



EMTEK KAWASAKI RACE REPORT

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Race Report – Brands Hatch 03/08/2008

Shez Offered a Wild Card Entry to Brands Hatch UK

Sheridan Morais was invited by his old team, managed by Lucio Perdercini, to ride as a Wild Card rider in the 10th round of the World Super Stocks held at Brands Hatch on the 3rd August 2008. One of the primary reasons for the invitation was the excellent results Shez and his SA team have achieved on the new Kawasaki ZX10R. Team Pedercini have been battling with setup the whole year and the two Superstock riders were consistently at the back of the grid the whole year.

So it was that the cavalry were contacted for help. It was however a pre-requisite that the Team Technician, Ricky Morais accompany Shez to build and setup his bike. This move would prove to be even more fruitful for the rest of Kawasaki riders in the paddock.

In 2007 Shez had quite a difficult year with the team on the untried and tested Ducati 1098S, a bike which proved to be very difficult to beat when prepared by the official Ducati Factory race team. However based on some of the results and sheer perseverance of Shez on this bike showed off his true rider skills and at no point did Shez simply give up He battled on right up until the chequered flag at the last round in France.

And so on to Brands.



What a fantastic result, all of the hard work that was put in over the previous 2 years had only brought a best result of a 5th position at Misano in 2007.

For Brands hatch 03/08/2008 Shez managed a **2nd** position in the race and displayed the SA colours proudly on the podium as a wildcard in his first race for 2008 season. Shez also now holds the official fastest lap of the race.



Shez on the Podium in 2nd place.

Friday and Saturday Practise

The practice sessions along with the qualifiers all saw Sheridan within the top 5 or 6 excepting for the 2nd free practice where the bike had a problem which never allowed the youngster to complete a single lap.

After qualifying 6th, Shez was 0.2 off of the front row and happy with a 2nd row start. Ricky and Shez were really excited for race day as they had done all of the set-up on the bike and knew that the race set-up was brilliant.

Sunday's morning warm-up was wet,wet,wet! Shez was 4th and just going faster and faster.

Sunday morning Race Day

Off the line Shez jumped into 2nd position but was on dry tyres in damp/wet conditions so by lap 2 was down in 6th. The track was drying and 2 of the 3 front runners were running intermediate tyres so Shez got up to 4th and started hounding the front 3 down, The factory rider of Brendan Roberts held Shez up for more than 5 laps. Whilst lining Matej Smrtz up for 3rd position the Czech rider crashed out of the race and so it was Matteo Baiocco's (Factory Kawasaki rider), turn to be tracked! The gap was coming down by some 2 seconds a lap until Baiocco also crashed due to tyre wear. Now Shez was in

2nd position and set fastest lap after fastest lap trying to catch Maxime Berger on the Hannspree Honda. He managed to bring the gap from 10.8 seconds down to 4.1 seconds and had the time of his life.

The two commentators of Jonathan Green and Steve Martin both complimented the achievement of Sheridan for the result and openly acknowledged that Shez should be back for the next round at Donington Park.



Shez being chased by Antonelli

Shez said that Team Pedercini had done an immaculate job on the weekend and it was great to have his Dad, Ricky Morais working with him for the first time overseas as it paid off....

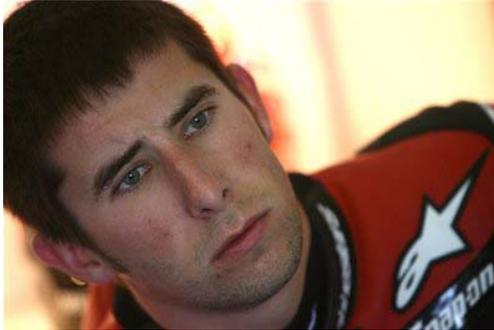
It must also be mentioned that when the team of Ricky and Shez arrived at Brands Hatch the highest placing of any Kawasaki in any form of racing world wide (with exception of South Africa), has not even been in the top ten. Since Brands Hatch the official factory rider of Baiocco (who was 9th on the grid and lead the race for 8 laps), as well as the other team mates suddenly were all in the points.

With this result Sheridan jumps from nowhere to 16th position with a full 20 points. This is more than the two team mates in the Pedercini camp put together for the entire year.

So as they say in the Classics – WATCH THIS SPACE.

We are hoping that Shez will go one better and stand on the top plate for us (lets also hope that FG sport has our anthem).

A huge thanks must go to his SA supporters and sponsors as without FULL THROTTLE, iAdapt and some really good friends this would not have been possible.



On a more sadder note on the same day World Supersport rider Craig Jones succumbed to his injuries sustained during a crash coming onto the main straight in the restart of the race. Unfortunately Andrew Pitt could not avoid clipping him on the head and he sustained massive brain injuries.

Craig will be sorely missed as he was a great rider and he often would help out our rider Shez during last years' championship. Craig was also no stranger to South Africa and he competed in the traditional end of year 3 hour TT at Zwartkops.

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