



# *THE REECE BANCELL SCHOLARSHIP - MIKE JONES*

## *Southern Downs Challenge - Morgan Park*



Photos by Keith Muir



This week Reece Bancell Scholarship rider Mike Jones headed back to his home state of Queensland to compete in the Southern Downs Challenge at Morgan Park Raceway.

Unfortunately extended heavy rain on Saturday forced an early closure to the day's events, but not before Mike could set the fastest lap in practice/qualifying, leaving him with Pole Position for Sunday.

The first race on Sunday presented extremely tough conditions, with a track which was too dry for wet tyres but not dry enough for the control tyres. Mike decided to run with the control tyres with "The aim to finish the race and gain experience in that situation, which is exactly what I did."

After the difficult conditions of the first race the rain continued to pour and Mike chose wet tyres for both the final races. After some intense battling and a few 'close moments' Mike took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in both races, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall for the weekend.

"Overall it was a great weekend and I was very happy with the results considering the difficult conditions. I gained a lot more experience and learnt more about intermediate track conditions, both with the use of wet and dry tyres. Now for the future I feel I am more prepared for such situations as these and I can recall on this knowledge to help my on-track performances."

Mike next heads to the Top End to continue his pursuit of the ASBK Superstock 600 crown. "I'm really looking forward to Round 3 of the ASBK Championships at Hidden Valley Raceway in Darwin. I'm leading the Superstock 600 category and I hope to extend my lead even further at a track which I enjoy."

Check out Mike Jones Racing: [www.mikejonesracing.com.au](http://www.mikejonesracing.com.au).

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