

Welcome to our all Motorcycle pre BSB Newsletter. Were well into June now and what a busy month it has been so far. The pressure of two big events in a row has delayed this months offering but we just have time to get the newsletter out before the return of BSB. And what a return that promises to be.

Apart from all of the usual excitement of a BSB event, this year we also have a very special demonstration run to look forward to (for details see below) and the strongest ever prospect of some home wins. Our interview is with Philip Neil of top Irish team TAS Suzuki and our competition also has a Suzuki theme with a Rizla Suzuki polo shirt signed by the teams riders up for grabs. We also have some information on Dubliner and Supersport Cup contender, Jack Kennedy, who is on the road to recovery following his big crash at Oulton Park.

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JUNE & JULY DATES

Friday - Sunday - *Bennetts British Superbike Championship*
Sunday June 24th - *Irish Championship Car Races*
Friday July 29th - *VIP Car Track Day*
Sunday July 1st - *Irish Championship Car Races*
Monday July 2nd - *Motorcycle Track Day, Road Bikes Only*

DUCATI MotoGP DEMO

Mondello Park will bring the sight and sound of a MotoGP machine to the Irish public for the first time during the BSB weekend. The 2005, ex Loris Capirossi, Ducati Desmosedici will be on display in the paddock on Saturday and Sunday, and will perform it's historic demonstration run on Sunday.

For many fans this will be their first and last opportunity to experience the incredible sound and performance of a MotoGP bike from the 990cc era, now that the world championship has switched to 800cc machines. The only previous laps of the Mondello circuit by Grand Prix machinery took place behind closed doors. The bike to be demonstrated is an ex-Capirossi No1 bike, with which he won the Japanese Grand prix at Montegi. This incredible opportunity has been made possible by Ducati Coventry who acquired the bike from Ducati Corse for it's owner and self confessed bike nut, Barrie Baxter. The demonstration run is part of a series taking place at 2007 BSB events. The Ducati demo takes place in between the two BSB races on Sunday afternoon.



The Relentless Suzuki by TAS team is one of the most successful teams ever to come out of the island of Ireland. The very busy outfit races on both the roads and permanent circuits concentrating on the British Supersport Championship and the International road races such as the NW200 and Isle of Man TT. The team is just back from the Isle of Man and with Mondello's BSB round just days away we manage to get a few words with Philip about the season so far, his home BSB event and what lies ahead for TAS.



FB: You are just back from the TT how did things go for you there:

PN: It went ok, we cant really complain having come back with one win from four races in the centenary year, which we would have been happy with before we went. We were just a bit disappointed not to add the Supersport win to the Superstock victory. Bruce (Anstey) was in a comfortable lead but the bike would not start after the pit stop which was hard to take.

FB: And now you go to Mondello holding the top two places in the British Supersport championship:

PN: Mondello has been good to us in the past and hopefully it will be again. We are not thinking about the championship, more about getting results at each race and then the championship will look after itself. Although its our home track we don't race there any more than anyone else so we have to treat it like any other event ,but we would like a home win from either rider

FB: How important is Mondello Park for TAS :

PN: Our sponsors are all from overseas so from that point of view it is not more important than anywhere else, but on a personal level and for our fans it is important. There are people who don't get to see us race for the rest of the year so its great to give them the opportunity to come and see us. When we won at Mondello with Tom Sykes it was the best feeling in the world and it would be great for us and either of our riders to get that feeling again.

FB: Its been a good year so far are you confident for the rest of it:

PN: To win a championship you need a lot of luck and to be quick at all tracks and we expect the rest of the season to be tough. Once we get into the second half of the season we may have to start looking at a strategy to keep the championship lead that we have and to keep two riders up at the top. I'm not talking about team orders just an approach which makes sure we give ourselves the best chance to win the title.

FB: So what does the future hold for TAS :

PN: Our plan from the start of the year was to graduate to the Superbike class for next year and it is likely that we will do that. We are in talks at the moment and could end up running either one or two Superbikes but we may yet end up with a Superbike and a Supersport programme with one bike in each.

JUNE COMPETITION

This month we are giving away a Rizla Suzuki Team Polo Shirt signed by the teams riders. To be in with a chance to win just email your answer to the following, to fbrennan@mondellopark.ie with **competition** as the subject.

'Name one of the riders who will ride for Rizla Suzuki at Mondello Park's 2007 BSB round'

Entries close on Friday 22nd June at 5:00pm. Please include a phone number with your entry as the winner will be notified by phone and email.

The competition winner will be published in the next issue of the newsletter. There is one prize consisting of a signed Rizla Suzuki Team Polo Shirt. The prize cannot be exchanged for any other Mondello Park product.

May Competition Winner

The winner of our May newsletter competition was Sarah Newman from Cork who receives a VIP hospitality package for two at this weekends BSB at Mondello.

JACK KENNEDY'S ROAD TO RECOVERY FOR HOME RACE



Dubliner Jack Kennedy has been one of the stars of the BSB supporting Supersport championship this season. Riding in his first full year the nineteen year old has already taken one win in the Privateers cup.

Kennedy's progress was halted however by a leg breaking accident in qualifying for Oulton Park at the beginning of May and looked likely to miss his home race. A broken Tibula, Fibula and Ankle required three plates and ten screw to piece together but nothing could be done for a week due to the swelling.

Three trips to the UK for Laser surgery have accelerated the healing process, the last of which was scheduled for the Tuesday prior to the BSB. The cast is also being removed and replaced by a Kevlar ankle brace which will be thin enough for Kennedy to use his race boots.

All of Kennedy's determination and hard work, and help from some of the best surgeons available, may still come to nought. The dedicated racer still has to pass a medical with the BSB championship medical staff on Friday before he will know whether or not he will get to compete in his home race.