

Maxwell Takes Out 2010 ASBK Opening Round



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of the pack by about five seconds.

Demolition Plus GAS Honda Racing's Wayne Maxwell won the opening round of the 2010 Australian Superbike Championship (ASBK) at Phillip Island this past weekend, taking a clean sweep of the points ahead of fellow Honda rider Bryan Staring who claimed 38 points to make it a Honda 1-2 on the podium at day's end.

Maxwell, who finished the round on 51 points, battled fiercely for a race one win against Staring, as well as Josh Waters and Jamie Stauffer. The four riders certainly kept the crowd on their toes after breaking away from the rest



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The final race for the Australian Superbike class was postponed until late in the afternoon due to an earlier crash in World Supersport, and was subsequently reduced to 10 laps, however, the racing was just as close with the original four, plus another Honda mounted rider - Glenn Allerton - swapping the lead position numerous times.



With less than half a second between them at the pointy end of the race, Maxwell was able to take the chequered flag, with Stauffer a close second and Staring in third.

"I couldn't be happier with our weekend," Maxwell said. "This is a new Team so to be able to pull off really a perfect round so early into the season is very confidence inspiring."

"The next round at Darwin should be interesting as the circuit is new to most of the riders. The conditions will also have a big part to play in who can win so I'll be training as much as possible in the lead up."

Riding his new CBR1000RR in the Superstock 1000, Demolition Plus GAS Honda Racing's Richard Parry placed 31st and was happy with the result, especially after achieving a personal best of 1:42:262 as his fastest lap in Qualifying 2. Race 1 saw him pulling in early after 9 laps following some tyre problems, but Race 2 saw him finish in 31st place.



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The second round of the 2010 ASBK will take place in Darwin, Northern Territory on 8-11 April. For information, go to: www.asbk.com.au