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#### **SEASON LAUNCHES AT CALABOGIE ROUND 1** ***Canadian Thunder Buell® Riders make the Podium***

CALABOGIE, Ontario (May 26, 2008) – Ruthless Racing/Deeley Harley-Davidson® Canada racer Dave Estok gave the new Buell® 1125R bike a promising debut, placing third in the Canadian Thunder class of the Parts Canada Superbike series opener at Calabogie Motorsports Park this past weekend.

Saturday's qualifying session saw Estok improve his personal best with a time of 1:12.729, setting him up for a front row start in Sunday's Canadian Thunder final. Darren James, the previous multiple Canadian Thunder Champion, qualified seventh, which slated him for a second row start.

Ruthless Racing's Dave Estok racked up Buell's first podium appearance of the season with a splendid third place finish in Canadian Thunder. "I started this season with the goal of the championship and this is a good start towards that. I really want to thank Deeley Harley-Davidson® Canada for having the confidence in me, and Crew Chief Thomas Morin and the guys for doing such a great job, and thanks to all the fans that came out." Ducati captured the first and second positions.

Darren James, owner of Ruthless Racing, brought the second Buell 1125R bike home in fifth spot. "Well, I'm never happy finishing off the box; in fact, I only like the top step, but I guess I'm ok with it. We did make a lot of progress this weekend and we're real happy for Dave and hey, it's far from over, we've got six races left."

In the air-cooled Sports Twin class of Canadian Thunder, Buell air-cooled riders Olivier Spilborghs (Ruthless Racing), Jim Proulx (Harley-Davidson® of Ottawa), Dan Thompson (Harley-Davidson® of Ottawa), Keith McPhail (Jacox Harley-Davidson®), Scott Kerr (Jacox Harley-Davidson®), and Dale Wood rounded out the field.

With a dominating performance, Jim Proulx captured victory in the Sport Twins final. His margin of victory was the largest recorded on the weekend, which earned Proulx the Tirox Big Winner Award. Olivier Spilborghs of Ruthless Racing finished third, putting two Buell racers on the podium, a notable accomplishment for him after starting at the back of the grid. Spilborghs' XB9R bike, closest to the required horsepower limit without going over, earned the Ruthless Racing Team the Brembo Tuners Award.

All in all, an exciting first Canadian Thunder round of the 2008 Parts Canada Superbike Series that reflected the hard work of the Ruthless Racing team and the performance of Buell motorcycles.



## FINAL RESULTS

### Canadian Thunder

1. Valter Bartolini (Ducati)
2. Andrew Nelson (Ducati)
3. Dave Estok (Buell®)
4. Erick Beausejour (KTM)
5. Darren James (Buell)



Left to Right: 3. Dave Estok (Buell), 1. Valter Bartolini (Ducati), and 2. Andrew Nelson (Ducati).

### Canadian Sport Twins

1. Jim Proulx (Buell)
2. Laurent Feuiltault (Kawasaki)
3. Olivier Spilborghs (Buell)
4. A.J. Simiana (Ducati)
5. Dan Thompson (Buell)



Left to Right: 3. Olivier Spilborghs (Buell), 1. Jim Proulx (Buell), and 2. Laurent Feuiltault (Kawasaki).

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