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MOSCOW OPENS NEW HORIZONS FOR SBK

The eni FIM Superbike World Championship breaks new ground this weekend when the series heads to Russia for the first time in its history.

The brand new Moscow Raceway, which held its first international event only last month, will play host to the latest instalment in what is turning into an unpredictable battle for title honours.

None of the top three in the championship finished on the podium as wet weather caused chaos last time out at Silverstone.

Max Biaggi, the 2010 world champion, still leads the way but his margin over second-placed Marco Melandri is only 10.5 points. Kawasaki's Tom Sykes and Althea Ducati's Carlos Checa are third and fourth, with Honda's Jonathan Rea fifth, although even he is only 70.5 points behind Aprilia man Biaggi.

Rea (pictured) was not in the best of moods after only managing to leave Silverstone with fourth- and ninth-place finishes – the latter coming after a fall early in race two – but on reflection the Northern Irishman was

happy to have closed the gap in the standings. "We have had several crashes like the one in race two at Silverstone – it's getting a bit frustrating," he said.

"Overall, we took points out of the championship leaders, so it was not a bad job. To come away with a fourth and a ninth is better than I had expected following our qualifying performance, so we will take those results and move on to Russia."

Melandri has been the form man in the series over the last four rounds, with the BMW's ever-improving pace proving a real headache for the Aprilias, Hondas, Kawasakis and Ducatis. After a strong run of wins and podium finishes, the Italian could have been forgiven for being disappointed with a haul of only a seventh and an eighth place at Silverstone.

But with Biaggi suffering a crash in race one and then finishing behind his compatriot in race two, Melandri maintained his momentum as he chases his maiden title. Now he hopes the inclement weather that has hit several rounds this year does not affect racing this time round.

The former 250cc world champion said: "I am so happy because we left Silverstone without any damage and we picked up some good points. Now I am looking forward to going to Moscow because the track is new for everybody. I just hope the weather will be more stable there."

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SUPERSPORT 
FIM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Sam Lowes is looking to carry his momentum into this weekend's round of the FIM Supersport World Championship.

The Bogdanka PTR Honda rider closed to within 14 points of leader Kenan Sofuoglu with second place at Silverstone, and he said: "I know my team will keep working hard for the rest of the year and I'm looking forward to Russia. I'm a racer and I always aim to win, so bring on Moscow."



SUPERSTOCK 1000 
FIM CUP

Eddi La Marra hopes to build on his handy lead in the Superstock 1000 FIM Cup when action resumes after the summer break. The Team Italia rider took his first win of the season at Silverstone and now lies 31 points clear of Sylvain Barrier.

He said: "Now I have a good lead in the table, but with three rounds left anything can happen. We must stay focused and repeat these results."



SUPERSTOCK 600 
UEM EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Riccardo Russo expects his UEM Superstock 600 European Championship title battle with Michael van der Mark to go down to the wire. The Italian beat off the close attentions of his Dutch rival in the last round at Silverstone to lead by three points. He said: "Me and Van der Mark are going to fight for the title right down to the final round, but for the moment I'm happy to be back at the top of the table."



HISTORIC WIN FOR YOUNG GUN LORIS

French rider Loris Baz made history when he won race one of the eni FIM Superbike World Championship at Silverstone. The Kawasaki rider became the second youngest race winner in 25 years of the championship, aged 19 years, six months and four days. That is bettered only by Yuichi Takeda, the wild-card rider who won at Sugo in 1996 at the age of 18 years, eight months and 27 days.

Baz, who stepped up from the Superstock 1000 FIM Cup earlier in the season, was in only his 11th race at the top level. He led in race two as well, crashing moments after passing Sylvain Guintoli, only to get second place back when the red flags came out seconds later. He said: "The conditions in race one were crazy for a while, but when I saw the rains coming I pushed hard, even though it was quite wet, but I stayed on the bike."

LEONOV READY TO TAKE CENTRE STAGE

All eyes will be on Vladimir Leonov in the latest round of the FIM Supersport World Championship in Moscow this weekend.

The 25-year-old Russian will be the focus of attention for local fans as the series arrives in his home country for the first time. The Yakhnich Motorsport Yamaha rider is one of the emerging stars of the category. Leonov has already been on the podium with a third place at Assen and, despite an injury at Donington that kept him out of action for one race, he is currently lying 12th overall.

Yamaha are marking the event by releasing an exclusive replica version of Leonov's Yamaha R6, complete with Yakhnich livery and his race number 65, the first such limited edition release to happen in Russia.

PORTUGAL ROUND GETS GREEN LIGHT

The Portuguese round of the eni FIM Superbike World Championship will go ahead as scheduled. The 13th and penultimate round of this year's championship at the Autodromo Internacional do Algarve in Portimao has been confirmed after concerns caused by global financial problems.

A statement by championship promoters Infront Motor Sports said: "In the last few weeks there had been considerable uncertainty as to whether the race would be held or not, but the World Superbike organisers and promoters can now confirm that the race will take place on its original date in the calendar. Infront Motor Sports wishes to express its appreciation for the efforts made by the management of the Portimao circuit to respect its commitments and ensure that the event will go ahead as originally scheduled, in spite of the current difficult situation."

SBK AUCTION HELP FOR QUAKE VICTIMS

The eni FIM Superbike World Championship community is continuing its efforts to help the earthquake-hit population of Emilia in Italy. Championship organisers Infront Motor Sports, together with the not-for-profit Gregorio Fun & Safe Association, are running a charity online auction with all proceeds donated to the city of Sant'Agostino to finance the resurfacing of roads badly damaged by the recent earthquake.

World Superbike riders, teams and sponsors – who competed at nearby Misano in June – have donated items, and race fans and collectors can bid for different lots each week. Signed caps and books are among the current prizes available.

You can make bids at http://members.ebay.com/ws/eBayI/SAPL.dll?ViewItem&usered=gregorio_funandsafe_onlus

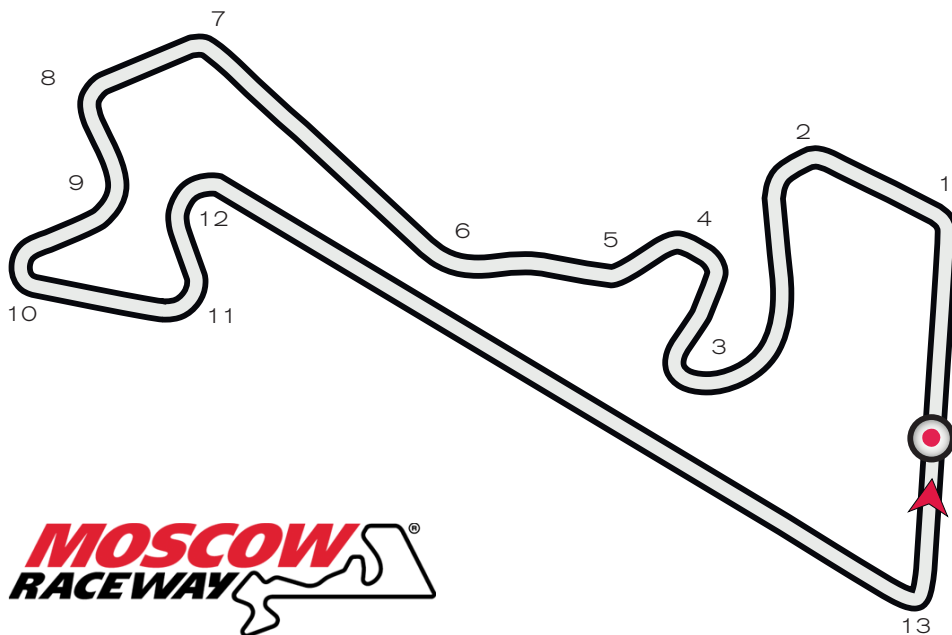
LIBERTY TAKE BREAK TO PLAN FOR 2013

The Liberty Racing Team will not be in Russia for the latest round of the eni FIM Superbike World Championship as the team undergoes a "reorganisation" – but plans to be back at the Nurburgring next month after putting in place plans for the 2013 season.

"The Liberty Team is overhauling its staff organisation and sport planning for next year, when Liberty Racing will be at the start of the World Superbike Championship determined to improve its results," said a team statement. "That decision involves the riders of the Czech team, Jakub Smrz and Maxime Berger, who will arrive in Germany at the beginning of September ready and motivated, while the recovery of Brett McCormick is ongoing."



CIRCUIT GUIDE: MOSCOW RACEWAY



CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

WORLD SUPERBIKE

1	Max Biaggi	ITA	Aprilia	274
2	Marco Melandri	ITA	BMW	263.5
3	Tom Sykes	GBR	Kawasaki	222.5
4	Carlos Checa	ESP	Ducati	220.5
5	Jonathan Rea	GBR	Honda	203.5
6	Leon Haslam	GBR	BMW	170
7	Eugene Laverty	IRE	Aprilia	160.5
8	Sylvain Guintoli	FRA	Ducati	122.5
9	Michel Fabrizio	ITA	BMW	108.5
10	Davide Giugliano	ITA	Ducati	106
11	Chaz Davies	GBR	Aprilia	99.5
12	Jakub Smrz	CZE	Ducati	92.5
13	Loris Baz	FRA	Kawasaki	78
14	Ayrton Badovini	ITA	BMW	73
15	Maxime Berger	FRA	Ducati	67

WORLD SUPERSPORT

1	Kenan Sofuoglu	TUR	Kawasaki	148
2	Sam Lowes	GBR	Honda	134
3	Jules Cluzel	FRA	Honda	120
4	Fabien Foret	FRA	Kawasaki	118
5	Broc Parkes	AUS	Honda	98

SUPERSTOCK 1000

1	Eddi La Marra	ITA	Ducati	119
2	Sylvain Barrier	FRA	BMW	88
3	Bryan Staring	AUS	Kawasaki	86
4	Jeremy Guarmoni	FRA	Kawasaki	82
5	Lorenzo Savadori	ITA	Ducati	67

LAST TIME

SILVERSTONE 05.08.12

RACE ONE

1	L Baz	Kawasaki Racing	40'46.128
2	M Fabrizio	BMW Motorrad Italia	@0.383
3	A Badovini	BMW Motorrad Italia	@0.459
4	J Rea	Honda	@0.539
5	C Checa	Althea Racing	@1.012
6	L Haslam	BMW Motorrad	@2.619
7	M Melandri	BMW Motorrad	@6.123
8	T Sykes	Kawasaki Racing	@9.170
9	D Giugliano	Althea Racing	@19.022
10	E Laverty	Aprilia Racing	@19.087
11	M Berger	Effenbert Liberty	@29.840
12	L Zanetti	PATA Racing	@30.158
13	H Aoyama	Honda	@44.222
14	C Davies	ParkinGO MTC	@1'20.387
15	D Salom	Team Pedercini	@1'42.698
16	S Guintoli	PATA Racing	@1 lap
17	J Smrz	Effenbert Liberty	@1 lap
Ret	M Biaggi	Aprilia Racing	@1 lap
Ret	L Camier	FIXI Crescent Suzuki	@4 laps
Ret	N Canepa	Red Devils Roma	@4 laps
Ret	J Hopkins	FIXI Crescent Suzuki	@8 laps
NS	N Brignola	Grillini Progea	
NS	D Johnson	Team Pedercini	

RACE TWO

(Red flag after 8 laps – half points)

1	S Guintoli	PATA Racing	19'42.051
2	L Baz	Kawasaki Racing	@0.881
3	J Smrz	Effenbert Liberty	@1.671
4	E Laverty	Aprilia Racing	@19.045
5	M Berger	Effenbert Liberty	@22.116
6	C Checa	Althea Racing	@23.736
7	C Davies	ParkinGO MTC	@24.690
8	M Melandri	BMW Motorrad	@26.197
9	J Rea	Honda	@26.861
10	J Hopkins	FIXI Crescent Suzuki	@27.194
11	M Biaggi	Aprilia Racing	@29.243
12	T Sykes	Kawasaki Racing	@30.328
13	M Fabrizio	BMW Motorrad Italia	@32.746
14	H Aoyama	Honda	@34.905
15	N Canepa	Red Devils Roma	@35.849
16	L Zanetti	PATA Racing	@40.091
17	L Haslam	BMW Motorrad	@58.530
Ret	A Badovini	BMW Motorrad Italia	@1 lap
Ret	D Giugliano	Althea Racing	@2 laps
Ret	L Camier	FIXI Crescent Suzuki	@4 laps
Ret	D Salom	Team Pedercini	@7 laps