



SUPERKARTS TAME THE MOUNTAIN

The Superkart Club of NSW is very pleased to say the 3 lap test session at Mt Panorama was a major success from the drivers' perspective. In a day that was sunshine in the morning which changed to constant down pours of rain in the afternoon. At one stage it was looking that the test was going to be put off till today (Saturday 13th Feb) in the hope of better weather. With a worse storm approaching, the Superkarts were rushed to get going with a condition in place that all karts must run wets. The track was slick and on wets there was no grip. Everybody's wets were shot after 3 laps. The crowd on pit lane watching from the wall was standing room only. Each time the Superkarts passed, all you could see was clapping, arms raising cheering the superkarts on. This applause was also seen at the flag points around the circuit.

All karts handled the circuit with ease in unideal conditions. Thoughts of Conrod straight being to long for Superkarts showed no signs of being an issue. In ideal conditions the top 250 Internationals would likely be somewhere around a V8 Supercar lapttime. The Rotax Max handled the circuit with ease. Any thoughts that a Rotax could not handle the circuit were thrown out the window.

I'd like to thank the 6 drivers involved in the test, especially Warren Mcilveen for coming from Tamworth, and Gary Pegoraro for coming all the way from Melbourne. It proved to be the right mix of drivers with varying abilities. The attitude and professionalism of all was evident. I'd also like to thank the assisting people on the day to the drivers. All conducted themselves in a professional manner. A special thank you to Phil Eggins and Shauna Horswell, CAMS and the promoter.

We must remember that this test was only another piece in the puzzle of gaining a permit to race at the mountain. Being that this was a safety session to get a drivers perspective, it's very pleasing to hear no real issues were found. NSW Superkarts will now move forward to the next step.

Regards
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