



Metzeler Racetec National Superstock Championship – Round 1 Brands Hatch GP

Glen Richards continued his dominating qualifying form to take victory in his first Superstock race at a sun-drenched Brands Hatch GP circuit, today 9 April.

A forty thousand strong crowd saw Suzuki PDM Racing rider Luke Quigley get the jump on the start from the Dyer Crossgills Racing Yamaha of Adrian Coates and Hudson Kennaugh on the Raceways Yamaha. Glen Richards did not get off to a flying start as he trailed the trio and Steve Brogan on the Tengo Honda Racing entry on the opening lap, aboard his Embassy Racing Yamaha.

In the opening laps, the leading trio of Quigley Coates and Kennaugh fought hard for the lead, pleasing the crowd as they entered Paddock Hill Bend three abreast in their attempts to gain the lead.

Despite a valiant effort, Coates was unable to get past Suzuki of Quigley and ran wide into Paddock allowing the chasing pack to progress past the Yamaha rider. Hudson Kennaugh wasted little time in getting his head down and moved past Quigley to put the Yamaha in front. After a steady start, fifth placed Richards began to move further up the field passing Quigley in Hawthorns on lap four and set the early fastest lap on the fifth as the Australian chased South African Kennaugh. Lap six saw Brogan pass Quigley followed by Richards moving in first position ahead of Kennaugh.

The thrilled crowd's attention was dramatically diverted shortly afterwards on lap 8 by a huge incident as Marshall Neil's Suzuki exited Hawthorns out of control before careering into the safety barriers near Westfield.

With the field brought back together by the incident, a determined Richards got away with greater effect on the re-start from Kennaugh and Brogan. Brogan faced stiff opposition from Quigley as the persistent Suzuki rider passed him two laps from home. Brogan continued to apply the pressure and managed to get back past at the chequered flag.

Australia came home from South Africa and England to round off a superb start to the 2007 Superstock Championship.

A delighted Glen Richards reported that he really enjoyed his first race on Metzeler Racetecs with "No problems whatsoever."

Metzeler Racetec National Superstock Race Result

1 – Richards (Yamaha), 2 – Kennaugh (Yamaha), 3 – Brogan (Honda), 4 – Quigley (Suzuki), 5 – Wilson (Suzuki)

Championship Points

1. Richards	25
2. Kennaugh	20
3. Brogan	16
4. Quigley	13
5. Wilson	11



Metzeler Racetec National Superstock Cup Round 1 Brands Hatch GP

The final race of the day saw Tim Bourne onboard his Suzuki fire off the the line ahead of pole-sitter James Hurrell's Enanjay Racing Suzuki. Ben Taylor (Yamaha) came through from the third row to take third position from Norman Brunton (Yamaha) and Jason Page (Yamaha).

Bourne continued his hot pace to set the fastest lap for the race on lap two as he began to gain a small advantage over the chasing pack. Consistent pressure from Hurrell in second place produced an unforced error as Bourne out-braked himself at Druids on lap seven allowing Hurrell to gain a lead which he would maintain to the end of the 14-lap race. Gavin Hunt, on the Martin Bullock Race Team Suzuki, crossed the line in third to take a valuable sixteen points.

The second round takes place in less than a week's time at the historic circuit of Thruxton in Hampshire.

Metzeler Racetec National Superstock Cup Race Result

1 – Hurrell (Suzuki), 2 – Taylor (Yamaha), 3 – Hunt (Suzuki), 4 – Harris (Suzuki), 5 – Gilbert (Suzuki)

Championship Points

1. Hurrell	25
2. Taylor	20
3. Hunt	16
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