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## ***GARDNER JNR FEELS THE MAGIC AT PHILLIP ISLAND AND TAKES OUT AUSSIE TITLE***

**Phillip Island 4th December 2010:** Remy Gardner unexpectedly took out the MRRDA National Junior Nippers Road Racing Championship for under 13 year olds at Phillip Island today.

As he rode down *Gardner Straight* for the first time on Friday, twelve year old Remy Gardner felt the magic of the great circuit. "I couldn't see the name on the wall as I rode past but I knew it was there," said Remy after the first session. "I could see Dad hanging over the pit wall with his thumbs up and I nodded to him when I went pass - it was pretty cool," he added. Remy's first Australian based road race was not only a national championship race, but also a junior support for the revived Bel Ray 6-hour.

The weekend brought back memories all round for Remy's Dad, winner of the 1989 and 1990 Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix' at Phillip Island. "Both the 6-hour and Phillip Island hold special memories for me," said Wayne. "To see Remy conquering this incredible circuit with skill and intelligence really makes me proud. And, to be sharing the pit garage with talented Aussie riders like Josh Brooks and Wayne Maxwell of the GAS Honda Racing Team [6-hour pole position holders] was a great experience for Remy," Wayne added.

Plagued by mechanical issues at the beginning of the weekend, Remy started race one on Friday with only three and a half laps from practice and qualifying. Not perturbed, he shot into Doohan Corner in third place from twelfth on the grid and finished a credible 5th position, improving his qualifying time by more than five seconds a lap and coming in behind Matt Barton, Michael Lockart, Luke Mitchell and Corey Turner. His Moriwaki, with Honda 70cc modifications, performing well when it mattered.

Saturday morning on the Island was warm and sunny, despite forecast rain. Starting race two in his qualifying position (twelfth), Remy got off the line well and went through Doohan Corner in third. An incredibly exciting race ensued, with three packs split through the field. Remy lead the second group for most of the five lap race, dicing between third and fifth, and coming from fourth to pass on the inside of the last corner, taking the checkered flag in third place after Michael Lockart and Luke Mitchell.

Race three was even more thrilling, with Remy taking off from the third row, quickly making his way through the field to fourth, and changing position from third to fourth throughout the race. He moved into third at Southern Lukey on the last lap and held position, getting pipped at the flag by only 200th of a second by Queenslander Corey Turner. He was well and truly fuelled to ensure the same thing didn't happen in the next race.



Remy worked on strategy before the last race and then put his head down, determined to walk away from Phillip Island with a great result. He got a blinding start again, coming out of Doohan Corner in third and pulling away from the pack on every lap to finish a definitive third, again behind Lockart and Mitchell, and beating Turner by a commanding six seconds, and taking out the MRRDA National Junior Nippers Championship for 2010.

"I wasn't expecting to do so well this weekend because it was my first time on the track, but I really loved it and could feel myself getting faster on every lap. As I got my confidence I started thinking how I could beat those guys, it was great". Plus, I came away with a championship and, I learned A LOT," said Remy after the final race.



Wayne was incredibly proud of Remy's professionalism this weekend, and continues to marvel at his ability to listen, learn and act. "This morning I took Rem to some of the corners he struggled with yesterday and explained how and where he could make up time and ride more smoothly. He put that directly into practice and improved with every lap in every race. He's very lucky to have his own personal race trainer, but without the determination he's shown, it'd mean nothing," said his excited Dad.

For full race results and more information go to:  
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