

RICKY ORLANDO

BOULDER, COLORADO



High Plains Raceway May 7/8 2011

The first round of the Motorcycle Roadracing Association 2011 season was held at the popular HPR raceway. The racers were greeted by an unusually warm day for the beginning of May.

Ricky's first race of the day was the middleweight supersport class. With a runner-up position in last year's championship, he was gridded on the front row. When the lights went off, he was first off the line. Heading into turn one another rider got under Ricky, relegating him into second place. At the half-way point of the race Ricky was still hounding first place. As he was exiting turn six, the front end started to slide. Try as he might, Ricky could not keep the Rocky Mountain Kawasaki ZX-6 up, and low sided, ending his race. Unhurt and with minor damage to the bike, Ricky quickly got back to the pits for repairs. As the crew attacked the bike, the next race was called and Ricky barely made it to the grid in time for the heavyweight supersport race. Another good start had Ricky slotted into third spot after the first lap. As he started to make a run on second place, he felt the front start to go away and wisely back off the pace for a third place podium position.

Sunday was nice day weather wise and the crowd was definitely enjoying it. The middleweight superbike race was up, and Ricky had another front row start. A great start had him leading the pack into turn one. Hitting the long back straightaway, Ricky was losing ground. Coming up the front straight to get the halfway flags, Ricky was passed, relegating him to fourth where he would finish. Last race of the day was the hotly contested Race of the Rockies. Earlier in the day Ricky had qualified third fastest. This year the race had both classes of GTO and GTU bikes combined making the start a crowd pleaser. As Ricky battled the gaggle of bikes, he was chasing down one of the 1000cc machines. As the race wore on Ricky could not make any forward progress and maintained position for another third place podium spot.



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