



## Metzeler Racetec National Superstock Cup – Cadwell Park

### Race 2 (Monday 27 August)

On the back of yesterday's race, expectations were high for a competitive and eventful Superstock Cup showdown. Race fans were not disappointed as Championship newcomer Darren Bellworthy upset the formbook to record his first senior race victory, from a fortunate Norman Brunton in second. Resurgent MSG Podium Suzuki rider Jonathan Howarth was delighted to take the third place at a sun drenched circuit this morning (27 August).

On the outside of the front row, Ian Mackman over-eagerly anticipated the start and jumped forward – receiving a thirty second penalty shortly after the lights out. It was the Ice Valley backed Speedreak Yamaha of Anton Kokshoorn that took the advantage and headed the field by a small gap from Dean Johnson (Mackman +30s) and Jonathan Howarth. Head down, Kokshoorn took Johnson with him as the pair progressively increased their advantage over the field, with Kokshoorn setting the fastest lap 1m 33.955 on the third tour. Further back, Norman Brunton was settling into the race, recovering from his fifth place out-lap.

As the race appeared to be settling down to a dice between Kokshoorn and Johnson, the 20 year old dramatically high-sided out of the race at the chicane, on lap six. Johnson took the lead but disappeared from the leaderboard himself on the next lap as he was ejected from his Astro Kawasaki in the Hall bends on lap seven, gifting the lead to Brunton but necessitating safety car deployment as Johnson's incident was cleared from the track.

Brunton bunched the field for a two-lap conclusion but it was the Dazzler Racing Suzuki of Bellworthy that had designs on the win, seizing the initiative and taking a deserved victory. Brunton, faced with another damage limitation exercise consolidated his title lead with a second place as Jonathan Howarth finished in a confidence boosting third.

As Dean Johnson limped down to the medical centre, a delighted Bellworthy celebrated on the podium with Brunton and Howarth. The Cava-soaked victor left the podium: *"After yesterdays poor performance I thought I'd have to try something. I got my customary useless start and made it hard for myself. When the safety car came out I managed to catch back up and ended up with a good result. I hope to be here for the rest of the season - we will have to see. I just want to give a big thanks to Steve Wheeldon – without him and the support of my friends and family, I would not be here."*

Norman Brunton added, *"I'm really happy with the win but I hope Dean is OK - it's not good to see someone crash. It was a good race for me, I knew that I'd struggle to keep up with him as he's been flying all weekend"*.

Jonathan Howarth was equally pleased with his result and looked forward to the next round at his favoured Donington Park, now full of confidence in his Metzeler shod Suzuki's front end grip: *"I was struggling to get past Mackman but the pace car helped me. I needed to get back up to the front two. I'm really pleased with that ride."*

The double header at Donington Park, Leicestershire will be 21-23 September.

### Metzeler Racetec National Superstock Cup Race 2 Result – Cadwell Park

1 – Bellworthy (Suzuki), 2 – Brunton (Yamaha), 3 – Howarth (Suzuki)

#### Championship Points

1. Brunton	163
2. Johnson	137
3. Hurrell	119
4=Jowett	80
Howarth	80