

## Shannon Johnson on the Podium at

### 2010 Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix at Phillip Island

Shannon Johnson takes out 2<sup>nd</sup> place on debut with Demolition Plus GAS Honda Racing at Phillip Island in the Superbike support category at last weekend's Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix.

Victorian, Shannon Johnson, has won his first national Superbike race in three years after a monumental battle with Queenslander Robbie Bugden in the opening race of the support program at this year's IVECO Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix. In variable conditions, Johnson and Bugden rolled the dice on tyre selection and came up trumps, which set up the top spot in the final three laps.



Johnson managed a satisfying 4<sup>th</sup> position on the grid during a wet qualifying session on Friday. This is even more impressive considering he had never ridden the Honda CBR1000RR in the rain before morning practice. The race scheduled for Friday afternoon was cancelled due to the continued downpour.

The unpredictable weather continued on Saturday for Race 1. Johnson went out on slicks, unlike most of the other riders, who chose wet weather tyres. This gamble paid off however, as the track began to dry, leading Shannon to win the race and also set the fastest lap of the race with a 1:37.324.

Race 2 was early on Sunday morning on a wet track. Shannon finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place. The third and final race of the program was in the dry, and after a great start, Shannon finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place, missing a podium finish by just one second.

Shannon summed up his thoughts from the weekend ... "A few words come to mind when I reflect on this weekend, amazing is one of them. It is amazing to think just on two weeks ago I was left without a ride at the Phillip Island Grand Prix, to then be a race winner once again is a nice feeling".

"I am very happy that I was given this opportunity to race the Honda CBR1000RR with the Demolition Plus GAS Honda Team, a very big thanks to Tony, Richard, Angela, Geoff, Troy, Garry, Stewie, Ali, Diane, and everyone involved in the team that helped and supported us in this one off race". "Also Wayne for letting me ride his bikes, told you I wouldn't break them ... "



The Demolition Plus GAS Honda Racing Team heads to the final round of the ASBK Championship at Symmons Plains, Tasmania – 12-14 November 2010. Wayne Maxwell is currently in second position, which will make for an exciting climax to the season as he fights for the title!

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