



Race Report

Zwartkops National

TOP 10!!!

This weekend's national definitely ended on a great note, before we have a 2 month break from Nationals. It was Round 4 of the Wesbank Super Series held at Zwartkops Raceway in PTA.

The whole week I was anxious because I had managed to do really great times at the Regional Two weeks before, so heading into this weekend's national I was a little worried.

Friday Practice

We arrived at the track early that morning. Winter has definitely arrived... It was freezing, I went for a little run around the track with two jackets and I was still cold. Friday was up and down for me. I managed to achieve some good times but the whole day my times were not as I would like them to have been. I had a really big moment where I came very close to crashing into the Pit Wall, but my angels were definitely keeping me safe because I managed to save it. A Very scary moment. No one knows how I saved it! All and all, the day ended off satisfactorily.

Race Day

I was so nervous I couldn't even sleep the night before the race. I just kept visualizing the track in my mind. I must have done 100 laps in my mind. So when I arrived at the track I was a little calmer. Took about an hour to get ready for Qualifying and it all came together. I managed to get straight back down to my times and qualified in 10th Position!!! I was overjoyed, 10th qualifying at Nationals. So now when they show the Race on TV you'll at least see me – Hahahaha....

Race 1

The problem we have at Nationals is with the Cars. They tend to mess a lot of Oil around the Track, which makes it so hard for us on the bikes. For this race there was an oil and dirt at the most important corners of the track so passing was not the easiest thing to do. I managed to have a nice start but lost a position though, so now I was in a nice battle with Alex from Namibia for 10th position. He was ahead of me for most of the Race and to be honest keeping me up. We raced for 12 laps and for most of the race I was just being patient, seeing where I can take him. I tried but couldn't get it right until I saw that I only had 3 laps left before the race is over... Seeing this, I knew I had to take a risk, so I put my head down and out braked him into turn 5 which is not a very easy corner to overtake but I held it and passed him gaining my 10th Position back 😊 !!! At the end of race I managed to get a 9th position, did not even know this until the race was finished.

Race 2

Wow, me and Starts. I had such a great warm up lap, but when I needed a good start I messed it up completely. Messing it up made the race very exciting though. I had people next to me and all of us were on top of each other going into corners! There were daring passes & manoeuvres that all of us tried. All I wanted to do was catch the top 10 group. Once again I got caught behind Alex. Struggled to get passed him (Zwartkops was not designed for overtaking) But once I got passed him I pulled such a gap that I caught the guy in front of me quite quickly, but we only had a few laps left before the race was finished and as much as I tried to pass Anthony #55 I was unable to. But to be honest the position did not bother me that much as I had achieved my 1:03:9 again!! Making me the fastest women and top Women on Two wheels at Zwartkops.

At the end of the day, I managed to achieve Top 10 in Nationals – a first for me, and something I am very proud of!!

I am so grateful to be in the position I am in. Every race my team and I just get stronger each time. Thank you so much Smart for Women, Kawasaki, Emtek racing. We are truly having a great comeback and it can only get better. Glaceau Vitamin Water for Keeping Hydrated, Monica I'm glad you got to watch some racing this weekend.

Now we have a little break so lots of training will be the order of the day, so we can come back stronger for the 2nd half of the season.

To all of my sponsors, I can't express how thankful I am that you have all given me the opportunity to be in the position I am in.

Hope everyone has a wonderful winter!

Till the next Race ☺

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