



RACE REPORT

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THE END OF THE CLEAN SWEEP

Another exciting race weekend has come and gone for the **EmTek Kawasaki** race team!

We guess it was bound to happen – a new winner of a heat, which was pretty much unexpected. But then again nobody realised how much hard work and effort went into the Lenovo Yamaha team for this particular weekend.

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Sheridan and Chris had quite a long break from their previous race. Sheridan came down with a bad flu, so he couldn't train for 3 weeks. But as soon as he was over it he hit the gym to make up for lost time. Chris has been training just as hard; these two riders won't let anyone get in the way of being on top of their game.

Friday Practice

This was the first time out at East London with the new bikes and we were all pretty excited. We knew that we had a lot of work ahead of us as all the other manufacturers had already raced and tested with their bikes. We actually surprised ourselves by being 1st and 3rd after Friday. Sheridan was the only rider in the 1:19's nearly half a second under his own lap record of 2005.

Race Day

What a qualifying with the EmTek Kawasaki's being 1st and 2nd on the grid for Heat 1!



Shez and Chris were still the only riders in the 19's. However it must be said that 80% of the riders had exceeded their lap times of last year by more than 2 seconds a lap showing the amount of effort that is going in to preparing these bikes at National level.

Race 1

This was probably the best race of the season so far. With the two EmTek Kawasaki's and the two Daikin Yamahas of Shaun Whyte and Clint Sellar swapping places all race long. Shez put his head down with 2 laps to go and took his 7th win a row, behind him was Shaun Whyte, Clinton Sellar and Chris Leeson. Christopher's best lap was faster than both, Shaun and Clintons' but just could not find a gap before hitting the backmarkers on the last lap. The race proved that there was life in the old timer and Shaun kept Shez honest throughout the race.

Race 2

Race two did not go quite according to OUR plan but obviously it worked for the other team.

Shez took the holeshot again with a hungry pack hot on his heels. The (traditional East London) wind had picked up to incredible speeds and this proved to be very difficult for the riding conditions. Chris struggled the most in the heavy winds as he is by far the lightest rider in the fields at only 61kg's. Sheridan led until lap 4 when Arushen Moodley passed him into Beacon Bend, this was short lived as Shez passed him back into Potters Pass. Shez put his head down to make a break for it and whilst putting in some awesome times, but in the mean time Clinton Sellar went down (this is his first off this year which shows just how consistent he has been riding). Shez knew that Clinton was 2nd in the Championship and marked this as an awesome opportunity to gain valuable points.

After stretching out a small gap over Shaun Whyte, Shez hit traffic and lost the gap over Shaun Whyte after getting slowed down by the 2nd of the Sinotec Suzuki's. Shaun passed Shez into last corner of the last lap and beat him to the line. Chris had an awesome race with Trevor Crooks and took 4th again, with a 3rd overall for the day.

Shez still came away with an overall win but the ice has now been broken which he aims to make amends for at the next round at Kyalami.

The team and riders wish to congratulate Shaun Whyte for a superb performance and showing that even the old dogs have some life left in them. A big shout out must also go to his team headed by Robbie Pietersen for putting together a race winning bike.

Well done Shaun!!!!

What a great weekend for the EmTek Kawasaki Race Team once again!!! We would like to thank all of our sponsors, as this would not have been possible without your help.

Both Chris and Shez wish to thank their team for the effort that was put into preparing the bikes for East London as it was always known that this track was going to be difficult as it is such a high speed track where pure performance and guts goes hand in hand.

We hope to see you all at the next round at Kyalami International Race Track on the 5th July 2008.

DON'T MISS THIS ONE AS THERE IS A SNIFF FROM THE OTHER TEAMS AND WE NOW HAVE TO WORK JUST THAT MUCH HARDER TO CLOSE THE DOOR!!

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