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First Test for Kawasaki 2008 models

The weekend of the 22-23rd February saw the start of the new race season with the Northern Regions Regional Championship kicking off at Zwartkops. The entry list was a little down compared to most Regionals with the by far largest entries coming in BOTTS.

So it was at this event that our intrepid team decided to get a few laps in on the new ZX10 Monsters.

The first ride on the new ZX 10R in anger for Shez and Chris, was at Zwartkops on the 22 February.

After fitting a **MATRIS** rear shock that was actually made for a Suzuki (who says we aren't creative here in SA), onto Shez' bike and an OHLINS from a Suzuki onto Chris' bike they were ready to do the business - makes you wonder about the interoperability of bike parts and components!

They were really fast straight away and both riders were riding on well used rubber.

It was quite a challenge getting the bikes setup as the rear suspensions were not designed for the Kawasaki but none the less Ricky worked his magic and found a sweet spot on both shocks - again it is the knowledge which equates to power.

Shez and Clinton Sellar were circulating the track around the 1:03,6 mark and then there was Chris, Brad Stark and Tertius De Lange all challenging each other around the 1:05,0 marker. Not many laps were completed as both bikes were being ridden with standard "everything" except the shocks - and the thought of dumping them with new fairings gave Ricky the shivers - so we called it a day after 4 sessions.

Everybody's chins are up and really impressed that on a brand new bike both riders are on the pace and passing the other manufacturers down the straights. In fact it may be a bold statement but we think that the other teams are now quite weary of us.

The team is scheduled to do some proper testing at Kyalami for the 1st March - see you there.

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