



RACE REPORT

National Superstock 1000cc Championships, Round 2 & 3 Queensland Raceway, QLD

28th – 31st May 2009



Beau leading the field on turn 1 of Race 1

BEAU MAKES THE PODIUM IN ALL FOUR RACES AT QUEENSLAND RACEWAY

The North Coast V Twins Race Team had a very successful week of preparation and weekend of racing at Queensland Raceway for the double-header round 2 and 3 of the National Superstock 1000cc championships on the weekend.

Supported by 8 times Australian Pro-Twins Champion Craig McMartin, Beau was able to qualify the Ducati 1198s on the front row of the grid for all races with Yamaha's Pat Metcalfe on pole. Craig's experience at Queensland's tricky and rough track, which Beau had never seen previously, proved to be invaluable with many changes being made to the Ducati's suspension to achieve the best possible lap times.

The race meeting consisted of two qualifying sessions and four races over the two days. Riders were allowed a 10 minute period for qualifying and all races consisted of 10 laps.

Race 1: Beau got a great start and led the field until lack of grip from the rear tyre through turn 2 allowed Metcalf to slip under him and take the lead. With Honda Rider Jordan Burgess hot on the heels of Beau and the Ducati, and the Yamaha pulling away from the rest of the field, Beau put in a strong ride with a few more slides from the rear tyre to consolidate his 2nd position.



Beau and Craig in the Pits



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Race 2: Honda's Jordan Burgess got the better start with Beau pulling him in at the end of the fast back straight to take the lead under what is becoming one of his trademark braking manoeuvres. Beau was later caught and passed by Metcalf on the super fast Team Yamaha R1 in the troublesome turn 1 & 2, but was able to bring the Ducati home for another podium position and valuable points in 2nd spot.



Jordan and Beau

Race 3: Beau was away again with another great start leading the field but was soon to be passed by Jordan Burgess on the Team Motologic Honda. A few laps later Pat Metcalf on the Team Yamaha R1 took the lead with Beau and the 1198 Ducati still having some rear wheel traction problems in the rougher parts of the track. Beau thought it better to settle for a solid position than to push the Ducati any harder at the unfamiliar track. He found that towards the end of the race his traction improved and he closed in on 2nd place getter, Burgess, and was able to outbreak and pull off an amazing pass into the last corner on the last lap to give the North Coast V-Twins Ducati another 2nd position.

Race 4: Rain!!! This was the last race of the meeting at 4:30pm Sunday. With a partially wet track, and not sure if there was more rain on the way, we decided to take a punt and stay with the control tyres. Beau got off to a more tentative start in the slippery conditions, but was able to work his way up through the field and once again ride a smart race to finish 3rd on the podium.



Beau, Jordan Burgess and Pat Metcalf dominated the podium



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Beau and the North Coast V-Twins Race team finished the meet with three 2nd positions and a 3rd. As a D Grader, Beau is in 1st position of the C & D divisions of these championships with an overall lead of 44 points, with Chris Knox on a GSXR1000 his nearest rival. This also puts Beau in outright 2nd position across all grades.

A big thank you must go to Craig McMartin and all Beau's family, friends and V-Twins customers that made the trip to Queensland Raceway to support him for this round. We are extremely thankful for the continued support Beau is receiving from the local community.



Beau acknowledging his many supporters

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Our next meeting will be at Eastern Creek, NSW, 12th – 14th June 2019 for round 2 of the Formula Xtreme Tri-state series.