

## RACE REPORT

### Formula Xtreme Series, Round 1 Winton Raceway, VIC

16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> May 2009



#### **NORTH COAST V TWINS BRING HOME GOOD RESULTS FROM FORMULA EXTREME TT SERIES**

The North Coast V Twins Race Team headed south to Victoria to kick off its Formula Extreme campaign with a mixed bag of results.

Beau Beaton piloted his Ducati through some misfortune to finish the weekend 11th in the series. "It was an unlucky weekend for us," said Beau. "There's still four rounds to go, so anything can happen. It was great for me to be able push myself with such high-class riders."

Friday practice gave the teams competitors a good look at the track which was new to all of them. Track temperatures hovered below 10 degrees most of the day with rainy squalls hitting the circuit several times during the session. Beau qualified in second position behind pole-sitter Craig Coxhell.

Race one saw Beau hit the lead off the start, getting the jump on his more-experienced rivals Craig McMartin, (Ducati 1098s - eight-time Australian Pro-Twins champion), Craig Coxhell (CBR1000RR - current Australian Superbike champion) and Scott Charlton. Turn one was tight going, and Beau was forced to take evasive action resulting in an off-track excursion. After rejoining at the back of the field he fought his way through to finish a very respectable fourth.

Race two on Saturday morning started well for Beau, with the NCVT rider leading the race with Craig Coxhell slipping past on lap five. Second position was in sight with nine corners to go when a mechanical failure resulted in a flat tyre and Beau was unable to finish.

Race three delivered another four-way battle with the front of the grid gapping the rest of the field. Craig McMartin and Beau shared the lead for the first part of the race (see photo 's below). Coxhell snatched the lead on lap four, and Beau made a mistake on lap five, which left him with no points for the race.



Race four set off with Beau leading the race. Charlton's R1 was right behind. Some very close overtaking throughout the event made for very exciting racing. Beau came in second behind Charlton, closely followed by Coxhell.

The North Coast V-Twins race Team also had three bikes entered in the National F1 BEARS – Beau Beatopn, Ryan McLauchlan and Troy Hughes. With the mixed classes Beau won all BEARS races. Jay Normoyle on his 1098R took second and North Coast V-Twins Ryan Mclauchlan snatched the final podium position.

Ryan also entered Pro-Twins, and after great results from the weekend leads the point score over Shannon Johnson’s KTM-backed team into the second round.

It was an unfortunate weekend for North Coast V-Twins rider Troy Hughes, falling in the second BEARS race, breaking his collar bone. We wish him a speedy recovery.

This round had Fantastic TV coverage with on board cameras on several bikes including Beau’s, and will be broadcast on SBS’ Speedweek (Sundays, 3.00pm), FOX Sports’ Inside Speed (Wednesdays, 7.30pm), plus a major network still to be announced.

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Our next meeting will be at Willowbank, Queensland 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2009.

