



TITLE TILT: Des Thresh in action at Brands Hatch.

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Des revs to class win

HUNTINGDON driver Des Thresh believes this could be his year to lift the Kumho BMW Championship.

The 46-year-old got off to the perfect start at the weekend, taking two class wins and a joint lead of the overall championship after the season-opener at Brands Hatch.

With racing divided into classes A, B, C and D, Thresh is gunning for the B Class title, and the overall eight-round championship.

Thresh finished second in B Class and overall last year, his first full year of competition, and believes he can go one better this year. After a hard off-season securing sponsors to support his campaign, Thresh said he is in good shape for a title bid.

"I came so close last year, but we suffered three engine failures which cost us in the end.

"With the experience I got from last year, and the new car I have, we're really going to give it a good shot," said Thresh.

"I'm in it to win it, and come the end of the

season I think I should be there or thereabouts."

Despite missing out on the championship last year, Thresh picked up the award for "Most Entertaining Driver", but said he hoped to have learned from his mistakes.

"I think I won the award because of my driving style – I like to have a go and the car I had last year was very lively, but this year I will be trying to change it a little bit to give myself a better chance in the championship.

"This year, I know exactly what I have to do."

At Brands Hatch on Saturday, Thresh qualified 16th on the grid for the first race, and cut his way through the field to take first in B Class and 12th overall behind 11 Class A finishers.

He started from 12th on Sunday and held his place until the flag for another class win, despite suffering handbrake trouble on the opening lap.

Thresh continues his championship challenge at Silverstone on May 8 and 9.