



Race Report – National 4th May (Zwartkops)

Another podium finish for Yamaha!!

After a very successful race weekend in Port Elizabeth recently, there was a lot of pressure on the team to produce the goods at Zwartkops this past weekend at the Super Series. Well, that's exactly what happened, Team Emtek Yamaha in the form of Dean Vos rode two superb races and achieved 2nd overall for the day in the 600cc Supersport class. After laying off through injury in Port Elizabeth, he was determined to put that behind him and show his true talent.

The rest of the team had a good weekend with Dylan White finishing 4th overall & Rob Portman finishing 6th overall in the Superbike class. Janine Mitchell finished 13th overall in the Supersport class.

It was a great to have Rob Portman back racing again after his crash at Kyalami and despite not being fully fit showed his determination to get back to racing ways again. Dylan White is improving with every race and with more time in the seat will see him challenging for a podium shortly. Janine Mitchell came back very strongly on Race Day despite a crash on Friday afternoon she showed grit & determination and not let the crash get to her.

Ricky Morais – Technical Director:

Zwartkops was a telling event for me, as there is now light at the end of the tunnel. The riders are getting to grips with their awesome Yamaha's and the whole team is starting to gel nicely.

Between now & the next event we have some testing sessions planned so as to continue in the same manner and as we begin to understand the synergy between rider & machine, we fully expect to increase our success rate with the Yamaha's and to put them back on top where they belong!

Dylan White – R1:

The weeks leading up to the race at Zwartkops we found a few things on my R1 that I was confident were gonna get us close to the podium.

Friday practice came and I found myself struggling to get to grips with the track as I hadn't been on my R1 since PE and it was my first time around Zwartkops on the big 1000cc bike but with the great team that I have we slowly got the setup right and with a few pointers from my team mate and Ricky Morais my chief engineer, I felt comfortable and ready to race!!

Qualifying I was on it and feeling great after doing 2 fast laps I came in did my tyre pressures and as I wanted to go see if I could put my R1 on the front row the session got red flagged so I had to settle with 5th for race 1 and 4th for race 2 just ahead of my team mate Rob Portman.

Race 1

With the pace I had in qualifying I was feeling good for the race and a top 3 but my start eluded me and I had to slot into 5th just behind Rob, I manage to pass him at the end of lap 1 but I had already lost the tow of the front 3 unfortunately and had to settle for a lonely race but managed to get my first 4th place on my Emtek Torquesure Yamaha of the season which was a positive for me and the Team!

Race 2

For the first time this year start from the front row which was exciting and gave me a little more confidence for the race. My start 2nd time round was blitz slotting into 4 out of turn 2 I knew I could hang with the front guys I just needed a bit of a tow, but we made some changes between races and it caught me a bit off guard as the bike was now turning in like a Moto GP bike causing me to make a mistake in turn 5 going up the hill and got passed by the factory BMW which saw me once again in 5th position and I slowly lost the tow off 4th place, which I then got a little bit of pressure from my team mate in 6th but managed to get a rhythm and a gap towards the end of the race!

Overall the weekend was a good one for myself and the team, we were satisfied and worked well together and found a few areas where we need some work to be done but with such a professional outfit as the guys from Emtek Racing and Yamaha I have no doubt that I will be getting that podium soon on my Emtek Torquesure Yamaha R1!

A massive shout out to every one of our sponsors that came out to the track and supported us, to my dad and everyone involved in the team without you guys it would be near to impossible to be I where am!!

Ciao Dylan "The gambler" White



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Rob Portman – R1:

It has been a long road to recovery after my big accident at Kyalami at the end of Feb but I finally made it back on track at round 4 of the SA SBK National 1000cc championship held at Zwartkops.

I had not done much riding on my EmTek Racing Yamaha R1 so I was really rusty and my fitness and strength was also nowhere near where it needs to be. I only have 60% use of my left lung that was damaged in the crash so I was struggling to breathe on the bike. My ribs were also still tender so I did not have as much movement as I would like on the bike.

The Friday practice sessions went well. I did not worry too much about setup but rather about just getting some time in the seat and not burning myself out. I managed 5th fastest at the end of the Friday practice which I was no to unhappy about.

Saturday morning qualifying did not go the way I wanted it to go. I ended up 6th fastest so I made some changes to the bike to try and make it a bit easier for me to handle. My body was starting to feel it and my strength and energy was slowly fading. It was really hot on the day which did not help and I was carrying a bit of flu so my already drained body was just getting worse as the day went on.

Race One, I managed to get a great start in race one as was up to 3rd place heading into turn 2. I did not have the strength to brake as hard and as late as I would like. I soon dropped back to 5th place just behind my team-mate Dylan White. I managed to hold onto his tail for around 8 laps before I started to fade. My body was going into shock and I was really battling to breathe and hold onto the bike. I was forced to slow my pace down which saw me drop back to 6th where I would finish.

Race Two and another great start. I again found myself behind Dylan but this time had a bit more pace than him. Unfortunately I just didn't have the strength to pass him so I just had to sit behind. I would again be forced to drop back due to lack of fitness, strength and lung capacity but managed another 6th place finish.

I am glad to have finally competed and finished a race this season and have some good points in the bag. My season starts now and I am determined to get my fitness and strength back. We have just over a month before the next race so I am going to be hitting the gym and motocross track big time in order to get my race craft and fitness back.

A big thanks to all my sponsors and team for all the support and not giving up on me even in the darkest times. Bobby Idol is back and is ready to get back to winning ways!!!



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Dean Vos – R6:

I couldn't wait to get back into the groove of things especially after my knee injury.

Friday practice consisted of me trying to get comfortable again; we had to move the controls around on my bike a lot. After a hard days practice the team and myself managed to find a setup that I was happy with.

First thing Saturday morning the team and I discussed a great qualifying strategy which definitely worked for me.

Race One: I had a great start and was second into turn two, over the next few laps Cam and I managed to pull a nice gap on the rest of the pack unfortunately disaster struck and the race was red flagged which meant a full ten lap restart.

I had a great start again and was third into turn two - the whole race was extremely close and I managed to secure a 2nd position, which I was very happy with.

Race Two: I had another good start but was over taken in turn two which left me in fourth place. I fought hard throughout out the race and managed to pass Brent. Crossing the line just behind Nic gave me 3rd.

It was a great weekend and thank you to Naton Holdings, Tony, Robyn, Ricky and the entire team for all their hard work and help.

Thanks to our sponsors - Yamaha, Torquesure, SBK Eyewear, Shoei, Motul, ETR.

If it weren't for all these people as well as the support from fans none of this would be possible so a very big thank you.

See you @ the next one!

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Janine Mitchell – R6:

Round 4 of the Super Series took place at Zwartkops raceway; finally we got to Race at a local track and one of my favourite tracks. It was an eventful weekend for me, despite this I can still say after this weekend I still hold the record for the fastest lap time amongst the ladies.

Friday practice went very well and bad at the same time, each session I kept on improving except for the last session when I decided to try the wrong gear going into the last turn which put me on the floor and injuring my poor bike and taking some bashes myself. However, I have the best team and they managed to fix it that night, getting me back into the swing of things for race day.

Race day arrived and after having an ice pack on my knee and getting clearance from the medics I was ready for the day. Qualifying didn't go the way I'd hoped, my bike had an oil leak so I did not have the best Qualifier.

I knew that I had to put my head down for Race 1 as I was at the back of the grid and as those lights went off, I did exactly that, after the 2nd lap I had already moved up from 16th to 12th, which unfortunately didn't last long because we had to restart as a result of a red flag but I still managed to finish 12th.

Race 2 went very well; I had a proper race with the one of the Kawasaki's ahead of me with both of us passing each other constantly throughout the race. He managed to take me at the hairpin on the last lap which I wasn't happy but that's racing.

I was very happy after the roller coaster weekend I had, and managing to finish 13th overall.

Team Emtek Yamaha had a Fantastic weekend. I would just like to give a Big thanks to My Fiancé for helping me get right for the race after my crash, my Team for all their hard work and my Family for all their support!!

Till the next Race! LM #79



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