



With a break now until the next ASBK round in Darwin we had to keep on the bike during the break. We competed in round 2 of the Victorian Road Race Championships at Broadford last weekend. This was my first time at Broadford on the 600. It took me a while to learn the track and adapt my lines from the Moto3 to the 600.

With Friday being pretty much rained out I only got two dry sessions on the bike. We made the most of the two sessions that we had getting valuable bike time but still with room to improve.

Saturday started off with two qualifying in the morning followed by one 12 lap race after lunch. In the first qualifying session I felt a lot more comfortable than I did on Friday and dropped a second off my times. I ended up with a best time of 1min 01.060 only .050 off the next two riders in front of me. I knew that I would have to find more time in qualifying two and I defiantly did and so did everyone else. It took me a while to get clear track and get pass all the slower riders, but when I did I felt the best I ever had on the 600 around Broadford. I dropped another 0.831 off my time from qualifying one but I did not move up any positions. This gave me seventh on the grid for the rest of the races over the weekend.

In race 1 knew if I could get a good start I would be able to hold a higher position for more laps. I did get a really good start moving up to fourth from seventh off the line. I was running with the front guys for the first lap but then ran a little bit too wide on the entry into one of the last corners which costed me valuable time. After a few laps there was a gap from the front pack of four back to me and I was leading the second pack all race. I was able to finish with solid 4th place for race 1 and new PB 1min 00.200.

We made some suspension changes to stiffen the front of the bike more and that made a big difference in race one.



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On Sunday there was one 12 lap race in the morning and unfortunately there was a big accident and all the races got cut back. My last race was a 9 lap race.

In race two I got a really good start and moved up to third off the line. I was able to hold third for three laps when I got passed into turn 1 under brakes. Trying to stay with the more experienced riders was a challenge and I struggled to do so. Losing another position the next lap pushed down to fifth. I was able to hold onto fifth for the rest of the race. I dropped more time in this race stopping the clock at a 59sec .246. This was only 1.8 seconds off the lap record and we were pretty happy with that for our first time at the track.

In race three I didn't get as good of a start but was still in fifth for the first two laps. This was properly the most difficult race of the weekend for us as I was trying to go quicker but the front suspension was still on the soft side. I finished the last race of the weekend in sixth and held the consistency of lap times all weekend right through to the last race.

This weekend was not as serious as ASBK for us as he had everything to gain and nothing to lose because we missed round one. It was great to get to another track and gain valuable information about the bike and learn a lot. A huge thanks to the team as usual and all the sponsors:

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