



RACE REPORT

**National Superstock 1000cc Championships,
Round 4,
Eastern Creek, NSW**

7th – 9th August 2009



Beau battling extreme blustery conditions at The Creek

THREE PODIUM FINISHES FORM THREE STARTS AT EASTERN CREEK FOR BEAU BEATON

North Coast V-Twins race Team had another successful weekend at Eastern Creek Raceway with Beau scoring three podium finishes from three starts.

Beau battled strong and unpredictable winds in Friday and Saturday's practice and qualifying sessions to put the North Coast V-Twins Ducati 1198s on the front row of the grid, with Honda rider Jordan Burgess setting his first pole position for the year followed by series leader Pat Metcalf from Team Yamaha Australia. Although not completely satisfied with the 1198s setup, the team tried for the best compromise in the blustery conditions.



Craig McMartin, Ashley Beaton & Beau in the Pits

Friday brought some different conditions for the North Coast V-Twins Race Team. The three practice sessions were limited for Beau due to a split exhaust system. The Creek is the track that Beau is most familiar with so lost track time didn't present too much of a problem. The first qualifying was set on Friday afternoon with strong winds making for difficult riding conditions. A front row start, 3rd on the grid, put the team in a great position for the weekend's three races.

Beau's first 9 lap race on the Saturday afternoon saw him battle with the Honda & Yamaha riders. The race was shortened after a red flag, making it a six lap sprint. Burgess leaped off to a great start with Beau sitting in behind the Honda for the first two laps. After dicing with Pat Metcalf for 2nd, Beau brought the 1198s to the line for a well fought 3rd place.



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With massive crowds being drawn in for Sundays racing, there was plenty of attention and movement in the pits. The spectator crowds were the largest the Superstock riders had seen this year and one of the largest seen for many years to watch the bikes at the famous Sydney circuit. Beau was looking forward to being able to have a better race for the lead with near perfect conditions on the track.

After discussions with the team, Beau opted to run in Race 2 without the Ducati's traction control stem turned on for a possible better start. Burgess got off the line in front with Beau not far behind. The traction control strategy worked well off the start, but unfortunately not so well under the awesome acceleration of the 1198s as Beau was almost thrown over the handlebars at turn 5 in the first half of the race. A big moment out of turn nine for Burgess let Beau and Pat into the top positions. After a couple more slides from Beau and traction from the rear of the North Coast V-Twins Ducati 1198s becoming an issue, Beau rode a smart race and settled for a strong 3rd place finish with Burgess taking 2nd place behind Metcalf.



Burgess and Beaton dicing for the lead

Race 3 on Sunday afternoon saw Beau get his best start of the weekend jumping out into the lead. He was building a good gap on the field when during the second lap the race was red flagged with a rider going down hard in turn 9.

The race was restarted and shortened to a six lap race with Beau not as lucky with his second start. He entered turn 1 in 3rd position but was back in the lead by the time he exited turn 3. Unfortunately rear wheel traction was still a problem with the bike causing it to run wide and costing Beau valuable time. This allowed the other front runners, Burgess and Metcalf, to get by Beau. Beau settled for his 3rd podium finish for the weekend gaining valuable points in the championship with three more rounds remaining and 150 points still up for grabs.

After Round 4 of the National Superstock 1000cc Championships, the championship ladder stands at:

Pat Metcalf	223 points
Jordan Burgess	175 points
Beau Beaton	172 points



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Ashley, Beau and Craig

Our next meeting will be at Mallala Motorsports Park, SA, 28th –30th August 2009 for Round 5 of the ASBK (Australian Superbike and Superstock) series.