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THE DEMOLITION PLUS GAS HONDA DREAM TEAM WINS THE 6 HOUR!

Demolition Plus GAS Honda Racing has successfully defended its 2009 6 Hour title taking out the 2010 Bel Ray 6 Hour Endurance Race, and the Australian Endurance Championship.



Wayne Maxwell and Josh Brookes made the dream a reality after completing 215 laps and taking the chequered flag ahead of Team Honda Racing and Team Suzuki.

Maxwell and Brookes set the pace right from the start and continued to show impressive speed throughout qualifying. Maxwell kept the ball rolling and continued the good form into the Superpole qualifying lap, placing the Demolition Plus GAS Honda CBR1000RR onto the top spot.

After a massive build up and two long days working on pit stops, fuel consumption and race strategies it was time to put it all into motion. Phillip Island turned on the weather for race day and it was set to be an awesome day of hard fought endurance racing.

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Brookes was the man to start the race for Demolition Plus GAS Honda and after a fantastic start he took the race lead early. Armed with Dunlop tyres, Brookes consistently lapped faster than the other riders, extending his lead throughout the first stint and setting the fastest lap of the race along the way. After completing several extra laps than rival teams, thanks to the tuning of the bike, Brookes pitted. A nervous first pit stop for the team saw an error with the re-fueler filling the bike's lower fairing with fuel. The team reacted quickly draining the fuel to get Maxwell out on track as soon as possible for his first stint. Maxwell kept a cool head whilst waiting in the pits and got straight down to business on the track nailing each lap.

Maxwell signaled to the team that there was a problem with the bike 6 laps shy of the scheduled pit stop and had to pit early. The chain had stretched and was extremely loose. The team put the early pit stop to good use, replacing front and rear Dunlop tyres, refueling and tightening the chain. Brookes was back out on track for his second stint in no time, setting lap times sometimes two seconds a lap quicker than rival teams. With 1 hour and 30 minutes gone, the team was more than 40 seconds down on the timing monitors. Although this looked bad, our tactics team assured us that our race strategy was in full swing and we would make up the time later in the race.



Both riders had their heads down for the rest of the race making up time on the lead teams every lap. Closing in on the final hour of the race, the team's race strategy had fallen into place. The team required one last pit stop whilst Team Honda Racing and Team Suzuki needed two.

The final pit stop for the race was sharp. The Demolition Plus GAS Honda team had the bike in and out of the pits within one and a half minutes, throwing in new front and rear Dunlop tyres and enough fuel to finish the race along the way.

Brookes finished the race as he started it; lapping considerably faster than the other riders. He took the last lap board on the 6th hour and completed the final lap, taking the race win.

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Demolition Plus GAS Honda would like to congratulate Wayne Maxwell and Josh Brookes on an exceptional ride and for all their hard work. Wayne and Josh are not only unbelievable motorcycle riders, they are also fantastic guys who have a successful future ahead of them.

Another thanks to our reserve rider Cru Halliday. Cru stepped onto the bike for the first time on Friday, and showed that he will be a star of the future.

6 Hours at a 100% is a mean feat for anyone, so credit must go to Honda's CBR1000RR. It never missed a beat for the whole race and was exceptional on fuel. This bike is in a league of its own. Also thank you to Honda Australia for their ongoing support.

Thanks to Dunlop for tyres capable of race winning speed from start to finish, and SBS Brake pads. Not only were the riders capable of doing the same lap time on the last lap as they did on the first, they also completed the race on a single set of brake pads.

Thanks must also go to our extended pit crew for this event. Not only did we have world class riders, we also had a world class pit crew. So thank you to the whole team, from our mechanics, lap timers, fuel team, tactics team and caterers. We would not have been able to do this without your support.

