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MRO – Powerbike Tour

Silverstone - Round 8



Marc at Silverstone

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ROUND 8 – MRO – POWERBIKE TOUR

I was well up for this weekend, I had booked in for the test day but unfortunately this time I was missing Brendon my suspension technician. But luckily I still had Jamie my other mechanic at hand.

We had set up the bike before we went and found one click harder on fork compression was good, we changed the gearing four or five times to finally find a good set up.

The weather was good and dry and I was as happy as I could be about the set up we decided to run for the clubman round on Saturday.

Race Dates & Locations 2004

Round 1	Snetterton	21 st Mar
Round 2	Croft	4 th Apr
Round 3	Oulton Park	8 th May
Round 4	Brands Hatch GP	31 st May
Round 5	Pembrey	27 th Jun
Round 6	Brands Hatch	11 th Jul
Round 7	Cadwell Park	22 nd Aug
Round 8	Silverstone	26 th Sep
Round 9	Lydden Hill	10 th Oct
Round 10	Brands Hatch Indy	24 th Oct

RACE DAY – (club round)

I had booked in for the Saturday races as before and Brendon turned up in the morning. Race 8 (Super twins) was finally called up and it had just started to rain! So in we came and changed onto wets. I didn't get the best of starts but going into the first bend five bikes went down and I went up the inside to come out leading the race. I put my head down thinking the power of the tuned super twins would soon be coming past. 3 laps in I took a look over my shoulder to discover I had a good lead, and finally took the win with a 12 second gap!! Race 2 had started to dry out slightly but not enough for the 207RR's so I had a set of badly worn wets, but I got off to a goodish start and lead the race from start to near enough finish when the tyres really gave way and I was unable to lay the power down where I needed to. It was down to the last lap though when I was out braked trying to lay on the power only to find myself in a massive slide front and rear, so I decided that this race was not important enough to risk binning the bike and laid off slightly only to be beaten to the line by a gnats whisker. I got a good second and had a fun race sliding about in control (I think?).

MRO RACE DAY – APRILIA MILLE CHALLENGE

We had a new set of tyres and brake pads to bed in, in practice, which as usual went quickly. Qualifying went ok and one of the riders had a sky camera on board his bike so I played about out braking him. I had P1 on my pit board most of the time so when I came in the team and I were pretty happy that I had got pole. But when the qualifying times came out I had been knocked down to 2nd grid as Dylan Fox put in a scorching time on the last lap.

RACE The plan was to get off the line first and make a break for it. But this was not to be as I out braked Dylan into the first corner I ran wide and Dylan was riding well making a good pace, I was then out braked by Jones to go back into 3rd position then John Pugh also passed me leaving me in 4th, I was ok with this as I was trying to save my tyres and still had 6 laps to go, but I could see Dylan pulling away so it was time to get my head down! I missed a gear Coming over the finish line and took a look behind me to see two bikes right up there on my tail. In one lap I got pasted John & Jones and could see that their tyres had started to go off the way the rear was spinning up. Dylan had pulled away 2 or 3 seconds but started to make mistakes, next lap I out braked him into Brooklands my pit board showing 3 laps to go with plus signs. I could put the power down very well and my tyres were feeling good, last lap flag was out and I had a quick look round to see I had pulled a 2 second gap with five bikes behind me I won the race by 1.6 seconds, Jones 2nd and Paul Rogers 3rd. This now means that the championship will go the distance and see what Lydden has in store for us.

I was very happy the way I had ridden the race trying to keep my head and save the tyres, and to break away at the end was a really good feeling.

Two wins in a row now!!