



## ***Race Report***

**Victorian Titles – Round Two  
Reg Hunt Park, Broadford (VIC),  
1<sup>st</sup> August 2004**

## **SUPERB SECOND IN VICTORIAN TITLES FINAL!**

With a top five-goal for the final round of the all-important Victorian Titles, Dean Bonthorne came away with a fantastic second placing on the weekend which cemented his second overall for the title! The result was all the more rewarding with highly impressive lap times in only his third visit to the Broadford complex, plus the thrill of leading a race for the first time – Something he is determined to experience again in the very near future!



### **QUALIFYING : 2<sup>nd</sup> SStk, Best Lap 1:03.22**

After a best time of 1:04.74 in the first qualifier saw Dean in 4<sup>th</sup> position, he tried a gearing and suspension change that delivered consistent 1:03.2's in the following two sessions - Enough for a fantastic second grid placing.

### **RACE ONE: 2<sup>nd</sup> SStk, Best Lap 1:02.56 (L3 of 6)**

On the front row, ahead of some 26 competitors, Deano's first race start in two months was not up to standard – resulting in a significant wheelstand which allowed several riders through. But charging into the first corner, he settled into a third placing. Over the next two laps he chased hard and caught the leading two riders, soon passing for second place in an impressive Turn One out-braking maneuver. Quickly on the heels of the leader, he searched for a point of advantage, but after an unnerving tyre-slip from acceleration Deano gladly took the second placing and his brilliant best-ever time in the mid 62s – The fastest lap of the race by any competitor.

### **RACE TWO : 2<sup>nd</sup> SStk, Best Lap 1:02.60 (L5 of 5 at declaration)**

The first Sunday race began with a delayed starting light, which allowed Deano's mind to wander and slow his reaction time, resulting in a disappointing sixth position by the first turn. But only half a lap later the race was red-flagged due to a nasty four-bike accident in the opening corner. The restart was marginally better, with Dean third in the first lap and quickly gaining second place before chasing after the leader. But again the race was red-flagged due to an accident with a bike blocking the track, and the results declared after 5 laps of the planned 10.

### **RACE THREE: 2<sup>nd</sup> SStk, Best Lap 1:02.16 (L5 of 10)**

After discussion on launch techniques with a few seasoned riders, Bonthorne tried an all-new starting style which immediately paid off, with the Suzuki rider leading the field for the opening three laps. Having never lead a race before, adrenaline soared and focus diminished, resulting in a basic gear change mistake at Turn Three and the lead to be lost. But determined to push hard for his first ever race win, Deano was right up the pipe of the leader with a scorching 1:02.16 lap, until his brakes faded from the extreme braking at the end of the front straight, unable to pull him up in time to apex... and nearly run off the track. With a handful of laps remaining the leader was long gone, but Dean was absolutely wrapped with the huge performance delivering an awesome second placing in the state's senior event!

**NEXT MEETING:** Hartwell Motorcycle Club Championship, Round Four, Phillip Is. (VIC) 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August 2004.



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