



## ***Race Report***

Interclub Series – Round Three  
Broadford (VIC), 19<sup>th</sup> September 2004

## **1ST EVER RACE WIN TOPS OFF AWESOME DAY!**

The first race win of any competitor is always a memorable and adrenaline-pumping feeling. And Dean Bonthorne's first ever race victory in the finale of a hugely fun race Sunday was no exception! With the glorious sunshine a stark contrast to the previous week's Phillip Island hail, Deano was on a roll all day, delivering solid times in each of the 6 races, to also be first-placed C-grade 600 and enjoying giving some A and B-grade riders a bit of a hurry up!

### **SANDRINGHAM RACE 1: 3rd, Best Lap 1:04.97 (L4 of 4)**

With almost two months having passed since Deano was at Broadford last, it took a while to convince his brain that he had the super-sticky Pirelli tyres under his wheels, not road rubber and ice! So when he worked his way from 7<sup>th</sup> and got stuck behind the slower rider in second place, he didn't push his limits as third in the field of 31 machines was still very welcome!



### **SUPERSPORT RACE 1: 3rd, Best Lap 1:03.64 (L2 of 5)**

Starting from 5<sup>th</sup>, Deano was straight into 4<sup>th</sup> and a lap later passed for 3<sup>rd</sup> place behind a pair of A and B-grade 600cc riders. But hot on his heels was an arch-rival C-grader who is famous for wild overtaking maneuvers, Deano responded by braking exceptionally hard and late whilst protecting his line, so the only way past was around the outside (Yes, the 'crazy-man' even tried that, but to no avail!) The plan worked and #66 crossed the line 3<sup>rd</sup> of 35!

### **CLUB SHIELD RACE 1: 9th, Best Lap 1:03.62 (L8 of 8)**

Being one of the top 3 in his Club Race, Dean was selected to represent Sandringham Club, competing for points against the top 3 riders from the other 5 clubs present – A great honour indeed! And he did the club proud, gradually moving from 16<sup>th</sup> on the grid that was mostly 1000cc Superbikes up to the top 10, including a fantastic dice with a slick-shod Yamaha R1 Superbike during the final laps.

### **SUPERSPORT RACE 2: 3rd, Best Lap 1:03.26 (L5 of 5)**

This time starting from the front row of the huge field of 35 600cc machines, Deano's launch was perfection, sling-shotting him into the lead for the first two corners before a powerful A-grade supersport bike snuck past, followed by an also-more-powerful B-grade Supersport a lap later. But Dean was matching them for speed in the corners and showing an advantage under braking, meaning they did not pull away from the Superstock GSX-R600 in the manner expected, with just over two bike lengths the difference over the line after five laps. A great result!

### **CLUB SHIELD RACE 2: 7th, Best Lap 1:02.76 (L6 of 8)**

His impressive performances all day meant that the Club moved Deano forward on the grid for the second heat of the 'long' 8-lap Shield event. Again he responded to the challenge with his fastest times of the day, mostly 1:02s, as he actually caught two of the mega-powerful Superbikes to the point where they were visibly holding him up in corners, but simply roared away on the straights with a 60hp advantage! One more lap would have most certainly resulted in Deano out-braking at least one of them, but a top 6 Shield result for a 'mere' Superstock was fantastic.

### **SANDRINGHAM RACE 1: 3rd, Best Lap 1:03.62 (L3 of 4)**

The final race of the day was without question the most memorable. Again starting from the front row, Deano capitalised on his successful new starting technique and was first into Turn 1 by several lengths. With nothing but clear track ahead and no faster riders to 'follow', Dean ramped up his focus and dished up a series of smooth, fast, consistent laps that meant his lead was unchallenged as he greeted a virgin checkered flag for the first time in his racing career. A big celebratory mono to his mates in the crowd was a fitting salute to a great day at the racetrack.

**NEXT MEETING:** B&C Clubman Championship Round 4, Broadford (VIC) 26<sup>th</sup> September 2004.



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