



## TEAM SUZUKI SHUBIE REPORT

**Aug 14<sup>th</sup> , 2006 – Shubenacadie, NS.** The Team Suzuki Blackfoot Racing crew came to Atlantic Motorsport Park (AMP) looking for redemption from rounds 4 & 5 at Mosport. Knowing that AMP has a reputation for being the most physically demanding track in the Parts Canada Superbike Championship Series, with its technical layout and bumpy track surface, they knew they would have their work cut out for them. That did not deter Team Suzuki pilot and current Superbike Champion, Francis Martin, as he got right back to business and put his Suzuki GSX-R1000 on the front row in Superbike qualifying with his Teammate, Clint McBain, just a few positions behind him on the 2<sup>nd</sup> row.

In the Superbike Final, Francis put in a very strong performance and brought his Suzuki GSX-R1000 home in 2<sup>nd</sup> place behind Kevin Lacombe. Rider's Choice pilot, Matt McBride also put in an excellent effort on his Suzuki GSX-R1000 as he moved from 6<sup>th</sup> position in qualifying to 4<sup>th</sup> in the final. Team Suzuki Blackfoot Racing pilot, Clint McBain experienced a shifting glitch at the start of the race and was unable to continue while series leader, Szoke, had an off-track excursion early in the race but was able to remount and finish 7<sup>th</sup>.



Martin back on the podium - where he belongs



McBain putting his GSX-R600 on the front row in qualifying

Unfortunately for Suzuki GSX-R600 mounted, championship contender, Ross Millson the red flag was as a result of him and another rider crashing out on the opening lap. Millson's bike was too badly damaged to continue and although he was able to borrow a bike and join the restart, the points defect going to Shannonville is going to make his championship hopes much more difficult. While Millson struggled to salvage points, Suzuki mounted Dany Jourdain put in a very strong ride and was battling for 2<sup>nd</sup> position with point's leader, Karl Daigle right to the finish. Daigle would finish 2<sup>nd</sup> behind McCormick and Jourdain would enjoy his 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to the podium this season. Langley BC native, Mark Carmichael brought his GSX-R600 home in 5<sup>th</sup> position and was recognized as giving "The Performance of the Race".

The Pro600 race started out as an exciting battle between 5 riders, including Team Suzuki pilot, Francis Martin, who was running in 2<sup>nd</sup> position on his GSX-R600 before low siding while attempting a pass for the lead. With Martin out, it was up to McBain and McBride to bring their Suzuki GSX-R600s home in a respectable position and they did so by coming in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> respectively.



Jourdain enjoying his podium performance



Glenn setting a new SV lap record at AMP

The Amateur 600 race lived up to its billing with lots of action and the proverbial "Red Flag".

The Suzuki SV Cup is one turning out to be one of the tightest races for the Championship honors. Coming to AMP, Dave Bagshaw had a slim 4-point lead and with his pole position qualifying on Saturday, it looked like he was ready to increase his point's lead going to the final round at Shannonville on the Labour Day weekend. Bagshaw got the holeshot and it was looking like his victory plans were well on their way but championship contender, Paul Glenn had different ideas. Sitting back in 3<sup>rd</sup> place during the opening laps, Glenn would set a new lap record for SV650s at AMP as he worked his way by Grande and then Bagshaw for the win. It is now Glenn that holds a slim 5-point lead over Bagshaw heading to the final round at Shannonville.

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