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Queensland motorcycle racing series reaches tense mid-term.

Round Three of the **2014 Southern Downs Road Race Series** was held at Morgan Park Raceway across the weekend of August 2nd and 3rd. Spectacular battles were fought across nine different classes of competition.

After three of five rounds, Queensland's most popular road racing series sees several classes locked in exciting, tight battles. Here's a look at the points leaders so far across the various classes:



Brett Kitchin (BMW S1000RR) remains undefeated this year in the **Formula 1** class. With a perfect score of 225 points so far, surely only bad luck could prevent him wrapping up the Formula 1 title. Nicholas Hull (Aprilia RSV4) trails Kitchin by 62 points, with Rodney Criminale (BMW S1000RR) a further 54 points adrift.

Formula 2 is a very closely-fought affair. The all-Yamaha R6 podium is led by Harrison Cox on 231 points, with Steven Relph close behind on 215. Both riders have scored points in every race this season. Peter Leonard sits in 3rd with 199 points. The top thirteen riders are all just a single race haul of points away from overtaking their nearest rivals!



Dominance is the name of the game in **Formula 3**, with Joseph Salter (Suzuki SV650S) taking a clean sweep of victories across the year and sitting on a perfect 325 points. Anthony Carroll (Honda VFR400R) and Jason Hermann (Honda RVF400R) are battling for second place in the Series, on 286 and 256 respectively.

Formula 4 has provided some of the most spectacular and competitive racing this year. With lap records tumbling, wheel-to-wheel racing the order of the day, and just one point separating the top two riders, fireworks are sure to ensue in the remaining two rounds. Jason Hermann (Honda RVF400R) leads the way on 250 points from Anthony Carroll (Honda VFR400R) on 249 and Sam Phillips (Honda CBR250RR) on 239.



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The Series victory in the eclectic machinery which comprises **Formula 6** is also anyone's guess. John Berry (Ducati TT F1) leads the way on 207 points, but Steve Dobson (Kawasaki ZXR1000), Martin Hodgson (Suzuki 1200), Michael Mercer (Yamaha FZR1000) , Andrew Relph (Kawasaki ZXR750) and Leo Cash (Suzuki Katana) have all put in strong performances. Consistency and machine reliability will be determining factors over the next two rounds.

The battling Honda CBR250RRs of Sam Phillips (308 points), Simon Dickson (288 points) and Jeff Duke (269 points) have resulted in plenty of chewed spectator fingernails as they fight it out for honours in the **250/300 Production** class. Expect the final outcome of this class to also go down to the last race of the year.



The **Moto3** class has provided some excellent racing, showcasing a great mix of experience, ages and genders. Brian Houghton's (Honda NSF250) speed and consistency leads the way on 277 points from the flying Callum Barker (Honda NSF250) on 200 points, with Sarah Fairbrother (Moriwaki MD250H) in third place with 195.

Kieran Dale (KTM SMR 450) leads the breathtaking **Supermoto** class by a commanding 92 points, it's an all KTM affair on the podium. Josh Symons (KTM SMR 450) trails Kieran by 94 points, and Dave Oliver (KTM SMR 450) sitting in third a further 54 points in arrears.



The all-action **Sidecar** class have run two rounds this year, with the duo of Adam Brown and Michelle Baker leading the points chase on 168 points. Richard and Scott Goodale have a solid grasp on 2nd place with 132 points. Barry Martin and Craig Mitchell lie 3rd and will be looking to climb back to the top step after missing the second round.

About the Motorcycle Sportsmen of Qld.

The Motorcycle Sportsmen of Queensland Inc. is a *Motorcycling Australia* - affiliated Road Racing and Supermoto club based in Brisbane, Australia.

The Club has been in existence since 1958 and has a long history of promoting motorcycle racing. A great many number of champions, both international and national have been members at some time or another.