

GLENN ALLERTON RACING



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Allerton stretches out ASBK lead after sweeping Queensland double-header

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Defending Australian Superbike Champion Glenn Allerton won three out of four races on his way to the overall victory in both rounds of Queensland Raceway's double-header weekend of the Woodstock Bourbon Australian Superbike Championship, stretching out to a 10 point lead in the series after three rounds.

The Motologic Racing Honda rider qualified in second position for Saturday's round 3a of the series after missing out on pole position by just two hundredths of a second, but come the pair of 16-lap races he was unstoppable – winning race one by a comfortable 4.670 seconds and race two with a 2.114 second margin.

Sunday's round 3b would prove more challenging for the 28-year-old after being bumped off of the front row of the grid back to fifth position in Superpole, before he then bounced back to claim victory once again in Sunday's opening race, taking the chequers by just 0.201sec this time around.

Drama struck for the final race of the weekend on Sunday afternoon when the heavens opened up while riders were on their warm-up lap, forcing race officials to delay the start of the race and allowing teams to frantically switch to their second bikes with tyres and settings more suitable for the wet conditions.

Allerton's race turned pear-shaped when his second CBR1000RR developed a technical glitch as he was leaving pit lane, giving him no other option but to remount his number one bike mounted with slick tyres and dry settings in order to fight for points in the tricky conditions.

It was at that point when Allerton had the paddock in awe, remaining upright for the entire race despite an off-track excursion into the mud during the mid-stages of the race, but he eventually fought back to an impressive fifth place after the circuit began to dry in the final laps of the race.

Allerton also managed to post the fastest lap of the race on the last lap by almost two seconds over the rest of the field, clearly taking advantage of the slick tyres as the circuit began to form dry lines throughout the lap.

The result handed Allerton the overall after his teammate Wayne Maxwell won the race, giving Allerton the perfect reward for what was his most difficult race of the weekend as he did the unthinkable on dry-weather slick tyres.

Sydney's Eastern Creek Raceway in New South Wales marks the next round of the series, Allerton's home round of the championship that takes place on 7-9 August.

Glenn Allerton Quotes:

I'm excited. I was going good and feeling confident from the start, so I'm really happy with how the weekend went – the championship's looking great.

To be honest the first race on Saturday was an easy one. There was a battle behind me after the restart and I managed to get away, and then in the second one Josh Waters was pushing me all the way so I just kept pushing and managed to get the win.

On Sunday morning I tried a few different things and I wasn't as quick as I was on Saturday, so I had to play a tactical race and let Josh Waters go through with about five or six laps to go so I could try figure out where I was faster than him. I realised that I was faster than him down the end of the back straight so I pulled out behind him and got past with two to go and won the race, so that was a good feeling to do that.

In the last race when it started raining it was just panic stations there for a while because the second bike with wet settings wouldn't run, but then they came out with the dry bike and said that my teammate Wayne told them from the grid that the track was dry enough for slicks, so I jumped on it and gave it a go.

Lucky for me the track was drying out, but I had no option other than to go out on slicks even though the circuit was completely wet at the start. The first two laps I was actually going with everybody, but once they realised how much grip they had with the wets then the two sections of the track where it was really wet were just killing me.

I saw that I was catching up to Jamie Stauffer and I got a little bit excited and started trying harder, but as I went into the left hander at turn four I locked the front wheel and it pushed me off the track. After that for a couple of laps I was just hoping not to fall off the bike, and then the track started getting even dryer and I started catching them pretty quickly.

I caught Jamie and went by him straight away and then half a lap later I passed Daniel Stauffer and Craig Coxhell, and then I closed a big gap to Robbie Bugden and passed him on the last corner so I was just rapt. I really had an advantage in the last two laps.

I had it all against me. I was on dry tyres with a dry setting, too, and that's not what you want for the wet. I was really determined just to finish that race, just trying to get championship points even if we didn't win the round. It turned around for me and I ended up coming out on top overall, so it's those kind of rides that help win you the championship at the end of the year.

Further Information:

More information on Glenn Allerton can be seen at his brand new official website at www.glennallerton.com.au.

Detailed results and championship standings can be found on the series' official website at www.asbk.com.au or at www.computime.com.au.

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