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## CHAZ HOPING TUNNEL VISION GIVES HIM EDGE

BMW Motorrad GoldBet rider Chaz Davies hopes his diligent work in the German manufacturer's wind tunnel will help him compete for more race wins as the eni FIM Superbike World Championship heads to the high-speed Monza circuit this weekend.

The Welshman, the 2011 FIM Supersport World Championship winner, has enjoyed an excellent start to the season, and a double win in the second round at Aragon has put him firmly among the title contenders. After finishing fifth and seventh at round three in Assen, Davies is joint-second in the standings, 28 points adrift of leader Sylvain Guintoli.

The series now heads to Monza, a circuit dominated by four flat-out blasts where top speed is at a premium. In order to extract the maximum from his machine, 26-year-old Davies flew straight from Assen to Munich, spending an afternoon in the wind tunnel working on his riding position.

Davies hopes his attempt to reduce drag and improve his slipstreaming ability will lead to more competitive performances at the hallowed circuit near Milan.

"It was a really interesting afternoon", he said. "When testing on a track, you try new development parts and different settings, but you are not working on your body. So it was great to experiment in a stable environment with my riding position, to move myself around on the bike, to have elbows and shoulders in different positions and to then see in the data what difference it makes."

"I have learned that I have to try to get myself inside the bike sooner on the exit of the corner in order to reduce the drag and be faster on the straights. It was good to see what difference that will make, if we can improve that for the next race. Especially on a track like Monza, the aerodynamic efficiency is very important because every lap we are wide open for much longer than any other circuit on the calendar. Having the right riding position helps me to make best use of the powerful BMW engine on the straights."

Aprilia rider Eugene Laverty, meanwhile, hopes to repeat his previous form at Monza, and knows he has the machinery to fight for victory. "Monza has always been kind to me. I won the World Supersport race in 2010 and then I achieved a double victory in 2011," he said. "The Aprilia engine is very strong on top speed, so I feel we should be right at the sharp end."

## SUPERSPORT™ FIM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Sam Lowes has praised his Yakhnich Motorsport team as he looks to build on victory at Assen when the FIM Supersport World Championship heads to Monza. Lowes raced for PTR Honda in 2011 and 2012, but is enjoying his switch to Yamaha machinery and his win in Holland, despite carrying hand and wrist injuries, has moved him to joint-third in the standings. "We are happy with how it's going, and I couldn't ask for better people to work with," he said.



## SUPERSTOCK 1000™ FIM CUP

Barni Racing's Niccolò Canepa has vowed not to repeat his Assen mistakes at this weekend's round of the Superstock 1000 FIM Cup at Monza. Canepa lost out in Holland, narrowly trailing home team-mate Eddi La Marra and Sylvain Barrier, but is confident his racecraft will be better at his home race. He said: "Unfortunately I did not manage the race well, but I'm sure that I have learned from the race, and I will not make the same mistake in the next races."



## SUPERSTOCK 600™ UEM EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

EAB Ten Kate Junior Team rider Bastien Chesaux will look to repeat his Monza podium of last year and boost his UEM Superstock 600 European Championship challenge. The Swiss rider was third at Assen, putting him second in the standings. He said: "Assen was my second podium in a row and I'm second in the championship, so I am satisfied. Monza is next – last year I scored my first podium at this track, so I'm really looking forward to it."



## VIVE LA FRANCE AS TRIO LEAD THE WAY

The eni FIM Superbike World Championship may be heading to Italy this weekend, but it does so with a distinctly French flavour – as the teams and riders prepare to do battle in the royal park at Monza, all three of the senior FIM categories are currently led by French riders.

Sylvain Guintoli has World Superbike pride of place, leading the standings by 28 points from three riders in joint second place, including his Aprilia team-mate Eugene Laverty. Kawasaki's Fabien Foret leads the way in the FIM Supersport World Championship and BMW man Sylvain Barrier in the Superstock 1000 FIM Cup.

But it is a different story in the UEM Superstock 600 European Championship, where Yamaha rider Mathieu Marchal is the best-placed Frenchman – in joint 12th place in the standings.

## CRAFAR JOINS UP TO BOOST SUZUKI

The Fixi Crescent Suzuki team has recruited former racer Simon Crafar to help develop riders Leon Camier and Jules Cluzel. The New Zealander, a former winner of the British Grand Prix in MotoGP and who started more than 120 races in World Superbikes, has been brought in to analyse riding technique and tactics.

Crafar said: "I'm not trying to coach these riders, because they are way past that. I am just an extra set of eyes around the circuit. I try to pick up on areas where I think I can help them improve. A rider can sometimes get stuck to a particular line, and I can see them from a different angle. I assess their positioning on the track in relation to other guys out there, but sometimes it's as simple as changing the priority of the corners to gain a couple of tenths. I believe very strongly in the ability of both Leon and Jules."

## MARCO HEADS FOR HAPPIER HUNTING

Marco Melandri will be glad to see the back of Assen after the most recent round of the eni FIM Superbike World Championship. The Dutch circuit is one of only two in the series on which the Italian star has never gained a podium finish.

Now in his third season in the championship, former Grand Prix 250cc World Champion Melandri has finished in at least third place on every SBK circuit except Assen and Imola.

An early retirement in race one and eighth place in race two at Assen a fortnight ago leaves the BMW man eighth in the standings, his lowest position since joining the championship in 2011.

He will be looking forward to Monza, though, where he has not finished outside the top four in three World Superbike races so far.

## BENDSNEIJDER WINS A THRILLER

The Pata European Junior Cup, powered by Honda, reinforced its reputation for thrilling all-action racing at Assen. Local wildcard rider Bo Bendsneijder took a popular victory but, as in the first round at Aragón, the leading positions changed almost too quickly to keep track of.

Bendsneijder, who started second on the grid, had to fend off attacks from Guillaume Raymond (Activbike), Adrien Pittet (Swisscare), Michael Canducci (Colors Experience) and Kevin Manfredi (Newton Trasformatore), who all took turns to lead on the final lap.

In the run to the flag it was Augusto Fernandez (DS Junior Team) who proved the biggest challenger as both he and Bendsneijder appeared to cross the line side by side before the photo finish gave the victory to the Dutch rider.

## LEON HAS EYES ON DONINGTON RETURN

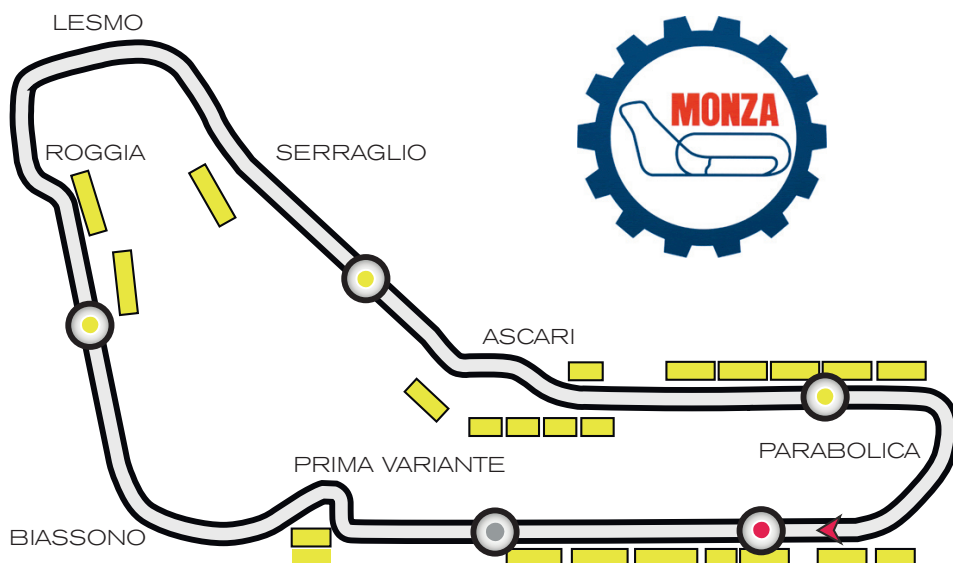
Pata Honda rider Leon Haslam will miss this weekend's round of the eni FIM Superbike World Championship at Monza after having surgery on his broken leg. The British rider, 29, suffered the injury in a practice crash at Assen, and has undergone an operation to pin his left tibia.

Japanese veteran Kousuke Akiyoshi will stand in for Haslam in Italy, but he hopes to be back alongside team-mate Jonathan Rea for the fifth round of the series on home tarmac at Donington Park.

Haslam said: "We need to wait for the swelling to go down before we can get to work. It's a shame to be missing Monza, but the following race at Donington Park is my target to come back."





**CIRCUIT GUIDE: MONZA**

**CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS**
**WORLD SUPERBIKE**

1	Sylvain Guintoli	FRA	Aprilia RSV4 Factory	111
2=	Eugene Laverty	IRL	Aprilia RSV4 Factory	83
2=	Chaz Davies	GBR	BMW S1000 RR	83
2=	Tom Sykes	GBR	Kawasaki ZX-10R	83
5	Jonathan Rea	GBR	Honda CBR1000RR	63
6	Loris Baz	FRA	Kawasaki ZX-10R	58
7	Michel Fabrizio	ITA	Aprilia RSV4 Factory	53
8	Marco Melandri	ITA	BMW S1000 RR	51
9	Jules Cluzel	FRA	Suzuki GSX-R1000	41
10	Davide Giugliano	ITA	Aprilia RSV4 Factory	33
11	Leon Camier	GBR	Suzuki GSX-R1000	30
12=	Carlos Checa	ESP	Ducati 1199 Panigale R	29
12=	Leon Haslam	GBR	Honda CBR1000RR	29
12=	Max Neukirchner	GER	Ducati 1199 Panigale R	29
15	Ayrton Badovini	ITA	Ducati 1199 Panigale R	20

**WORLD SUPERSPORT**

1	Fabien Foret	FRA	Kawasaki ZX-6R	54
2	Michael van der Mark	NED	Honda CBR600RR	49
3=	Sam Lowes	GBR	Yamaha YZF R6	45
3=	Kenan Sofuoglu	TUR	Kawasaki ZX-6R	45
5	Andrea Antonelli	ITA	Kawasaki ZX-6R	29

**SUPERSTOCK 1000**

1	Sylvain Barrier	FRA	BMW S1000 RR HP4	45
2=	Eddi La Marra	ITA	Ducati 1199 Panigale R	36
2=	Niccolò Canepa	ITA	Ducati 1199 Panigale R	36
4	Leandro Mercado	ARG	Kawasaki ZX-10R	29
5	Jeremy Guarnoni	FRA	Kawasaki ZX-10R	24

**LAST TIME**
**ASSEN 28.04.13**
**RACE ONE (22 laps)**

1	Tom Sykes	Kawasaki	35'35.042
2	Jonathan Rea	Honda	@8.786
3	Sylvain Guintoli	Aprilia	@8.792
4	Eugene Laverty	Aprilia	@9.225
5	Loris Baz	Kawasaki	@14.231
6	Davide Giugliano	Aprilia	@16.150
7	Chaz Davies	BMW	@22.570
8	Jules Cluzel	Suzuki	@24.751
9	Leon Camier	Suzuki	@30.311
10	Carlos Checa	Ducati	@35.277
11	Max Neukirchner	Ducati	@44.355
12	Michel Fabrizio	Aprilia	@52.580
13	Ayrton Badovini	Ducati	@59.736
14	Ivan Clementi	BMW	@1'02.010
15	Mark Aitchison	Ducati	@1'21.861
16	Federico Sandi	Kawasaki	@1'25.717
17	Vittorio Iannuzzo	BMW	@1'42.710
Ret	Marco Melandri	BMW	

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**RACE TWO (22 laps)**

1	Eugene Laverty	Aprilia	35'36.814
2	Tom Sykes	Kawasaki	@0.089
3	Loris Baz	Kawasaki	@5.848
4	Jonathan Rea	Honda	@5.890
5	Chaz Davies	BMW	@7.359
6	Sylvain Guintoli	Aprilia	@7.404
7	Leon Camier	Suzuki	@21.095
8	Marco Melandri	BMW	@27.267
9	Michel Fabrizio	Aprilia	@30.233
10	Carlos Checa	Ducati	@32.401
11	Ayrton Badovini	Ducati	@39.924
12	Max Neukirchner	Ducati	@43.904
13	Ivan Clementi	BMW	@1'00.169
14	Federico Sandi	Kawasaki	@1'01.853
15	Mark Aitchison	Ducati	@1'02.664
Ret	Jules Cluzel	Suzuki	@7 laps
Ret	Davide Giugliano	Aprilia	@17 laps
Ret	Vittorio Iannuzzo	BMW	@20 laps

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