



Race Report

DEANO'S WINNING STREAK WRAPS UP CLUBMAN FINAL!

**B&C Clubman Series – Round Five (FINAL)
Broadford (VIC), 21 November 2004**

Continuing his exceptional form of late, Dean Bonthorne went to the final B&C Clubman Series round with second place in the championship already locked away. But on the newly resurfaced racetrack he was on a mission to prove a point and succeeded, coming away with a race win, pole position, a new lap record and the best results of any 600cc machine present. The perfect way to wrap up the five-round championship!



QUALIFYING, 1st SStk, Best Lap 1:02.76

With a brand new surface, track grip is often an issue, so initial qualifying laps were with some degree of trepidation, particularly with a two-bike accident narrowly missing Deano's Suzuki. But he quickly adapted to the smoother new surface, delivering a time that put his C-grade Superstock bike on the front row with A & B Grade Supersport machines!

RACE 1: 1st SStk, Best Lap 1:01.65 (L2 of 7)

Taking advantage of his successful new starting technique, Deano launched from the grid in race one and lead the pack to the first turn until, as expected, a high-powered A-grade Supersport bike (excluded from competition points) passed on exit and stormed away. But Deano chased hard after him, remarkably keeping in touch. In the process he set a new Superstock lap record and increased the gap behind, which grew to a huge five-second margin with two laps left. Wanting to play it safe and ensure the win, he backed off the pace slightly for the closing laps, still greeting the chequered flag with several seconds to spare.

RACE 2: 2nd SStk, Best Lap 1:01.4XX (LX of 7)

Race one again saw Dean get the holeshot from the grid, even from the guest A-grader, until the expensive Supersport machine passed Bonthorne's GSX-R600 on the back straight. Again chasing hard, but with a smaller gap behind, Deano began to suffer from front tyre problems, losing the front end in several slides on the virgin track surface. Grip also caught out the A-grader who crashed just ahead, forcing Deano to lose time avoiding the fallen bike and rider while others closed in. With just over one lap remaining, Dean experienced a major two-wheel slide, with the back coming around & pushing him way off line. In the process a rider slipped through the wide gap and sped away, protecting his lead to the finish line. Although annoyed to miss out on a double-win that was so close, Deano was stoked with the weekend's result and looks forward to more of the same at the final race of 2004 on December 5th.

FINAL 2004 RACE: Interclub Series Round 4 (Final), Broadford (VIC) 5th December 2004.



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