



The last round of Hartwell and the third round of MRRDA went good after a long break from racing. The weather held out to deliver a dry track all weekend. We didn't think twice about doing the Friday practise as I hadn't been on the bike for a while. By the first session I was doing good lap times already. Throughout the day I kept on dropping my lap times every time I went out. By the end of the day I had got down to a 1.12.3.

The racing weekend started on Saturday with 5 minute practise up first. We used this to make sure that everything was all ready to go for qualifying. When it was time for qualifying there was seven minutes to put in a good time. I had some traffic on the first two laps so I pulled into the pits and let them all go so I had a clear track for a couple of laps. The bike started blubbering out of corners and that made it hard for me to do a good lap. I managed to get a 1.12.5. After qualifying we came into the pits and made an adjustment to the bike that helped to stop the problem.

In race one I managed to get a good start and got into second position by the end of the first corner. I stayed in second position for half the race when I got passed aggressively up the inside on turn one. I managed to stay with the other rider for a lap then he pulled away. I caught him up and managed a solid third outright and in my class.

The last race on Saturday I didn't get the best start and fell back to fifth. I could see the front runners had already pulled a gap. I quickly got pass into fourth but by that time there was almost a half a second gap. I tried to get closer to second and third but they were lapping a second quicker than me. I still pushed all race and came across the finish line in fourth overall and third in my class. I did a 1.10.3 a second off my PB.

First up on Sunday was a five minute practise. We went out and made sure the bike was all good which it was.

The first race on Sunday I got a good start and got into the first corner in fourth. I could see second and third battling it out so I just sat back letting them go. Half way through the four lap race the 80 In front of me lost the front on the last corner before the straight. I just took it easy and finished third outright and second in my class.

The last race of the day was a six lapper instead of four laps. The track was very cold and several people had crashed. I knew that all I had to do was finish the race to end up second overall for MRRDA and Hartwell that weekend, and second in the Hartwell championships. I went out and got another good start. I sat in fourth lapping 1.12's all race. I could feel the bike moving around a lot on the track so I didn't push it. I crossed the line in fourth overall and third in my class.

This weekend was a great experience once again. I had a lot of fun and was happy with how everything turned out. I wouldn't been able to do it without Dad and all of my other sponsors:

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