



Race Report – Super Series 5 October (Killarney – Cape Town)

The Emtek Yamaha race team made the long haul to Cape Town this past weekend to participate in the penultimate race for the 2013 season. As most of us know, the weather can be so unpredictable in the Mother City, and true to form it certainly was. However, we could not change what the elements threw at us, it was what we had and it was the same for everyone. It was typical Cape Town weather, very windy on both days which made it very difficult for the riders. The only fortunate thing was that the wind kept the rain away, however, it did threaten on the morning of race day.

It was a race weekend which provided a lot of exciting racing in both classes but in particular the Supersport class which was exceptionally close racing right to the finish line. Even the Superbikes provided some close racing particularly in the middle of the field.

Janine was not available as she was attending a training camp at Albacete Race Track in Spain. We then invited one of the local riders, Nicholas van der Walt to be a guest rider in her place and he did a fantastic job on his first time ever on a Yamaha R6.

A huge thanks to Ricky and his technical staff who put in an enormous effort to make sure the bikes were ready to race after the escapades of Zwartkops.

We look forward to the final race taking place at Red Star Raceway at Delmas area in Gauteng. It will be an all bike race day so it should be very exciting.

Ricky Morais – Technical Director:

Cape Town Nationals at Killarney has come and gone, just like that, almost like our season so far. The weekend dawned with a new rider joining us in the form of Nick VD Walt who is currently leading his championship on points at Killarney. He joined us as Janine was attending a ladies riding school at Albacete in Spain, and although it would be a big step up for the 17 year old, I was convinced he would make everyone proud. We also had Rob riding here for the first time on the awesome R1 as he missed the first race here due to injury.

Our preparation for the weekend paid dividends as the new Race Tech forks in Rob's bike worked really well for him and he was immediately comfortable on the bike. Dean and Dylan put in their hard work too and we found pace that we were confident would bring us good results, but with Dean suffering a slipping clutch in the first race and Nick struggling with the start we ended up with a mixed bag of results which we were happy with after analysing the races. Credit must surely go to my riders for riding their butts off and my crew for giving them the best prepared bikes on the grid, and a special mention to Nick who put on an amazing display of skill and maturity which made a few people sit up and take note. As a team we are still growing stronger and better and know that we will make our sponsors and supporters even prouder as we continue. Cheers. Ricky.

Rob Portman – R1:

This weekend was all about getting my confidence back after the big crash at Zwartkops. Ricky and the team worked flat out to get the spare bike ready for me, which included getting a set of standard front forks modified by Ken from Game Services who fitted a RaceTech internals.

From the first session on Friday I could feel that we had big changes to make with setup. We improved every session and I was getting more comfortable with the bike. The wind then came and completely through me off guard. I really did battle with the wind and this hampered my progress.

Race one was a disaster as I got caught up in a turn two crash and then again in the tangle in turn one after the restart. That put me way back and out of the toe of the top 6 so it was a lonely 7th place for me.

Race two, Ricky had made some changes to bike for me to help handle the wind. The changes were spot on and I managed to go a second faster than I did in race one. This time I managed to steer clear of incident and was in the battle for 5th place. I did get stuck behind Ryan Ottens who was having gear changing problem on his BMW so that allowed Dylan and Garrick to get away a bit but I did manage to pass Ryan on the last lap to grab another 7th place.

The results are nowhere near good enough for me but I am happy with the weekend as I think both myself and the bike improved dramatically. Bring on RSR!!!



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Dylan White – R1:

After Zwartkops I was super excited to be going to my favourite track and to forget about the dismal weekend we had at the last round!

I've always had good luck at Killarney and I knew I had to be at my best to get a result there especially with us being down on power to the other competitors, so I trained hard and prepared the best I could on the weeks leading up to the race!!

Friday went well we sorted out a few things on the bike and got a comfortable setting for the race!

Qualifying didn't go to plan as the wind was absolutely howling and blowing us all over the show, I decided to go out alone while everyone got a tow and manage to get a good spot on the grid leaving me 8th!

Race 1

I got a flyer of a start putting me 4th but the race got red flagged after a crash at turn 2, the restart saw me get another flyer into 4th where I stayed the whole race, I was just not able to stay with the more powerful bikes in front on the long straights!

Race 2

I got a pretty good start again, into 5th and then had a real good race with Garrick Volk changing positions all the time, managing to beat him in the end!

Huge thanks must go to my dad and the whole Emtex Racing team. We never stop trying or give up and everyone works themselves to the bone!! Thanks to BrotherSA and Enbridge Torquesure and Yamaha and all the other sponsors!!#23



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Dean Vos – R6:

Friday practice was challenging for me, even though I had improved my personal times from my last race at Killarney by over a second, it still wasn't good enough to compete with the front group. The Team and I spent the day making many changes to my bikes setup.

I went into qualifying just hoping that the last bit of changes we made on Friday would give me the edge I desperately needed. I managed to qualify rather well compared to my times on Friday.

I had an awesome start in Race 1 but couldn't keep up the pace due to the fact that my clutch started slipping; this meant I had to short shift throughout the whole race. Although I tried to maintain my position the pack behind me was able to catch up and I finished the race in 7th.

Luckily my #1 Team managed to sort my clutch out for the second race where I had another great start. This time I was able to stay with the front group. I started to line up my move against Brent Harran but I had to back out due to a yellow flag. I spent the next few laps very frustrated and eventually made a do or die move against Harran which stuck and I finished in 4th. This also gave me 4th overall for the day.

The weekend really was not what I had hoped for but there is no point of crying over spilt milk and I will just have to keep trying even harder.

A huge thank you to my Team for all the hard work and effort they put in. Thank you to all our sponsors.

Lastly a huge thanks to my personal sponsor Naton Holdings – you're the best.

See you guys at Redstar Raceway on the 2nd of November.

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Nicholas van der Walt – R6:

The weekend kicked off on Thursday afternoon when I was able to meet the team and my weapon for the weekend, the ETR Yamaha R6.

The practice sessions on Friday were all about getting to know the bike and becoming comfortable and confident. I was happy with our progress and was impressed with the professionalism of the technicians.

I couldn't contain my excitement on Saturday and was ready to give my all for the team. Qualifying could have gone better as I struggled to link a fast lap together and found myself in 7th position on the grid.

Race 1 started badly as I dropped to 11th position exiting turn one. After this I put my head down and began fighting my way back through the field.

I soon realized just how competitive the national Supersport class is as I struggled to close the gap between myself and the other riders ahead of me. The last few laps of race one was a scrap between myself and Gareth Davidson and I finished just behind him in a disappointing 9th position.

At the start of race two I was eager to fight back and improve on my results from race one. I got a better start but was forced to roll off as Charl Wasserfall and Gareth Davidson went down in front of me. After the first few laps I was in a similar position to race one chasing the group ahead of me. I didn't give up and posted my best time for the day and I finished in 7th position.

All in all, it was a great weekend and I would like to thank the whole ETR Yamaha racing team for such an amazing experience.



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