



RACE REPORT

Formula Xtreme TT Series, Round 3 National F1 BEARS & Protwins Wakefield Park, NSW

26th – 27th September 2009

National F1 Bears Champion – Beau Beaton



BEAU WINS NATIONAL F1 BEARS CHAMPIONSHIP AND CREATES HISTORY

North Coast V-Twins Race Team riders Beau Beaton, Ryan McLauchlan & Troy Hughes had a weekend of mixed results in very tricky weather conditions at Wakefield Park near Goulburn for the final round of the Formula Xtreme TT Series, the National F1 Bears, and the Protwins championships. Contending with freezing cold, wet and windy weather conditions that brought hail and even light snow to the circuit, the team struggled to keep up with tyre combinations for the riders with weather changing by the minute.

Beau created National F1 Bears history by taking out the championship. He is the first Rookie, the first D Grader, and the youngest person ever to win this championship in its 13 year history.

Race 1, day1 saw many of the riders very unhappy with the track conditions and the surface. After completing one lap, most riders, including Beau, pulled off the track for safety reasons leaving only 6 competitors to battle out the race.

Race 2, day 1 in unpredictable weather conditions, tyre choices were critical and the team decided to put Beau on a wet weather front tyre with a control tyre on the rear. The track was half wet and half dry. Both the Ducati's, Craig McMartin's & Beau's, had to start on the rear of the grid due to not completing the first race. Their tyre combinations proved successful with both Ducati's being able to ride through the field to finish a clear 1st and 2nd in spectacular fashion.

Race 3, day 1 on a slippery track had Beau starting from 4th on the grid with some of Australia's best A-Grade riders. Beau was able to work his way into the lead by lap 2 and had a lead of over 5 seconds with one and a half laps to go. He ran slightly off-line on a downhill right-hander, losing the front and crashing out. Disappointed, but knowing that he could run with the lead riders, the team went about repairing the damage to the 1198s at a nearby friend's workshop in Goulburn (Goulburn Muffler Centre). Thanks to Gary & Greg.



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Round 4 was to start on Sunday morning with new qualifying sessions and a full days racing, with the organisers having to get through 18 races for the day. Beau qualified 1st in F1 Bears and 4th in FX TT.



2009 National F1 Bears Champion

Race 1 , day 2 was mixed Bears and Pro-Twins with Shannon Johnson on a booming Factory Backed KTM RC8R & Dunlop N-Tek Tyres proving too hard to catch. Beau & Ryan settled for 1st and 2nd position in the Bears, and Ryan having a narrow lead in Pro-Twins settled for 2nd.

This race was Beau's only outing in the Bears series for the weekend as he had done enough to secure an unassailable point lead for the final round in the National F1 Bears Title.



Beau lining up on Day 2 for FX TT

Race 1 of FX TT on day 2 saw Beau just miss out on a podium position finishing 4th. He came back from 7th position, after a phenomenal braking manoeuvre on the last corner, to gain valuable points. Beau set the fastest lap time for this race.

Race 2 of FX TT on day 2, Beau started the race on control tyres. He ran with the front runners until the final laps when rain fell on the circuit. With Matt Thornton falling due to the conditions, Beau, Charlton & Kain were left to battle for the lead. The final results were Kaine 1st, Charlton 2nd and Beau bringing the Ducati home to a safe 3rd.

Race 3 of FX TT on day 2 had rain falling minutes before the start of the race. The team opted to go for a wet front tyre and a controlled rear tyre combination which proved to be an incorrect choice as the track dried quickly in the early parts of the race. Beau struggled to find front wheel grip with the wet front tyre on a now dry track. Even so, he managed to finish a valiant 6th position.



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Race 4 of FX TT on day 2 was the final race of the day. With slightly better conditions and the track warming to approximately 5 degrees, Beau started from 6th on the grid. Beau was finding it difficult to overtake Thornton so that he could run with the front runners who had already pulled a 4-5 second gap. Once past Thornton, Beau started setting some very fast laps to pull in Charlton, McMartin & Aiken. Beau had closed right up onto the back of Aiken by the chequered flag finishing 4th, and setting the fastest lap of the race on his final lap for the third time that day.

At conclusion of Sundays racing, Beau had this to say: “ The weekends racing was the toughest conditions that I have had to contend with yet, especially with the experienced high class riders that were around me on the grid. The 1198s Ducati’s 8 stage traction control proved very beneficial with the tracks unpredictable conditions. Choosing the right setting made the big bore Ducati more rideable around such a tight track.”

“The whole weekend was a huge learning curve for me and I would like to thank Craig McMartin ,Mark Downie Geoff Whittaker(Red), Nick Dole (Teknik Suspension) and Ashley Beaton (Dad) for all their valuable advice and help over the weekend. Congratulations to Craig on winning the FXTT series.”

Many thanks to all those that made the trip to Wakefield Park to help, prepare and support the North Coast V-Twins Race Team. Especially thanks to Mark Downie (Doc), Gary & Greg from Goulburn Muffler Services, Geoff Wittiker (Red) from Reds Racing, Ryan Thomson, and the McLauchlan Family.



Ashley & Beau in the pits

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Beau’s next two meetings will be at Phillip Island, VIC, details as follows:

- 16th – 17th October, Australian Moto GP, Post Classic Race – Beau has been invited to ride a classic Vincent in these exhibition races against some of Australia’s best from the past and the present.
- 27th – 29th November, ASBK Final Round.



Beau celebrating his weekend results