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RACE REPORT

ROUND 3 RILUSI MOTORCYCLES STATE CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday JUNE 29 2008

Reigning WA Superbike Champion Matt Battista crashed heavily during the 2nd Superbike race of the day, landing on his back and sustaining major spinal injuries resulting in a confirmed prognosis of paraplegia. He is currently in Royal Perth Hospital and is expected to be transferred to Shenton Park Rehabilitation Hospital in about 2 weeks time.

Thankfully Matt has a strong supportive family who are backed up by his long term employer Five Star Yamaha and Team sponsors Myra and Barry Black of BHS Racing. The Motorcycle Racing Club of WA and motorcycling community are also rallying behind Matt.

A Trust Fund is in the process of being set up by Five Star Yamaha and the MCRC will post information when available.

It was the halfway mark for the 2008 road racing championships and a partly wet one .

Practice was declared wet but by the time racing started at 11.30am the track was declared dry and remained that way for the majority of the day's event, with only a brief shower at the mid point of the program.

The Rilusi Motorcycles 'B' Grade series kicked off the day's proceedings and after six laps Ben Henry (Allect Racing) was the victor from Kevin Boulton (Rick Gill Honda CBR 1000) with the much improved Leroy Maclou (Top End Audio Suzuki GSX-R 1000) third and Jason Cawthorne (Coote Industrial R6) 4th just ahead of Shane Martin (Austinitic Steel Products R1) in 5th – also the first placed C grader in the race. Boulton leads the series on 81 points from Henry 70pts (who missed the previous round due to interstate commitments), Shane Martin 62pts, JL Maclou 58, J Cawthorne 54, J Walker 51, J Tabain and C Gore on 46pts.

The Steelblue Superbike Championship saw a day of vastly different fortunes. In the first race it seemed that Matt Battista (BHS Racing Yamaha R1) was going to win comfortably before a slight error gave the race win to Ben Stronach (SMB Racing Suzuki GSX-R 1000) with Mark Schnierer (Rilusi Motorcycles Suzuki GSX-R 1000) second and Chris Galbraith (Weld West Suzuki GSX-R 1000) in third place. Race two saw both Battista and Stronach crash out of the event heading down into the 'Basin' on the opening lap with sustaining serious injuries. The restart saw Galbraith win the event by the narrowest of margins from Schnierer with Ben Henry (Allect Services Yamaha R1). Stronach won the final race from Ben Henry and Galbraith took the minor place. Kevin Boulton placed 5th overall on the day with Cameron Gore (Rilusi Motorcycles ZX10), Jack Tabain, Shane Martin, Craig Anderson and Klaus Baller rounding out the top ten for the meeting. Stronach leads the championship with 162 points; Galbraith and Schnierer are tied on 157 points.

In the BHS Engineering Supersport Championship which incorporates the West Coast Honda Superstock Series Adam Senior's (Rick Gill Honda CBR 600) dream start to the season suffered a minor set back when he was beaten in the first race by Josh Trigwell (Bunbury Motorcycles Yamaha R6) with Strett Cull (Cully's Yamaha R6) taking a pair of third places. Senior won the next two races with Trigwell second in both. Tom Hatton started the day reasonably well with a 4th and 3rd placing but was forced to retire from race 3 due to machine problems. A good effort considering he was not fully back to fitness having suffered a broken collarbone at round 2.

Superstock rider Chris Gilmore (SportsPower Kalgoorlie Yamaha R6) was third in the second race with fellow Kalgoorlie Sportspower racer Jarrod Hockley finishing a well ridden 5th overall on the day in the Supersport class.

Senior leads the Supersport Championship on 220 points, second is Trigwell on 170 with Jason Cawthorne third on 133, Walker 122pts and Hockley 117pts.

In the Superstock Series Chris Gilmore and Andrew Skinner (Prestige Honda CBR 600) are tied at the top on 182, with Gilmore having taken a 2nd and two race wins in the Superstock class. Skinner was the class winner in the opening race finishing 3rd and 4th in the remaining two races. Early season leader Ray Anset (Eagle Screens Suzuki GSX-R 600) struggled in race 1 finishing 9th, but redeemed himself in race 2 finishing 2nd, with a 3rd in race three.

Gilmore and Skinner share the lead in the Superstock Series on 182 pts with Anset on 179, new season rider Peter Stirrat is holding 4th position on 116pts followed by Cunningham on 98, Castling 96, Dan Hayes 81pts, Paul Hammond 80 pts, Callaghan 75 and Geraldton based Sebastian Montagu on 72 pts after missing round 1.

In the Ultra Fast Karts Sidecar Championship Darryn and Neal Walker (RHR Suzuki 1000) are still undefeated in the 2008 season and looked to be in complete control on the day. With three wins giving them a perfect 225 points, whilst their nearest rivals Lindsay and Anthony Fagan (Armadale Rental Car LCR 1000) are now 55 points behind but still well in the title hunt and new comers Trevor Clyma and Paul Brider (Hartac Sales Kawasaki 1000) move into third place after some excellent racing. The title is still well and truly up for grabs if someone can stop the relentless march of the 'Walker' brothers in the final two rounds.

In the Two Wheel Wreckers Club 600 class Paul Castling (Welshpool Tyres & More Honda 600) was in full form taking a win in the first race and a 2nd place behind his workmate Jason Mooney (Diesel Motors) in race two. Oliver McBride (PLE Computers) rode well taking a 4th and 3rd with Sean Prouse (W.T.F. Racing) placing 2nd in race 1 and 6th in race 2. Castling came away with the overall Clubman 600 win on the day from Mooney, McBride, Prouse and David Callaghan in 5th.

Clubman 1000cc Round 3 saw Rob Wasley (Superbikesupply.com.au Honda998) take two great wins from Mark Booty (Rilusi Motorcycles Kawasaki) in race one and Jarrad Church (Saferioght Suzuki) in race 2. Stuart Campbell was consistent with two 4th placings. Overall placings saw Rob Wasley finish on 50 pts, Booty 38, Campbell 34, Church 33, Richard Watson 31, Shane Mazza (riding a KTM999) on 23pts with Greg Clifton-Mogg (The Wax Shak Ducati 888) on 22 pts.

In the KTM Formula Two Series it was the two youngest competitors that showed the way with Jack Coyle (Muldrew Heavy Haulage Honda RS 125) taking the two wins from Matt Shaw (Barry Nash Honda RS 125) with Colin Rose (Rick's Motorcycle School Suzuki SV650) third on each occasion. Ric Steele (Motomax Yamaha TZ 250) leads the series with 134 points, Rose is second on 116, and Coyle moves into third place with 100.

First time racer Stuart Pethybridge (Suzuki 600) won the 'D' grade and Novice Shootout from John Liso (Go Clean Car Wash Yamaha R1) with Young Dinh (Yamaha R6) third.

REMAINING ROUNDS - Rd 4 AUGUST 10TH AND Rd 5 Final September 14.

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