



Metzeler Racetec National Superstock Championship - Round 3 Silverstone

With the 2007 season beginning to shape up as a contest for honours between four or five riders, South African Hudson Kennaugh on his Raceways Yamaha, capped off a weekend of progressive dominance to turn the tables and close the gap on the series leader Glen Richards at Silverstone today, 29 April.

Hudson Kennaugh kept up the pressure on Embassy Racing Yamaha rider Glen Richards, in what shaped up to be a tantalising prologue to the race throughout the qualifying sessions, with a pole position time of 1:28.731. Richards qualified second with a 1:29.439. Luke Quigley ended qualifying with his PDM backed Suzuki GSXR in third space, closely followed by fellow early season front runner Steve Brogan, riding the Tengo Honda Fireblade.

After a period of further warm weather, race day started with noticeably cooler temperatures and the slight chance of precipitation. Pre-race paddock talk was of the opinion that whoever got the break at the start would be in a strong position and Kennaugh confirmed his form by taking the early lead and posting a time of 1:28.276 on lap two, some 1.3s under the previous lap record. Quigley took an initial advantage over Richards before the Australian managed to get by on the second lap and look to rein-in Kennaugh.

As the race developed Kennaugh established a gap on Richards and Quigley battled with fellow Suzuki rider Ben Wilson, who took hold of the third position until lap five, when Quigley got back past.

The ever determined Richards began to eke away at Kennaugh's lead, reducing the gap to 1.6 seconds before John Ingram was involved in a last corner incident bringing out the safety car for the next couple of laps.

Kennaugh bunched the field up as the safety car retired before Kennaugh, Richards, Quigley & Co. resumed battle. This was short-lived, however, as proceedings were prematurely concluded as the unfortunate Les Shand crashed heavily at the end of three-quarter distance, temporarily rendering himself unconscious and assuring victory to a delighted Hudson Kennaugh and the Tony Rodgers-led Raceways Yamaha team.

Battle will recommence at Cheshire's Oulton Park Circuit next Bank Holiday Weekend.

Metzeler Racetec National Superstock Race Result

1 – Kennaugh (Yamaha), 2 - Richards (Yamaha), 3 – Quigley (Suzuki), 4 - Wilson (Suzuki), 5 - Brogan (Honda)

Championship Points

1. Richards	70
2. Kennaugh	61
3. Brogan	47
4. Quigley	39
5. Wilson	30