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A photograph of Dan Reardon, a motocross rider, standing on a podium. He is wearing a blue and yellow racing suit with 'DAN' on the chest and a blue cap. He is holding a large, ornate silver trophy. Behind him are two women, one on the left and one on the right, both smiling. The background features a banner with 'NOKIA' repeated multiple times, 'YAMAHA', 'MOTUL', and 'national's' logos. The text 'Dan Reardon News' is overlaid in a green, cursive font across the bottom of the image.

Dan Reardon News

Reardon's Dream Season

Three times Australian Supercross Champion, Dan Reardon, wrapped up the 2007 Australian Motocross Title at Coolum in Queensland over the weekend, going out in true Reardon 'never say die' style.

Capping off what has been a dream season, Dan Reardon, proudly stood on the championship podium and celebrated what has been the team's best Motocross and Supercross results in seven years.

After dominating the competition all season, Dan Reardon headed into the final round event already the championship winner, after sealing the championship deal at the Lakes event in NSW, Australia.

"It was a great weight off my shoulders to have the championship already wrapped up heading into the Coolum event," said Reardon. "It meant I could go out and have fun riding in front of my home state crowd at my final races in Australia.

"I qualified in second place which was good and I felt confident that I could come up with the goods in race one, as Coolum is one of my favourite tracks and I feel at home riding on the track.

"I got away to a good start in race one, but on the opening laps I was getting heaps of dirt on my goggles from Troy Carrol who was ahead of me. Unfortunately as I couldn't see, I crashed and I had to pull into the pits to change goggles. I rejoined at the back of the field.



Dan with his family and trainer Andy Cunningham

"I wanted to put on a really good show for my home track crowd, so I pushed hard to chase the leading riders down. I was rallying hard and was back up into sixth place, nearing the final laps, when I came unstuck in the back section of the track. I remounted and finished in tenth.

"In race two my start wasn't that great, but I was feeling good. I didn't put pressure on myself to get out in front early and I just waited for the right times to make clear passes. I got past Cheyne Boyd for the lead by the halfway point and from there I just rode it home. To go out on a high in your home state like this is awesome.

"I've had a dream seasons this year and everything has just gone to plan which is great. My ultimate goal for 2007 was to win both the Australian Supercross and Motocross Titles and I have done it. Last year I came so close, only to miss out by one place in the Motocross championship, so to go one better and win the both titles before I head to the US to race is awesome.

"I can't thank everyone involved enough for their support this year. My mechanic Charlie has again done a great job all season and we have achieved fantastic racing results together over the past two seasons. I have had an awesome time riding for Kawasaki over the years, and I'm happy we've finished 2007 on such a high," Reardon said.