



Dave no 141 at Brands Hatch



The Ross Graham Racing Team: Ross and Carmel Graham, Betty Bailey, Danny Ahern, Dave, Sue and Georgia Cole



On the startline at Chimay. Dave No 71, 2nd lane

Pukekohe at Labour Weekend.

“I’m not doing the Aussie champs – the bike’s not ready, but I’ll be there for the two big Pukekohe meetings over the summer and maybe get back to Australia next year for the Aussie champs. Ross wants to do the Goodwood Festival in the UK in 2011, it’s quite a famous event. That’s by invitation, so hopefully, we made a good enough impression over there.”

Dave has certainly made an impression everywhere else he has raced.

But when asked to recount the highlight of his career, he answers in his typically understated way: “The biggest buzz was racing with Kevin Schwantz and Wayne Gardner, both ex world champions. I had watched them on TV before I started racing and it was a real privilege to race with them, quite closely at times. I would never have dreamt of doing that when I was a kid.” ■



DAVE COLE RACING PROFILE

Dave has achieved the following on the Ross Graham G50 and McIntyre Matchless.....four Australian Historic Championships – Classic 500 class

- 2004: Winton, Vic
- 2006: Mac Park, SA
- 2007: Eastern Creek, NSW
- 2008: Wannaroo, WA

He holds current lap records at the following tracks

- Winton, Vic
- Symons Plains, Tasmania
- Mac Park, SA
- Eastern Creek, NSW
- Phillip Island, Vic
- Wannaroo, WA

Dave won the last 4 or 5 Classic 500 races (he’s lost track) at the annual Phillip Island Classic event, beating the likes of Wayne Gardner and lowering the lap record from 1:51.3 to 1:49.0. He has also won “loads” of TT titles – so many, he can’t remember them all.

He was honoured with the MNZ Classic Award in 2003 and again in 2008

Previous titles held

- 1994 - F2 Champion, Yamaha TZ 250
- 1995 - F2 Champion, Ducati 748SP
- 1996 - Australian F1 TT 2nd, Port Kembla Street Race, Australia, Ducati 748SP
- 1996-7 – F2 Champion, 600cc Sports Production Champion, Yamaha YZF 600
- 1997-8: F2 2nd, YZF 600
- 2001: 4th Open Sports Production Championship, Ducati 996SPS