



Metzeler Racetec National Superstock Cup Superstock - Round 2 Thruxton

Round one winner James Hurrell qualified in second on his Enanjay Racing Suzuki, 0.3s behind Dean Johnson onboard the CM Racing Kawasaki. Jonathan Howarth (MSG Podium - Suzuki) and Gary Jackson (Newell Plumbing/Kystal Space - Yamaha) lined up ahead of the remaining contenders for the second round race at Thruxton this afternoon, 15 April.

The weekend's warm weather spell continued with track temperatures still in the low-thirties. Coupled with the notorious highly abrasive track surface, the scene was set for a thrilling climax to the weekend's racing.

Jonathan Howarth got the hole-shot from the line and led after lap one from Dean Johnson and James Hurrell. Howarth fought to stay ahead of Johnson on the Kawasaki but was passed into the complex at Campbell on the second lap. Johnson set the fastest lap of the race on lap two, rounding the 2.35 mile long Hampshire circuit in 1:19.321.

Despite numerous valiant attempts, Howarth was unable to get back ahead of Johnson throughout the remainder of the race and although he had the speed on the fast flowing part of the track, Johnson held the advantage at the crucial entry to the Club chicane. Johnson was able to capitalise on this, winning by 0.7s.

In winning the race, Johnson bucked the trend for the day as he became the first rider of the day to take a win, having not won at the opening round at Brands Hatch last week.

James Hurrell kept up the pressure on the leading duo but was occupied in the latter stages by a hard charging Gary Jackson, as they finished the race in third and fourth positions. Norman Brunton on his Yamaha YZF-R1 rounded out the top five as the riders look forward to the next round at Silverstone in two weeks time.

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1 – Johnson (Kawasaki), 2 – Howarth (Suzuki), 3 – Hurrell (Suzuki), 4 – Jackson (Yamaha), 5 – Brunton (Yamaha)

Championship Points

1. Hurrell	41
2. Howarth	25
=. Johnson	25
4. Taylor	24
5. Brunton	20