



## Metzeler Racetec National Superstock Cup – Donington Park

### Qualifying

Championship newcomer Alex Camier on the Hawk Colchester Kawasaki topped the timesheets today, to secure pole with a lap time of 1m 37.786. Conditions for today were decidedly pleasant compared to those of yesterday's for Q1 when Camier's best time for the Friday session was a lowly 1m 57.353s.

Championship leader Norman Brunton qualified in fourth, confident that all of the attention would be focused on Dean Johnson and James Hurrell to beat him, if they would stand any chance of wresting his grip from the Championship trophy. Johnson placed his Astro Kawasaki alongside Camier and Martin Jowett returned to the front row to fill third. Hurrell would have to be content with a second row start. These positions had a greater significance, as it was a double-header weekend, scheduled to catch up on the races cancelled as a result of the summer's inclement conditions.

### Race 1 (Saturday)

Camier continued his form to take the win from Dean Johnson and Martin Jowett. Norman Brunton came in placed fourth, happy to take the points ahead of the second race tomorrow afternoon.

Camier headed the field into Redgate at the start from MSG Podium Suzuki's Jonathan Howarth, Martin Jowett and Dean Johnson. Jowett having wheelied off the line, clipped Johnson's bike putting the luckless number three back to fourth. Storming Norman Brunton, not living up to his nickname, followed through in fifth spot. As the race progressed, Howarth paid the price for rocketing from the second row as he was judged to have jumped the start – a ride through penalty would effectively end his challenge, allowing Dean Johnson to move up into second place on lap four.

Johnson set about reducing Alex Camier's 1.5s advantage and by the seventh circuit, the local man, from Coalville, was right with the young Kawasaki Junior Team rider. The pressure was on Johnson to pass Camier but he would have been only too aware of his unfortunate DNF at Cadwell, which could have upset plans. The technical gremlins stayed away and on lap eight he picked the Esses to pass Camier but his challenge was rebuffed a few corners later at Goddards. Camier had the wake-up call and would hold the lead until the flag. With a solid second place and fastest race lap (1m 37.144s), Johnson would be disappointed to have lost the opportunity to gain maximum points advantage over rival Brunton, who finished fourth, 7.2s behind DJ.

Alex Camier, Stuart Hickman and The Hawk Kawasaki team celebrated their return to the podium. The title contenders eagerly anticipated Sunday's return fixture with the Scotsman's lead over the Englishman now reduced to nineteen points.

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1 – Camier (Kawasaki), 2 – Johnson (Kawasaki), 3 – Jowett (Yamaha)

### Championship Points

1. Brunton	176
2. Johnson	157
3. Hurrell	120
4. Jowett	96
5. Howarth	80