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Welcome from Bradley

Hi everyone,

In this issue there is a piece from me about signing for Aspar for 2009/2010, there is also a review on the races in Japan and Australia.

There is also something about seeing a bit more of me around the UK.

This time there is no '90 seconds with Brad' feature, but rest assured it will be back, so keep sending Steve your questions.

However, this time we have an exclusive competition, open only to the fan club, have a look, work out the answer to the question and send your answer to Steve. I will be picking the winner next month and the winner will receive the prize before Christmas.

Importantly, this is your newsletter, so I would like to hear what things you would like to see in it.

Until next time.

2008 Merchandise

Hi everyone,

The next newsletter, which will be out mid November, will bring some exciting news on 'special offers' on Bradleys merchandise, keep an eye on your email for the next newsletter.

We have noticed that some of the T-Shirts are not of the quality we expected and some of the print has been lifting or peeling off. We can only apologise, if you have one of these faulty shirts please contact Steve at steve@bradley-smith.co.uk and he will arrange for a replacement to be sent to you.

Keep sending in those pictures of you wearing it, which Steve will put on the website. I do enjoy seeing you and reading your kind messages of encouragement, so keep them coming.



Signing for Aspar



Let's start with some good news because there has not been too much of it about in the last couple of weeks in both Japan and Australia.

I've signed a deal to ride for the Spanish-based Aspar Aprilia team for the next two years. It's a great compliment and a bit of a surprise to me because being honest, I've not had the best of seasons and I also turned them down at the end of last season.

Despite this they kept up their interest in signing me when there are other riders around who are having a better season than me. It's a great team to join because they have won world championships, Jorge Martinez the team owner is a multiple world champion and I will be in the same team as Gabor Talmacsi and Alvaro Bautista who are former world champions.

I will continue riding in the 125cc class next season but have an option to ride in the 250cc class with them a year later. It's great to be sorted out for the next two years but I feel so sorry for my present team, who will not be running next year.

Understandably because of the economic situation Polaris World can't sponsor the team and so everybody will be looking for new jobs. I feel really gutted for them because they are good people who have spent so much time and effort on my behalf.

There is nothing I want more than win one of the last two remaining grands prix for them to say thank-you.

Bradley Appearing near you ??



No, you are not seeing things, these posters really exist.

A big thank you to **Richard Firth** and all at **Primesight** for putting these posters up and showing their support for Bradley.

They will be appearing in different places for variable lengths of time.

Have a look at :-

131 High Street, Hillingdon

159-161 West Road, Musley

125 Benwell Lane, Newcastle

They may still be there ?

If you see one, get someone to take a picture of you standing next to it and send it to Steve (steve@bradley-smith.co.uk) and he will put it on the web site

Japan & Australia



I really thought I was in with a chance in both Japan and Australia of doing just that but I returned home on that long journey from Australia with no points whatsoever. I'm so disappointed but things are just not going our way at the moment.

At Motegi in Japan after almost being brought down by some crazy riders at the first bend I was lapping well when the engine broke. Even Aprilia don't know what the problem was but it was on the plane to Australia with no points. The weekend in Australia was certainly full of incidents but not the kind you want.

I qualified on the front row for the race in second place despite crashing in both qualifying session in both wet and dry conditions. I made a great start and was 0.7 of a second in front by the time we reached the hairpin on the first lap. I knew I had to be careful especially on the right side of the tyre with so many left hand corners and went into the hairpin three miles per hour slower than I had in the morning warm-up. I did not even have my knee on the ground and kept the angle of lean down to a minimum but down I went. The only reason must have been the wind blowing off the Bass straight and the only consolation I had was that three other riders went down at the same place in the first couple of laps.

I managed to get back on the bike although the handlebars were bent inwards and it was more like riding a pushbike with bent handlebars.

I kept going and was up into 17th place on the last lap when I hit a bump at the fast Hayshed corner and the handlebars hit the frame. I crashed at around 125mph and still have plenty of bruises to show for it. Phillip Island is such a fast circuit and Valentino Rossi's crash on Saturday showed just how deceptively quick it is until you see a rider crash.

So a disastrous couple of races but I have still got two more before the end of the season to thank the team with a win. I have nothing to lose, starting at Sepang in Malaysia a week on Sunday because any chance I had of finishing third in the championship has disappeared.

It will be hot and humid there and certain to rain. Not that cold rain we had on Friday at Phillip Island but big thunder showers. I like the track and enjoyed riding there last year but just lacked the top speed which I've got this year.

I'm looking forward to the last two races but can't predict anything after those last two races but as always I will be out to win.



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Exclusive 'Fan Club' Competition

WIN BRADLEYS SIGNED VISOR !!



This was the visor Bradley used in QP2 in Brno this year.

All you have to do is work out the answer to the competition question, then email your answer, with your name and address to Steve (steve@bradley-smith.co.uk).

Bradley will be randomly selecting the winner at the end of November and the prize will be sent to the winner in time for Christmas.

COMPETITION QUESTION

Somewhere on Bradleys web site there is a photograph that contains the picture of a well known, former 500cc Motorcycle Grand Prix winner, who is he ???

Only one entry per email address please

ENTRIES CLOSE : 25TH NOVEMBER 2008

Good Luck !!

Fan Gallery



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