



***THE REECE BANCELL SCHOLARSHIP  
- MIKE JONES***

***Eastern Creek AFX-SBK Series - Rd1  
Mixed Fortunes!!***





After brilliant performances at the WSBK and ASBK rounds Mike was looking forward to rubbing shoulders with the likes of Kev Curtain at the Creek.

The beginning of the weekend went extraordinarily well as on Saturday Mike claimed pole position ahead of YRT rider Kevin Curtain and took two race wins and a very close second behind Kev in the last race.

Mike was justifiably very proud to be able to display his riding skills at the Eastern Creek Circuit and he was certainly the fastest rider in all 3 races.

The end of the weekend however showed mixed results.

Mike started from pole position again on Sunday and won the first race in a close battle with Kev. Unfortunately Mike made some mistakes in the last two races and did not score any points.

Mike commented – "On Sunday, the first crash in Race 2, I clipped Kev's back tyre after I made a pass on Dylan Mavin into the very fast turn one and hit the deck, luckily without too much damage. As for the second crash in Race 3, I started from the rear of grid due to the progressive grid at the AFX-SBK Championships, and in 3 laps I made my way to fifth position but on the fourth lap I tucked the front tyre in the middle of the turn 9 hairpin".

"After Saturday's performances, I was beaming with happiness as it was almost a perfect string of results. Sunday's results were interesting, I felt disappointed that I had crashed in two consecutive races. However, after speaking with Steve and Adam from the California Superbike School, I was very pleased that I was able to analyse the crashes and come up with positive conclusions. I have taken mental notes to ensure that I am more aware of those scenarios in the future, which in turn, will reduce the possibility of making those same mistakes again".

Checkout Mike's website at: <http://www.mikejonesracing.com.au>

