



**I arrived, I conquered, I raced, I crashed, I got broken,**

**Now I recover and then go back racing!**

RedStar Raceway opened the 2012 season of Superbike racing. Redstar Raceway (know in short as RSR) is the newest track in South Africa to welcome Superbikes. RSR had a positive welcome for the 2012 season, with 194 entries for the day, a good increase from the amount they received last year.



We arrived at RSR on Friday morning for the official Practise, I went out and felt extremely confident, this was my 3<sup>rd</sup> time riding anti-clockwise at RSR. Interestingly, the track was designed and built to be ridden both directions, so every 6 months they change the race direction on the track, giving a fresh approach to racing this track throughout the season.

This race held at RSR was the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the regional series, and also the start of my New Team. We were all ready for the race from Friday's practice, we had our Glacaeu Vitamin Water chilled and bikes preped for the track. Our team walking around in my self branded 'Little Miss 79' FlexFit caps and "Freestyle Films" filming the behind the scenes, documenting the progress of the day.



On Race day, we began with qualifying, trying to get the best time I could as to get a good position on the start line, I pushed myself hard and found myself almost in a speed wobble, known as tank slap, my heart stop a few seconds, but I got away clean. I achieved my first goal of the day, by qualifying top 10, just to mention to the readers that this is a male dominant class, and qualifying top 10 was an amazing accomplishment and a good start to race day.

Race time! I lined up on the grid, nervous and ready, Put my head down and full throttle I gave chase to the 8 riders in front of me. Heading towards the first corner, I again found myself in a position that almost ended my race again, I came in contact with another rider and after correcting, the near fatal crash, found myself a few positions down, so now I was Pretty upset and chased my heart out. I gained 3 positions after the first lap putting me in 8<sup>th</sup> place.

I had 3 riders in my site, and was ready to gain a few more positions. Riding smoothly and consistently, I eyed out the next rider and upon taking action, I found myself suddenly on the ground and heading on the grass with my bike lying flat on the tarmac, it was only when my beautiful bike began to flip on the grass run off, that my ankle sustained the the fracture. I was out for the rest of the Day! And now for probably for another 2 months. Luckily the First National is only a month away so we'll see maybe my fracture will heal Quickly - Hold Thumbs!



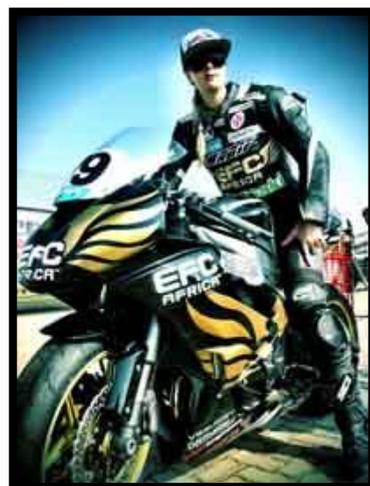
I think it's Safe to say that this was just not my race.

That is racing though, all forms of racing, trial and Error! You win some, You lose some, And in between you Break Bones!! It's just a speed bump in the road till the Next race!! ☺

Ciao for Now!!

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