

RACE REPORT

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Race Report – Port Elizabeth 26th May 2008

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After 3 rounds things just keep on getting better and better...

The 3rd round of the SA CitiBike National Superbikes was held in P.E. on the 26 April and what a day it was!

Friday did not go according to plan in the first practise session with Sheridan posting the second fastest lap time of the day and Clinton on top. Chris was to follow him in 3rd for this session.

After a bit of deliberation and head scratching (considering that the team had tested here a few weeks earlier and had the perfect setup), it was eventually discovered that the rear axle was slightly out of alignment on Sheridan's bike. This would cause the bike to be difficult to steer through the faster corners of which there are a few.

Once cured and fixed up the situation reverted back to normal. With Shez topping the timing sheets throughout all of Friday - the team worked harder on their already great setup. Both Shez and Cazz posted their fastest lap times in their last sessions on the older rubber when the rest of the field were going a lot slower.

Qualifying on Saturday morning had the team pretty happy with an all front row for the two riders, but Shez and father Ricky Morais, (chief mechanic) were not satisfied after qualifying 2nd behind Clint Seller. They both explained: "We are not worried, just ticked off." Shez had struggled with

traffic throughout the whole of qualifying and was certain that POLE should have been his.....

Cazz was happy to be on the front row in 3rd position and put in a great time of a 1:01,8 and was only 0,4 off of pole position.

Race 1

Race 1 saw Greg Gildenhuis grab the holeshot with Shez in 2nd and Cazz in 7th or 8th (he truly likes to give himself hard work and challenges with his lousy starts). When the field came around to complete lap 1 of 13 Shez blew past the immaculate Honda of Greg's and went on to lead the rest of the race and take the win by some margin.

Chris had a slightly more exciting race on his hands after getting a poor start and pulled a great pass at the end of the pit straight on not 1 but 2 of the top national riders at the same time. He then set out to stalk the #61 Yamaha of Clint Sellar for 3rd place, he managed to close Sellar down but ran out of time to snatch 3rd from him.

So a hard fought 4th for Chris was banked for Heat 1 and a fantastic **win** for Shez.

Race 2

Race 2 saw the Honda of Greg fly off the start line like a scolded cat and take the holeshot again with Shez 2nd and Cazz 4th.

At the start of lap 2 Greg outbreaked himself into turn 1 and he crashed right in front of Shez who went on to win his 6th race in a row!!!!

Young Cazz past and left Sellar for dead to give Emtek Kawasaki their 1st 1, 2 overall result for the season.

Cazz therefore ended the day second overall and Shez first overall which was a fantastic end to the weekend.

It must be mentioned that the top seven riders all qualified under the lap record on the Saturday morning. Throughout Race 1 the lap record was broken consistently by three separate riders with Clint Sellar on his Lenovo Yamaha, landing up with the outright lap record (the fastest time ever recorded on two wheels at Aldo).

Well Done Clinton!

The EmTek riders wish to thank the efforts of the members of the Team including Ricky Morais as well as all those who made the journey to support the riders.

They also wish to send a HUGE THANK YOU to the Teams **sponsors** without whom none of this would have been possible.

The ultra fast East London Grand Prix is next and the team look forward to giving 100% again for another 1,2! (We cannot wait to see what the GPS speeds of the new Kawasaki is going through Rifle Range corner – whoopee).

See you all there on the 7th June 2008.

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