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**BASINGSTOKE** superkart racer Ben Willshire enjoyed a double victory in the 125cc BSA National Superkart Championship at Mallory Park.

Maximum top speed performance was the key on the day and, despite suffering a puncture during the 20-minute qualifying session, Willshire managed to secure pole position, beating defending champion Danny Butler by just 0.3 seconds.

In race one, Willshire lost out to Butler on lap one but regained his composure to keep the pressure on the leader. Then, with seven laps remaining, Willshire pulled off a fine move to pass Butler down the long straight and, with the second-placed man losing power in the closing stages, the Basingstoke driver held on to win by 11.6sec.

In race two, Willshire started from the front of the grid and was able to comfortably lead the race in the opening stages.

Butler was always near by though and he

# Puncture can't slow Ben down

momentarily took the lead by taking advantage of some back markers – but it wasn't to last long as Willshire was able to get back ahead and take another win by 9.4sec at the flag.

He also set the fastest lap of the race with a time of 48.486sec at an average speed of 100.23mph.

Willshire's maximum points haul at Mallory Park moved him up to fourth position in the Championship and he will look to build on this momentum in the next meeting, at Oulton Park on May 28.



● Ben Willshire, right, in action at Mallory Park.