

PRESS RELEASE

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Kyalami 2 day test

1st March

Well, everybody was really looking forward to seeing the new ZX-10 R in action at Kyalami on our 2 day test!

The first test was to take place on Saturday 1st March and after going out with used rubber on a dirty track both riders seemed to be unsure as to how good the bikes were, but straight after the 2nd session they were both absolutely satisfied.

Chris and Sheridan were both having fun and were trying to compare their bikes to all of the other National machines.

At the end of day 1 Sheridan was quickest on a 1:46:0 and next was Yamaha's Clinton Sellar on a 1:46:3. Chris was consistently somewhere between 4th - 6th throughout the sessions and managed a best time of a 1:48:7. Note that not the full national field was at the test day!

Unfortunately the day did end in tears and misery as Julian Odendaal crashed with his bike spewing its guts all over the track. The inevitable then happened with three other riders crashing in his wake.

It was then decided that due to the amount of oil left on the track it was best to call it a day and come back on the Monday.

3rd March

After gathering enough setup on Saturday it was pretty much a tyre test on Monday.

Sheridan got an early morning session around 08:30 on brand new Pirellis and set a great time of a 1:46:1. Then the team had a long wait until 13:00 when they could take to the track again.

Chris managed a 1:48:2 and was faster than on Saturday with his new Pirellis. Both riders were pretty happy, but unsure as to how well the tyres were holding out.

Then came the Dunlops..... Sheridan did only 8 laps and set one hell of a pace, managing a 1:45:6 and that was on lap 7 so they were consistent as well.

Part of the team strategy was to immediately take the exact same set of tyres and put them onto Chris's bike without any setup in order to achieve a true back to back test.

With the Dunlops on Chris put in a tentative lap and then a flying lap and he managed to get down to a 1:47:1 and was actually riding away from former S.A. champs.

The new Ohlins shocks have arrived and the team want to eagerly test these Ohlins with the Dunlops to see if this is the package for the year. We are hoping that all the previous testing and setup data is not lost.

A further and final test will be done in order to do final preparation and setup testing.

Additional Rider joins ZX10 Cup EmTek Satellite Team

It seems as if the EmTek Kawasaki Racing team has no limits with regards to finding "new talent". The team has "signed" the last of the great twin cylinder riders **Andy Parsons**.

Andy will be doing duty with his brother in the ZX10 Masters Cup onboard the newly acquired second hand 2007 model that Menno Parsons used to campaign. He is registered for the B Class for the real old timers of 45 and counting.....

First Session

Ricky prepared the bike to his usual impeccable standards and Andy went out.

Well here are some of the words (which was totally predicted two weeks earlier by the rest of the team) – ***"I cannot ride it. Stuff this thing – I hate it. The bike is SPINNING up all over the place (due to the enormous power and high corner speed carried). I hate this thing.....I am not riding it again so there"***

I suppose there is no fun in predicting reality. So the 2:30's did little to inspire confidence in the bike or the rider.

Second Session

So the next session Andy went out on his brothers fairly sorted bike and came in a lot happier.

His own bike was then setup to the exact same setup as his brothers and viola – 2:10's. It seemed then that not all was lost.

The final session dawned and Andy managed to get down to a respectable 2:04 and the bike has now been accepted into his vocabulary – with comments like it spins up and running wide and needs more power (from where we don't know as they are bog standard). In fact his practice times were very close to his Aprilia's times which has spoilt him (in fact both brothers were spoilt with decent shocks and decent tyres).

So for the satellite team there will be more testing. Unfortunately due to business commitments neither rider will be able to make it to the Port Elizabeth round but Phakisa here we come.

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