

RACE REPORT

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Race Report – Kyalami 05th July 2008

ANOTHER GREAT WEEKEND

CAN ANYONE STOP SHEZ AT THE MOMENT

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Friday Practice

Friday practice started off great, just like every other Friday practice. Shez was quickest with a 1:44.9 and Chris running a strong 6th after posting a 1:46.4. Sheridan's form continued throughout practice and by the last session he was around a full second quicker than second place and still doing high 1 min 44's. Chris was 7th for the day and convincingly showed that improvement was in place for race day.

Most of the day was spent around gearing and testing for tyre wear.

Saturday Qualifying

Qualifying went well even though Shez pitted after only two qualifying laps, in an attempt to save his tyres for the race. He was 2nd for heat 1 and in **pole** for heat 2.

Unfortunately qualifying did not go quite according to plan for Chris. He qualified 9th and was just 1.6 seconds off the pace... so it was really close (albeit below lap record pace).

However for the qualifying session what was of most importance was the fact that the top 10 qualifiers were all below the lap record pace which means

that a whole lot of homework has been done by the competitor teams. Nobody in the race paddock has sat back and rested on their laurels.

Some interesting Stats

At the opening round of the season the lap record was set in the race at a 1:45,116 by Sheridan Morais.

So here are the times for this event (same meeting and virtually the same weather conditions):

| Rider | Team | Times |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Clinton Sellar | Lenovo Team Yamaha | 1:43,906 |
| Sheridan Morais | EmTek Racing Kawasaki | 1:44,176 |
| Arushan Moodley | Snickers Anassis Suzuki | 1:44,695 |
| Robert Portman | Sinotec Suzuki | 1:44,726 |
| Christopher Leeson | EmTek Racing Kawasaki | 1:45,485 |

This truly shows the commitment of ALL the teams that are competing in the National Superbike Championship.

Heat 1

A really slow start for the Shez Show, left him down in 5th place at the end of lap 1. A great battle ensued for the next 4 laps. Shez made his move going into Club House as well as Wesbank Corner and battled past Arushan Moodley, Robert Portman and Shawn Whyte. By this stage Clinton had opened up a 3 second gap to the rest of the field.

Now it was Clinton Sellar to be hunted down and Clint has some 3 second advantage. As you can imagine Ricky and the rest of the team's nerves were finished as they rooted Shez on. Never mind Mom Michelle, who was in an absolute state of collapse at this stage.

Clinton and Shez had an awesome battle which resulted in some very close racing as the following pictures show.



Shez and Clinton on Lap 8 wanting to kiss and make-up

Having simply put his head down and wrung the guts out of the Kawasaki, some awesome lap times were recorded by Shez, who went on to take the win.

A new lap record of **1:43.688** was set in the process by Shez – held by himself by 1.5 seconds.

To put this into perspective this would have put Sheridan in 6th place in the last round of the World Superbike held at Kyalami in 2002 (and this on a road bike with road tyres).

Unfortunately Chris was taking some strain compared to his recent results and finished 7th for heat 1, still putting in some impressive lap times and once again showing how well he has adapted to the new ZX10 having come from the 600's.

It has to be said in his defence a lot of riders have favourite tracks and some have “unpleasant tracks” and Kyalami is just such a track for Chris (actually his “team mate” in the satellite, old timers EmTek Kawasaki ZX10 team, Gilbert Parsons, also has a distinct dislike for this track)

Race 2

The first part of race 2 saw Shez and Chris both get off the line like scolded cats. Shez charged off into the lead with Chris following hot on his heels and was up to 5th position in the opening lap.

Unfortunately race 2 saw Clinton Sellar take a nasty tumble on lap 1 into Sunset, and after 2 laps the race was red flagged after Duane Scully was injured coming off into the exact same corner being Sunset.

The restart saw the race being run the full distance as the first two laps did not count. However this allowed Clinton Sellar to try his luck again on his spare bike – however according to the rules he had to start from pit lane and basically hoped to score some valuable points for the heat.

Thereafter it was all about trying to take another double, and Shez did just that. Arushan took second, Shaun Whyte 3rd and our very own Chris Leeson a fantastic finish in 4th after fighting it out with Greg Gildenhuys, Rob Portman and Tertius de Lange.



Our Christopher ahead of the pack in Heat 2

Shez heads towards Phakisa with a 93 point lead over Sellar and Chris is in 4th

Other news items

EmTek wishes to express its sincere thanks to **Menno Parsons** and NAC for providing the fantastic aerial video footage as shown on the Wesbank Super Series.

Another great announcement is the following two sponsors that have come on board to assist the team for the rest of this year and they are:



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Some Candid Kodak Moments



Team Race Technician (centre) Ricky Morais with riders Shez (right) and Chris (left).



Team Transporter that has been pimped by the Race Engineer Ricky Morais

Looking forward to the next round at Phakisa on the 9th of August

..... Watch out for the Flying Kawasaki's

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