

## RACE REPORT

### Round 1 - National Superstock 1000cc Championships Symmons Plains, Tasmania

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2009

After the long trip over to the island of Tassie, the North Coast V-Twins race team headed straight off the boat to the track to get set up and ready for Friday practice. The team had never seen the track before so the practice session was vital and with the first of three 20 minute practice sessions being washed out, there was very little time for us to make any big changes.

Craig McMartin joined the team on Saturday. His track and suspension knowledge was very valuable to Beau putting him in 5<sup>th</sup> for first qualifying, and with a few changes in between session's front row of the grid in 3<sup>rd</sup> position with a time of 57.3s.

In the first race Beau took the lead after the Ducati's superior brakes come on at the end of the back straight hairpin coming out in front. Holding off the team Yamaha bike of Pat Metcalf's wasn't as easy in a straight line with Beau & Pat swapping places many times on the long straights of Symmons Plains. At the end of the straight Beau showed amazing skills coupled with the superior brakes of the 1198s Ducati to regain the lead lap after lap. The Yamaha & Ducati were the only bikes in the 56s lap times.

Beau finished second in two of the three races for the weekend. The second race was almost a replica of the first, only for very high cross winds blowing both the bikes and a dust storm across the track on the very last right hand sweeper on the back straight, making for very difficult conditions.

Due to a fatal accident in the 600 Supersport race that followed, a unanimous decision was made to finish racing for the weekend at a rider briefing. Beau and the staff from North Coast V-Twins would like to extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to Judd Greedy's family and friends. Unfortunately we never had the privilege of meeting Judd, but his outstanding riding ability was well known amongst all of those in the racing community.

A big thanks goes to Craig McMartin for the advice he gave and work he did on the North Coast V-Twins Ducati 1198S, tuning the suspension on the stock bike to be more than up to the task of taking on the "big 4" Japanese teams. Also, thank you to our sponsors:

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Our next meeting will be the National F1 Bears Championships at McNamara Park in Mount Gambia, SA over the Easter weekend.