

# SHANE DIENER & KLX450R TAKE 2ND AT CONDO 750



Shane Diener with SA Dirt Bikes Crew



Murray McLerie

Ten time 24 Hour Reliability Trial Champion and long time Kawasaki rider Shane Diener has bounced back from a high speed encounter with a kangaroo during last year's Australasian Safari to take out 2nd place at the 2009 Condo 750 on board his KLX450R at Condobolin NSW on 11-12 April.

The 2009 Condo 750 marked Diener's first desert race since breaking his leg at the 2008 Australasian Safari. Fully recovered from that incident and being the fittest he's been in years, SA Dirt Bikes rider, Shane Diener, rode brilliantly to finish a close second to Condo local, Todd Smith. With other competitors' motorcycles breaking down throughout the race, Diener pushed his way up the leader board throughout the 2 days of racing, going head to head with Smith.

Although Smith narrowly edged out Diener at the end, he was happy with his performance saying, "It was great to be back on the bike and racing again, though it was hard on Saturday as I was trying to overcome some fear after the crash at Safari. I just put it behind me, put my head down and went on the charge."

"I really wanted to win but I missed out with Smith taking it. I'm happy with the results and my Kawasaki KLX450R proved to be strong and bullet proof both days thanks to the team at SA Dirt Bikes. While many other bikes around me broke down, both mine and Murray's KLX450R's powered on. I'd like to thank Kawasaki and SA Dirt Bikes for their support along with my newest sponsor One Industries who have stepped up to help out with helmets and apparel for 2009."

Throughout the Condo 750 weekend, Shane Diener and the SA Dirt Bikes Race Team were joined by the Trailzone magazine team, with rider Murray McLerie on board the Kawasaki supplied KLX450R. Expertly prepped by SA Dirt Bikes for the event, Murray finished a notable 27th.

Shane Diener now sets his sights on the upcoming Kamfari 500 in Darwin on 3 May, an event he goes into as defending class Champion after winning the 450cc class last year on board his KLX450R.

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