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Riders fitness and endurance levels will be tested when the WA Superbike and Supersport/ Superstock competitors hit the track for Round 3 of the five round WA Steelblue Road Racing Championships at Barbagallo Raceway on Sunday July 25. With the extended race distance increased from 8 laps to 14 lap races the test will be on.

The Championship is hotting up with a number of riders still in contention for a podium finish. The battle is now on with anyone of the following riders in with a chance. With Round 3 only have two races (of longer distance) for each of these Championship classes there are less points up for grabs.

Committee Chairman & Superbike rider Ben Stronach said this week *"in the sprint races we go all out for those 8 laps. For the 2 x14 laps this round, the tyres will get hotter towards the end of the race and move around a little more. If it is possible you would try to make a break and then manage the tyres for the race but with everyone so close it may well be a hard battle for the whole 33.6km.*

*Also a lot of the riders are not use to doing the 14 laps, I would say everyone would have ramped up the training to make sure they can sustain a pace for the full distance, it does take it out of you especially with the heavy braking at Barbagallo. For this round it will be more important to hold a good pace for the full 14 than going too hard at the start and tailing off. "*

Superbike rider Cameron Keevers (Pitstop Parts & Apparel Honda CBR 1000) has taken over 2<sup>nd</sup> spot in the Steel Blue WA Superbike Title chase just 3 points down on

current reigning Champion Ben Henry (Rilusi Suzuki 1000) after taking two of the three race wins.

Cameron Stronach (Wattsy's Motorsport R1) showed he has not lost any of his past winning ability after taking out 2<sup>nd</sup> placing but following a high speed crash at skyline destroying his bike, this round he will be on board a spare bike. Brother Ben Stronach (SMB Racing) will also be riding his spare Ducati this round whilst his team await parts.

Jamie Boland (Weld West Suzuki 1000) is another rider still not out of title contention. Boland came away last meet with a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placing but out braked himself at the end of the straight in the final race. He managed to remount to finish in 17<sup>th</sup> place still scoring a couple of points.

Overall Superbike Championship Tally: B Henry 125pts, C Keevers 122, B Stronach 116, J Boland 98, A Senior 98, S Adams 84, K Boulton 83, C Stronach 79.

In the C Grade Superbike title newcomer Andrew Schrape (Industrial People Kawasaki 1000) will be keen to retain his lead, on 130 pts he is 21 points ahead of Nigel Lloyd (BGC Honda 1000) 109 pts with Elizabeth Haren (VMotoHQ 1000 Suzuki) on 107 pts with previous title leader Mark Gill dropping down to 4<sup>th</sup> place overall on 100 pts following a fall last round.

**Darwin based Sam Lambert is on his way to Barbagallo** to join Queenslander Brad Gross and a strong field of nineteen 125GP bikes on the grid for the Vick Soulios Photography sponsored Formula 2/ 125 GP WA Championship title. Lambert at only 15 years of age finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in his class at the first ever round of the Australian Championships held in the Northern Territory back in April. These two riders join a growing list of state and national competitors boosting the return of the two stroke class.

Alan Forde (U3Racing Yamaha 600cc) is expected to try and close the gap even more so next race day after taking his first ever Supersport Championship win, followed by a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placing keeping him in touch with the Trakdayz Supersport Championship leader Ralph Mammoliti. Adam Chambers is also still in striking distance aboard his Causeway Honda 600. In the Superstock class James Reid extended his lead by 34 points with Kalgoorlie's Jack Coyle and Craigie's Mason Coote in battle for 2<sup>nd</sup> spot.

Spectators can always expect the unexpected in the Armadale Rental Car Sidecar Championship. Trevor Clyma and passenger Paul Brider made a spectacular track exit last round, loosing a sidecar wheel heading down the hill into the last turn before the main straight. The Walker brothers hold a 50 point lead over nearest rivals. Hopefully the likes of Paul Pinfold/Juston Winchester can get up close and take a race win. The consistency of the King/Fagan and Robbins/ Dore duo's keeps them in good stead for a podium finish this season.

**The non-stop 16 event programme** with support classes of Clubman 1000 and 600cc racing gets underway at 9.00am for practice and racing from 11.45am.

Tickets at the gate (gates open to the public 8.00am) All info at [www.mcrcwa.com.au](http://www.mcrcwa.com.au)  
Barbagallo Raceway Wanneroo is located end of Wattle Ave, off Old Yanchep Road off Joondalup Drive, Neerabup.

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