamaha



Hodgson lands hard on the shoulder he wrecked last year



Edmeades and his KTM take off



Bike hits Tarmac, rider goes up...



...and up... in a horrifying highside



Crash fractured Edmeades' wrist

Meet BSB's Lorenzo

BSB Evo rider James Edmeades suffered a highside that would rival one of Jorge Lorenzo's famed crashes. The Redline KTM rider touched the white line on Cooper Straight during second free practice and was sent into orbit. He suffered a fractured wrist but was back at the circuit on race day after an operation to repair the injury. He's aiming to be back in action at Oulton Park on May 3.

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