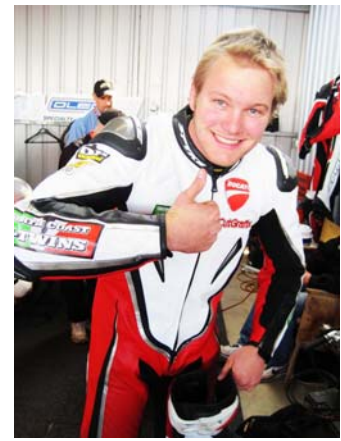


2009 IVECO MOTO GP

Beau Beaton Rides the Irving Vincent at Phillip Island's Historic Race's



Beau's 1st ride on the Irving Vincent at Phillip Island was to be a 25 minute practice and qualifying session at 8.15am on the Friday of the GP weekend.

Beau rode sensibly in the cold wet conditions to qualify the Horner Brothers pride and joy on the 2nd row of the grid in 6th position for the following 3 races.

Race 1



Beaton leading Phillis



Beau and the Irving Vincent got a slow start and with ex Aussie Superbike Champion Robbie Phillis on the front row Beau was going to have his time cut out to catch up to the charging Phillis on the big Mick Hone Suzuki GSX. But within a lap Beau was closing fast on the lead bike and before he knew it Phillis had Beau, on a magnificently prepared hand made special, hassling for the lead.

The lead swapped many times between the 2 front runners for the 6 lap race until Beau finally got the better of Phillis, overtaking around the outside into turn 4 and holding the lead until the finish line.

This was a remarkable result given the little experience Beau had had on both the Irving Vincent and the Phillip Island Circuit, still with more to come.



Beau & Ashley Beaton



Beau with Troy Bayliss

Race 2



Race 2 Start



Friday's Wet Practice

With Phillis realising that Beau was a little more talented than your average D grader, he quickly made a dash for the lead again pulling out a good 200mtr lead within the first couple of laps on 2nd and 3rd place (Laurie Fyffe GSX Suzuki and Scott Webster- Moto Martin) with Beau in 4th.

Beau finally managed to round up the 2 bikes in front of him within 3 laps, and now with only 3 laps to finish chances of catching Phillis were slim, but the never say die attitude and the smooth consistent riding style of the young charger amazed all. Again catching Phillis on the last lap, although Beau had a close call while trying to pass Phillis on the outside in the fast turn 3 and losing time, Beau was able to regain his composure and close back up on Phillis to pass on the outside over Lukey Heights and hold the line down into MG corner for the lead and the Irving Vincent's 2nd Race win for the day.

Race 3

This was to be an 8 lap race and with a new unscrubbed rear slick and some suspension changes that were made overnight, Beau knew that he needed to take more than the normal amount of care for the 1st couple of laps to see how the Irving Vincent was going to react to the changes.

Beau soon came to grips with the new set up and by the 6th lap had claimed the lead in a style that many thought was beyond his ability. He took another commanding victory over 2nd place Phillis who was over 5.5 seconds behind by the time Beau passed the finish line.

Beau would like to thank Ken & Barry Horner for their faith in his ability to look after their magnificent Motorcycle, also for giving him the opportunity to race against some of the best racers and machines that Australia has to offer in this class. Also many thanks to the Sponsors, Supporters, Family and Competitors that made us welcome over the weekend.



Podium Presentation Phillis, Beaton, Fyffe



Victory Lap



Barry & Ken Horner with Beau