



Season Review

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE FOR DEANO'S MAIDEN YEAR

2003 SEASON IN REVIEW

What a year it has been for Dean Bonthorne. Jumping straight into the national series in his first EVER year on a racing motorcycle was considered far too ambitious by many. However, Deano responded by instantly delivering unexpectedly high results. But it must be racing's unfathomable mix of highs and lows that has made the strongest impression on this rookie racer.



The lows such as injuries leading to missed events, a number of DNFs beyond his control and grappling for funds to travel interstate could be enough to prematurely end this racing career if it wasn't for the immense highs. Standouts include leading the pack in his first ever race (until the last few metres where he slowed to wave!), a fifth placing at his first national meeting (despite not expecting to qualify in the top 40) and shattering laps times at the prestigious Stars of Tomorrow event.

This thrill, combined with the adventure of travelling to new racetracks around the country and meeting the amazing breed of human that makes up the motorcycle racing community, means that Deano will be back for more in 2004. And be assured, he'll be using his inaugural year's experience to be even more professional and determined than ever when the season starts again in February 2004.

2003 HIGHLIGHTS:

- 6th : SAASC Rd1 - Superstock Overall (7th, 5th & 9th in first NATIONAL race)
- 10th : SAASC Rd 5 - Superstock Race 2
- 2nd : Stars of Tomorrow Final - Superstock
- 10th : Stars of Tomorrow Final - Overall
- 3rd : Rd1 Victorian Titles - Superstock
- 4th : Victorian Title Championship - Superstock
- 2nd : Interclub Rd1 - Novice over 350cc (First EVER race)
- 3rd : B&C Club Championships - Novice Over 500cc
- 3rd : Hartwell Club Rd 3 - Novice Over 500cc
- 2nd : Hartwell Club Rd 3 - Novice 600cc

Best Presented : SAASC Rd 3 - Superstock
Best Presented : Stars of Tomorrow - Overall



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