

ABSOL Racing

PRESS RELEASE

Absol Racing running four-man team for 2009 Season

After a break of two years, Iain Duff is delighted to have signed AJ Hutchinson again for Absol Racing for the 2009 season.

AJ is the latest rider to be signed under the Absol Racing colours for 2009. He will be joining Paul Barron and competing in the Nationals. Paul will also be trying his hand at road racing this year, alongside other signing Derek Shiels. Paul will decide whether to do the whole series after the first couple of rounds, while AJ is also eligible for the 600 Cup. Iain has also signed Emmett O'Grady who will be competing in the Triumph Triple Challenge.

Richie Ryan is a satellite rider for this season but will be running in the team colours.

Paul, who was MRO Superbike Champion in 2006, ran in BSB 2007. Unfortunately he wasn't able to race in 2008 but is back and expecting to be on form for 2009.

AJ finished well up in several championships in 2006, and was voted Bridgestone 'Rider of the Year'. He placed in the top ten of the inaugural Triumph Triple Challenge in 2007, but was unable to complete his 2008 season in Irish Superbikes due to lack of funds.

Derek is a former Irish Superbike champion, and last year broke the 600 lap record at Mondello Park on the Triumph 675.

Emmett was Southern 400 champ last season, and having run the triple in various one-offs and at Anglesey he is no stranger to the 675.

Team owner and manager Iain is no stranger to success either, being a former top-flight sidecar driver with success on both short and road races.

AJ says, "It's great to be working with Iain and the Absol Team again, and back racing on tracks that I know well. I will be working hard with the team to bring Absol Racing the success it deserves"

The 1st round of the Nationals takes place at Mondello Park on the 21st/22nd March, the Triumph Triple Challenge kicks off at Brands Hatch over 18th/19th April, and the 1st round of the Roads will be at Cookstown on the 24th/25th April.

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