



Johnny Mowlem

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MOWLEM: FROM MARATHON 26 TO LE MANS 24

LONDON (April 19, 2011) – It's the life of a professional sports man, moving from one major event to another, and that is the plan for endurance star Johnny Mowlem this week.

Mowlem raised over two thousand British pounds for the children's cancer charity CLIC Sargent when he competed in last weekend's London Marathon. Sunday he continues preparations for another world class endurance event, the 24 Hours of Le Mans sports car race.

"Yes, I did the running in the Marathon," Mowlem said, "But all credit goes to my sponsors for supporting the effort to keep the funds coming to CLIC Sargent, the Children's cancer charity. That's especially true of my friends at the Seven Roses Pub in Lower Early, Reading."

This year's event was the second London Marathon for Mowlem. He recorded a personal best time when he finished in three hours, 57 minutes. He was the 1,368th member of his age group to finish and was among the top 20 percent of the 36,500 starters overall. "To be honest even though I was way better prepared this year and had trained quite a bit, I found this year's race much more difficult compared to last year! Maybe because it was quite a lot warmer than last year. Most of my friends running it said they felt it was harder as well and I

certainly saw a lot more people being stretched away than I did last year! I'm just pleased I made it in under four hours otherwise I would have had to do it all again next year!"

Next up is Sunday's test day for Le Mans entrants. Mowlem will be driving a factory Lotus as the car maker returns to the classic motor race. Mowlem is a factory development and racing driver for Lotus alongside James Rossiter, and they will be sharing the car at the test days and then the classic race in mid June.

"Obviously, I'll go a little faster at Le Mans than I did in London," Mowlem grinned. "But the preparation basics are the same: Your concentration needs to be well focused and you must be aware of the surroundings. At Le Mans I'll be working with the Lotus and Jet Alliance teams and so I'll have the added responsibility of understanding what the car tells me and translating that data to the engineers. The challenge of racing at Le Mans is like no other race in the world and I'm looking forward to the weekend."

For both Johnny Mowlem and James Rossiter it is a great honour that as British factory drivers they are part of the package that sees Lotus return back to the iconic race that is the Le Mans 24 hours.

"It is always a real pleasure to drive at Le Mans always and I have been fortunate enough to do the race seven times before," said Mowlem "but to drive for a car manufacturer with the racing heritage that Lotus has, will make this race a very special one for me."

Rossiter added "I am delighted to make my Le Mans debut with such an amazing brand as Lotus, and I look forward to working with Johnny and getting to grips

with a race circuit that I have always wanted to drive".

Part of the Le Mans circuit includes public roads and so pre-event testing at the track is limited to Sunday's availability.

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