



2009 FIM SUPERBIKE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

RND 10–AUTOMOTODROM BRNO, CZECH REPUBLIC–SUNDAY JULY 26, 2009–RACE REVIEW

July 26th, 2009 – Brno, CZ (Czech Republic) – The fabulous Automotodrom Brno is nothing less than a classic of 'modern' circuit design, having been built in the mid-eighties to replace the famous road course that encloses the current modern venue. At 5.403km long the Brno circuit is relatively long and particularly wide. Peppered with a series of fast chicanes there are numerous opportunities for overtaking during any lap and the constant elevation changes - due to the circuit following the natural contours of the hills and valleys that constitute the backdrop of this highly-regarded venue - help make it a very scenic and spectator friendly circuit.

In general the available grip from the racetrack seems slightly reduced this year, and that contributed to Ben Spies not quite getting to the existing outright lap record set by Troy Bayliss last year. Spies' 1'58.868 was, however, still enough to give him his ninth pole position in ten attempts, heading up a front row that comprised Michel Fabrizio (Ducati Xerox), Max Biaggi (Aprilia Racing) and Jonathan Rea (Honda). Once again, four different manufacturers in the top four, proving how well Pirelli products suit all forms and configurations of Superbike. A welcome sight for all was the appearance of not one but two official BMW S 1000 RR machines on the second row after Superpole, with Troy Corser sixth and Ruben Xaus seventh. The privateer Ducati of Shane Byrne was fifth in Superpole.

Championship leader Noriyuki Haga (Ducati Xerox), injured in the Donington race, found his broken shoulder a great hindrance and was a brave 14 on the grid.

Brno is notoriously hard on front tyres, so Pirelli brought four possible choices in the Superbike class, two for ultimate performance and two more conservative options should weather and track conditions require them. In the race most riders used the more performance-oriented compounds, front and rear. There were also four choices for the rear tyres.



Race 1:

AIR HUMIDITY	47%	AIR TEMPERATURE	20°C
TRACK CONDITION	Dry	TRACK TEMPERATURE	27°C

The first race at Brno had just settled into a rhythm, with Ben Spies leading Michel Fabrizio and eventual race winner Max Biaggi, when Fabrizio attempted a rash pass on Spies, on lap five. Fabrizio pushed too hard under braking into the final turn and lost the front, immediately taking Spies down with him, and each rider had to retire there and then. Aprilia rider Biaggi capitalised on his rival's misfortunes but in a fantastic weekend for the returning WSB manufacturer, they took their first race win in WSB since 2001. Biaggi set incredibly consistent and fast laps throughout, as did eventual second and third place riders Carlos Checa and Jonathan Rea. With privateer Shane Byrne's Ducati fourth and Troy Corser a brilliant fifth on the BMW, Pirelli's products once more allowed a vast array of machines to be competitive at the very top level of Superbike racing.

Race Standings - Superbike Race 1

Pos.	Rider	Bike	Team	Race time
1	M. Biaggi	Aprilia RSV4 Factory	Aprilia Racing	40'18.306
2	C. Checa	Honda CBR1000RR	HANNspree Ten Kate Honda	+3.631
3	J. Rea	Honda CBR1000RR	HANNspree Ten Kate Honda	9.948
4	S. Byrne	Ducati 1098R	Sterilgarda	12.952
5	T. Corser	BMW S1000RR	BMW Motorrad Motorsport	14.599

Race 2:

AIR HUMIDITY	33%	AIR TEMPERATURE	23°C
TRACK CONDITION	Dry	TRACK TEMPERATURE	39°C

Biaggi stuck with his front 'B' and rear 'A' tyre choices in race two, merely making small suspension adjustments for the increase in track temperature from 27 to 39 degrees. It allowed him to finish within 0.213 of the eventual race winner Ben Spies, who recovered from his race one misfortune in the best way possible, with a race win - his 11th of the year. Fabrizio was third, only 0.657 seconds back. Championship leader Noriyuki Haga battled hard in each race today, and got his reward by keeping his championship lead. He was eighth in race one and sixth in race two which keeps him seven points ahead of Spies going into the summer break. The lap record was broken in race two more than once, with Biaggi able to put in the eventual record of 1'59.961 on lap 15 of 20, once again showing how well the tyres worked right to the end. Troy Corser and BMW were delighted to see their best result of the year, having taken advantage of the new "B" compound Pirelli tyre for 2009 to finish just two spots shy of the podium in fifth place.

Race Standings – Superbike Race 2

Pos.	Rider	Bike	Team	Race Time
1	B. Spies	Yamaha YZF-R1	Yamaha WSB	40'15.420
2	M. Biaggi	Aprilia RSV4 Factory	Aprilia Racing	+0.213
3	M. Fabrizio	Ducati 1098R	Ducati Xerox Team	0.657
4	J. Rea	Honda CBR1000RR	HANNspree Ten Kate Honda	8.311
5	C. Checa	Honda CBR1000RR	HANNspree Ten Kate Honda	8.915

Championship Standings (YTD) - Superbike

Pos.	Rider	Bike	Team	Points
1	Noriyuki Haga	Ducati 1098R	Ducati Xerox Team	326
2	Ben Spies	Yamaha YZF-R1	Yamaha WSB	319
3	Michel Fabrizio	Ducati 1098R	Ducati Xerox Team	273
4	Jonathan Rea	Honda CBR1000RR	HANNspree Ten Kate Honda	206
5	Max Biaggi	Aprilia RSV4 Factory	Aprilia Racing	200
6	Leon Haslam	Honda CBR1000RR	Stiggy Racing Honda	180
7	Tom Sykes	Yamaha YZF-R1	Yamaha WSB	150
8	Carlos Checa	Honda CBR1000RR	HANNspree Ten Kate Honda	145
9	Shane Byrne	Ducati 1098R	Sterilgarda	134
10	Jakub Smrz	Ducati 1098R	Guandalini Racing	132



AIR HUMIDITY	42%	AIR TEMPERATURE	21°C
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TRACK CONDITION	Dry	TRACK TEMPERATURE	33°C
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Cal Crutchlow (Yamaha) beat both the qualifying and race lap records at Brno, but a technical failure saw his clear supremacy at this race weekend end in disappointment, with no points to show for his otherwise peerless endeavours. His championship lead was cut to 17 over Eugene Laverty's Honda, as the Irishman took a fifth place finish today. The race to the top four places ended up in a tense battle right to the flag, with Crutchlow's Yamaha team-mate Fabien Foret taking his first 2009 race win, by 0.148 seconds from Anthony West's Honda, and the following Kawasakis of Joan Lascorz and Katsuaki Fujiwara. The top four crossed the line within 0.400 seconds of each other, in a true grandstand finish.

Pirelli DIABLO SUPERCORSA tyres helped Crutchlow set a new track best in the 600cc class of 2'02.060, and on lap six of the race he set a 2'02.708. Crutchlow's race lap record was 1.3 seconds better than the previous best in race conditions.

Race Standings - Supersport

Pos.	Rider	Bike	Team	Race time
1	F. Foret	Yamaha YZF-R6	Yamaha World Supersport	37'14.367
2	A. West	Honda CBR600RR	Stiggy Racing Honda	+0.148
3	J. Lascorz	Kawasaki ZX-6R	Kawasaki Motocard.com	0.289
4	K. Fujiwara	Kawasaki ZX-6R	Kawasaki Motocard.com	0.400
5	E. Laverty	Honda CBR600RR	Parkalgar Honda	6.823

Championship Standings (YTD) - Supersport

Pos.	Rider	Bike	Team	Points
1	Cal Crutchlow	Yamaha YZF-R6	Yamaha World Supersport	185
2	Eugene Laverty	Honda CBR600RR	Parkalgar Honda	168
3	Kenan Sofuoglu	Honda CBR600RR	HANNspree Ten Kate Honda	128
4	Joan Lascorz	Kawasaki ZX-6R	Kawasaki Motocard.com	122
5	Andrew West	Honda CBR600RR	Stiggy Racing Honda	95
6	Fabien Foret	Yamaha YZF-R6	Yamaha World Supersport	88
7	Andrew Pitt	Honda CBR600RR	HANNspree Ten Kate Honda	85
8	Garry McCoy	Triumph Daytona 675	ParkinGO Triumph BE1	63
9	Mark Aitchison	Honda CBR600RR	Honda Althea Racing	61
10	Katsuaki Fujiwara	Kawasaki ZX-6R	Kawasaki Motocard.com	52



AIR HUMIDITY	56%	AIR TEMPERATURE	18°C
TRACK CONDITION	Dry	TRACK TEMPERATURE	26°C

Xavier Simeon capitalised on the misfortunes of race leader Maxime Berger when the French rider crashed on the second-to-last chicane at Brno, high-siding spectacularly to record a no-score. In winning the race Ducati pilot Simeon took a 26 point lead away from this race, with one of his main championship rivals Javier Fores (Pedercini Kawasaki) second, while holding off the challenge of local rider Ondrej Jezek.

Simeon has 130 points, from Claudio Corti's 104, while Fores has 84. Corti was sixth today. Berger's pace was such before his fall that he set a new race and track best in the race, on lap three, with a 2'03.119.

Race Standings – Superstock 1000

Pos.	Rider	Bike	Team	Race time
1	X. Simeon	Ducati 1098R	Ducati Xerox Junior Team	24'52.839
2	J. Fores	Kawasaki ZX-10R	Team Pedercini	+8.022
3	O. Jezek	Honda CBR1000RR	MS Racing II	8.079
4	S. Barrier	Yamaha YZF-R1	Garnier Junior Racing Team	9.607
5	D. Beretta	Ducati 1098	Ducati Xerox Junior Team	9.666

Championship Standings (YTD) – Superstock 1000

Pos.	Rider	Bike	Team	Points
1	Xavier Simeon	Ducati 1098R	Ducati Xerox Junior Team	130
2	Claudio Corti	Suzuki GSX-R 1000 K9	Suzuki Alstare BRUX	104
3	Javier Fores	Kawasaki ZX-10R	Team Pedercini	84
4	Maxime Berger	Honda CBR1000RR	Ten Kate Honda Racing	82
5	Sylvain Barrier	Yamaha YZF-R1	Garnier Junior Racing Team	67



AIR HUMIDITY	32%	AIR TEMPERATURE	21°C
TRACK CONDITION	Dry	TRACK TEMPERATURE	34°C

A truly remarkable race in the Superstock 600 saw seven riders finish within 1.262 seconds at the head of the field, with passes and re-passes played out with a high degree of intensity on the final laps. Pole setter Vincent Lonbois secured the win, eventually, by 0.191 seconds from Danilo Petrucci. Eddie La Marra was the first Honda rider among a bunch of Yamahas, in third. First lap leader Gino Rea went from second on the penultimate lap to sixth, but was still only 1.2 seconds from the win. In the points table Petrucci is 13 points up on Lonbois, with Rea only one point behind Lonbois.

Race Standings – Superstock 600

Pos.	Rider	Bike	Team	Race time
1	V. Lonbois	Yamaha YZF-R6	MTM Racing Team	19'19.920
2	D. Petrucci	Yamaha YZF-R6	Yamaha Italia Jr. Trasimeno	+0.191
3	E. La Marra	Honda CBR600RR	Team Lorini	0.247
4	J. Guarnoni	Yamaha YZF-R6	MRS Racing	0.315
5	F. Karlsen	Yamaha YZF-R6	VD Heyden Motors Yamaha	1.087

Championship Standings (YTD)

Pos.	Rider	Bike	Team	Points
1	Danilo Petrucci	Yamaha YZF-R6	Yamaha Italia Jr. Trasimeno	102
2	Vincent Lonbois	Yamaha YZF-R6	MTM Racing Team	89
3	Gino Rea	Honda CBR600RR	HANNspree Ten Kate Honda	88
4	Jeremy Guarnoni	Yamaha YZF-R6	MRS Racing	83
5	Marco Bussolotti	Yamaha YZF-R6	Yamaha Italia Jr. Trasimeno	80