



Race Report

B&C Clubman Series – Round Four
Broadford (VIC), 26th September 2004

SENSATIONAL SECOND SECURE IN CLUBMAN SERIES

With one round remaining in the five-round B&C Grade Clubman Championship, Dean Bonthorne has managed to secure an unbeatable second place in his Superstock Class! His third race meeting is as many weeks also saw him on record pace at Victoria's Broadford circuit, with his fastest ever times at the tight track and plenty of enjoyable dicing with higher-ranked competitors. But think again if you predict he'll not be putting in 110% at the final round of the series in late October! Racing is not always just about points!



QUALIFYING, 2nd SStk, Best Lap 1:02.79

Although it had only been a week since Deano last punted around Broadford, he did not quite have it head together for the opening qualifier, turning slower times (1.05s), running off into the grass and abandoning the session early out of self disgust. After giving himself a good talking to and fitting some fresh Pirelli SuperCorsa tyres he went back out and was instantly on his fastest ever pace, breaking into the 1.02s for 2nd in class and 6th of all the 600s, including A & B graders present.

RACE 1: 2nd SStk, Best Lap 1:02.74 (L8 of 8)

From the second row, with higher-grade Supersport machines surrounding him, Deano's textbook launch off the line put him fifth overall in the hunt through Turn 1. Immediately showing strong pace, he was actually being held up by a B-grade Supersport rider and spent two laps desperately trying to find away past, despite a power deficiency. With a perfect run through Turn One he found much higher speed on the back straight, and was forced to upshift due to redlining the GSX-R600. This speed got him past the B-grader, but was too great to pull up the Suzuki in time for the blind 'Crash Corner' and Deano ran straight ahead off the track. Keeping it upright, he furiously rejoined the track and managed to catch and pass a group of riders for 7th overall and 2nd Superstock.

RACE 2: 2nd SStk, Best Lap 1:02.39 (L6 of 8)

Determined to make up for his earlier off-track excursion, Deano put on his most intent 'race face' and made another solid start to again be fifth in the pack behind the same B-grader. This time a clean pass was made quickly and he tacked onto the back of the leading trio as the remainder of the field was left behind. Working hard in the relatively long race, Dean was stoked to be on the back wheel of this leading group which consisted of an A-grader, B-grader and another lightning-fast Superstock. He was rewarded with laps times all in the 1.02s, the majority of which all beating his previous best times at that circuit. This along with enough points to secure second place in the championship was very satisfying indeed.

NEXT MEETING: B&C Clubman Series, Broadford (VIC) 31st October 2004.



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