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## Team pulls off seven wins

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The Mile Zero Motorsports road racing team cleaned up this season with seven championship wins.

Doug Stephens, team mechanic and owner of the Ladysmith business that sponsors the team, said good preparation and good riding paid off.

“It couldn’t be any better,” Stephens said of the season.

The team of three motorcycle riders raced against others from around the province through the Westwood Motorcycle Racing Club. The races took place at Mission Raceway Park between February and October.

The Mile Zero riders include Mark Kruger, Kenny Lalonde and Andrew McKeachie.

Stephens said the seven victories in a variety of classes are all the more sweet given that Mile Zero — backed by Suzuki — is a smaller operation than a lot of competitor teams.

“I think it’s not too often you see a small dealership ... compete at that level and win,” Stephens said.

Kruger, a pro rider, said Stephens deserves a lot of credit for the winning season. And despite the fact the dealership is located in Ladysmith, far from the site of the races, Mile Zero was always there to help, he said.

“He still supported the race team and came through for us and built the bikes for us,” Kruger said.

Stephens was also on hand at races to prepare the bikes and provide additional assistance when needed.

Kruger, also widely known by the nickname **Kramer**, agreed that the season went really well, even with tough competition.

“It went really good,” he said.