

FIM SUPERBIKE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 9 – DONINGTON PARK CIRCUIT, UK – SUNDAY JUNE 28, 2009 – RACE REVIEW

June 28th, 2009 – Donington, UK (England) – Adding to his growing stack of awards, Ben Spies (Yamaha) took home his third double-win of the season on the English track of Donington Park, increasing his overall points ranking in the championship to within 14 of leader Noriyuki Haga (Ducati). The Japanese pilot, who crashed out in Race 2, has reportedly suffered a spinal fracture and was transported to hospital in Derby for further investigation.

For the race at Donington, PIRELLI has always shown an impressive organizational effort, considering the variability of English weather. For the 131 drivers on the track during the weekend PIRELLI brought 5455 tires, of which there were 36 different options available. For the SBK in particular, riders had a choice of 4 front slicks including one new compound derived from development of the new SC2, as well as 3 rear race solutions, with still the new super-soft Superpole solution featuring a yellow PIRELLI sticker on the sidewall for differentiation.

The performance of the new super-soft DIABLO SUPERBIKE Superpole tyre, which has the possibility of making 4-5 fast laps, was demonstrated successfully again this Saturday, so much so that the fast lap of the track, a 1'30 "370 produced by Troy Bayliss in 2007, was literally disintegrated, and not by just one pilot. The new Best Lap was made by Michel Fabrizio in Superpole 2, stopping the clocks at 1'29 "664, but 10 other drivers also registered times below the previous record. Fabrizio's time couldn't be bettered in Superpole 3, when the final pole position is awarded, due to the arrival of rain. So the conquerer was Ben Spies (Yamaha), who took his eighth out of nine Superpoles for the season. Significant day also for Aprilia who had Max Biaggi and Shinya Nakano on the first row, along with the Sterilgarda Ducati of Shane Byrne who completed the four up front. In the second row were the Ducati Xerox duo composed of Michel Fabrizio and Noriyuki Haga, accompanied by Carlos Checa (Honda) and Jakub Smrz (Ducati).

**Race 1:**

AIR HUMIDITY	75%	AIR TEMPERATURE	20°C
TRACK CONDITION	Dry	TRACK TEMPERATURE	25°C

Ben Spies (Yamaha) sealed his ninth win in Race 1, managing to pull ahead at the end of the courageous Max Biaggi, whose excellent performance brought the Aprilia their first second place podium spot after coming so close in Qatar. In third place was Noriyuki Haga (Ducati), who had tried to keep up with the leading two, finally dropping his pace and accepting his position. All three leaders were running the "B" solution PIRELLI DIABLO SUPERBIKE rear, which proved to

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be more performance of the “A” on the 23 laps around the Donington circuit. After a couple of races of less than stellar results, Leon Haslam (Honda) again joined the first four, not to mention first among British pilots and proceeding the 2008 BSB champion Shane Byrne (Ducati). The successful tender of April 1 has been sealed from sixth place to Shinya Nakano. Unfortunate for Race 2 winner at Misano, Jonathan Rea (Honda), who finished only seventh, instead of providing positive. John Hopkins (Honda), who is clearly not yet top physical condition, still squeezed out an eighth place. Far behind was Michel Fabrizio (Ducati), who saw his race compromised by some gearing problems.

Race Standings - Superbike Race 1

Pos.	Rider	Bike	Team	Race time
1	B. Spies	Yamaha YZF-R1	Yamaha WSB	34'57.230
2	M. Biaggi	Aprilia RSV4 Factory	Aprilia Racing	+7.156
3	N. Haga	Ducati 1098R	Ducati Xerox Team	10.968
4	L. Haslam	Honda CBR1000RR	Stiggy Racing Honda	18.843
5	S. Byrne	Ducati 1098R	Sterilgarda	19.125

Race 2:

AIR HUMIDITY	39%	AIR TEMPERATURE	26°C
TRACK CONDITION	Dry	TRACK TEMPERATURE	39°C

The incredible fights for second through fourth in Race 2 did not include Ben Spies (Yamaha), who dominated even more impressively than in Race 1. The outstanding Texan took off immediately accumulating up to a 7" lead, winning smoothly his tenth race of the season. In this second race the asphalt temperature was 10° higher than the previous one of the day, but the temperature change did not bring substantial changes to the behavior of PIRELLI's DIABLO SUPERBIKE tyres, although the overall race time increased by 17". The most difficult moment of the race was the crash of Noriyuki Haga (Ducati) while in second; and it is looking like the Japanese rider suffered a vertebral fracture. While Haga was on the ground, there was also a crash by Max Biaggi, fracturing the third toe on his right foot, but he climbed aboard again to finish in 21st. The second spot on the podium was thus deservedly awarded to Leon Haslam (Honda), who fought until the last lap to contain an approaching Michel Fabrizio (Ducati). Given that it is the race closest to home, additional British pilots took solid spots in Race 2: fourth place for the excellent Shane Byrne (Ducati), ahead of Tom Sykes (Yamaha), who redeemed himself from his withdrawal in Race 1, and current leader of this year's BSB, wild card Leon Camier (Yamaha). Of note, the provision of Ruben Xaus, with a BMW that has given some signs of growth competitiveness, a strong ninth place finish with some very excellent passes. John Hopkins (Honda) never entered the grid, paying for his strong physical efforts of Race 1.

Race Standings – Superbike Race 2

Pos.	Rider	Bike	Team	Race Time
1	B. Spies	Yamaha YZF-R1	Yamaha WSB	35'14.788
2	L. Haslam	Honda CBR1000RR	Stiggy Racing Honda	+6.622

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3	M. Fabrizio	Ducati 1098R	Ducati Xerox Team	6.816
4	S. Byrne	Ducati 1098R	Sterilgarda	7.349
5	T. Sykes	Yamaha YZF-R1	Yamaha WSB	8.145

Championship Standings (YTD) - Superbike

Pos.	Rider	Bike	Team	Points
1	Noriyuki Haga	Ducati 1098R	Ducati Xerox Team	308
2	Ben Spies	Yamaha YZF-R1	Yamaha WSB	294
3	Michel Fabrizio	Ducati 1098R	Ducati Xerox Team	257
4	Jonathan Rea	Honda CBR1000RR	HANNspree Ten Kate Honda	177
5	Leon Haslam	Honda CBR1000RR	Stiggy Racing Honda	167
6	Max Biaggi	Aprilia RSV4 Factory	Aprilia Racing	155
7	Tom Sykes	Yamaha YZF-R1	Yamaha WSB	141
8	Jakub Smrz	Ducati 1098R	Guandalini Racing	115
9	Carlos Checa	Honda CBR1000RR	HANNspree Ten Kate Honda	114
10	Shane Byrne	Ducati 1098R	Sterilgarda	113



AIR HUMIDITY	60%	AIR TEMPERATURE	23°C
TRACK CONDITION	Dry	TRACK TEMPERATURE	33°C

Nothing could stop the thrilling ride of Cal Crutchlow (Yamaha) in the ninth round of World Supersport. Even a fractured left ankle, remedied in free practice on Friday, did not slow the maniacal riding of the English pilot, who pocketed his fourth win of the season. Crutchlow, at the beginning of the race, found himself in battle with Eugene Laverty (Honda) and Joan Lascorz (Kawasaki). The Irish driver left the scene early by crashing out (concluding fifth, however, after restarting in 26th), while the Spanish rider refused to give up his chase of Crutchlow, but eventually had to raise white flag. With these results, Crutchlow leads by 28 points lead over Laverty. The day was also a celebration for Triumphs first podium in the Superspor, thanks to the great run by Englishman Garry McCoy. The first Honda came in at fourth place, led by Kenan Sofuoglu of the HANNspree Ten Kate team. Good performances were made by several Italian riders, with Gianluca Vizziello (Honda), Gianluca Nannelli (Triumph) and Danilo dell'Omo (Honda) in seventh, eighth and ninth place. The race for Massimo Roccoli (Honda), who was third at Misano, end ended with a crash after just two laps.

Race Standings - Supersport

Pos.	Rider	Bike	Team	Race time
1	C. Crutchlow	Yamaha YZF-R6	Yamaha World Supersport	34'15.876
2	J. Lascorz	Kawasaki ZX-6R	Kawasaki Motocard.com	+5.391
3	G. McCoy	Triumph Daytona 675	ParkinGO Triumph BE1	14.918

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4	K. Sofuoglu	Honda CBR600RR	HANNspree Ten Kate Honda	22.248
5	E. Laverty	Honda CBR600RR	Parkalgar Honda	37.054

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	157
3	Kenan Sofuoglu	Honda CBR600RR	HANNspree Ten Kate Honda	121
4	Joan Lascorz	Kawasaki ZX-6R	Kawasaki Motocard.com	106
5	Andrew Pitt	Honda CBR600RR	HANNspree Ten Kate Honda	79
6	Andrew West	Honda CBR600RR	Stiggy Racing Honda	73
7	Fabien Foret	Yamaha YZF-R6	Yamaha World Supersport	63
8	Mark Aitchison	Honda CBR600RR	Honda Althea Racing	61
9	Garry McCoy	Triumph Daytona 675	ParkinGO Triumph BE1	55
10	Michele Pirro	Yamaha YZF-R6	Yamaha Lorenzini by Leoni	49

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AIR HUMIDITY	90%	AIR TEMPERATURE	18°C
TRACK CONDITION	Dry	TRACK TEMPERATURE	21°C

The Superstock 1000 race at Donington Park was owned by championship points leader Xavier Simeon (Ducati), who captured his first win of the season after four second places. The Belgian pilot, who was seated on pole, led the entire race and gradually accumulated a strong lead that allowed him to take the final laps at a modest pace. Thanks to this strong performance with his DIABLO SUPERCORSA SC2, Simeon had an 11 bike-length lead over his nearest challenger, Claudio Corti (Suzuki). The Italian driver gained some real ground throughout the race, placing second after starting from the sixth row of the grid. The result looked similar for Maxime Berger (Honda), making the fastest lap of 1'33 "516 and passing 17 riders to finish third on the podium. Fourth went to Javi Fores (Kawasaki), the same as his championship position, just ahead of the two French Yamaha riders Sylvain Barrier and Loris Baz. Solid performance was demonstrated by Daniele Beretta (Ducati), taking home seventh, a better result than the remaining Italian pilots who were out of the points.

Race Standings – Superstock 1000

Pos.	Rider	Bike	Team	Race time
1	X. Simeon	Ducati 1098R	Ducati Xerox Junior Team	18'54.713
2	C. Corti	Suzuki GSX-R 1000 K9	Suzuki Alstare BRUX	+1.600
3	M. Berger	Honda CBR1000RR	Ten Kate Honda Racing	2.110
4	J. Fores	Kawasaki ZX-10R	Team Pedercini	2.522
5	S. Barrier	Yamaha YZF-R1	Garnier Junior Racing Team	3.433

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Championship Standings (YTD) – Superstock 1000

Pos.	Rider	Bike	Team	Points
1	Xavier Simeon	Ducati 1098R	Ducati Xerox Junior Team	80
2	Claudio Corti	Suzuki GSX-R 1000 K9	Suzuki Alstare BRUX	74
3	Maxime Berger	Honda CBR1000RR	Ten Kate Honda Racing	66
4	Javier Fores	Kawasaki ZX-10R	Team Pedercini	51
5	Sylvain Barrier	Yamaha YZF-R1	Garnier Junior Racing Team	43



AIR HUMIDITY	43%	AIR TEMPERATURE	25°C
TRACK CONDITION	Dry	TRACK TEMPERATURE	37°C

Superstock 600's race was excitedly decided on the last lap and featured the two combatants, Marco Bussolotti (Yamaha) and the Ten Kate factory pilot Gino Rea (Honda). After a series of overtaking passes and dodgy maneuvers, the Italian rider led at mid race. The race was marked by the fall of the championship leaders and Italian favorite Danilo Petrucci (Yamaha). The pilot crashed with innocent victim Vincent Lonbois (Yamaha), who was in a good position and worked through a difficult comeback to try to bring home some points. With the seven-time leader still holding onto the championship, it is Bussolotti and Rea who have approached the title within 4 and 11 points. The third post of the podium went to Jeremy Guarnoni (Yamaha) and Eddi La Marra (Honda) left disappointed due to a fall while he was in command of the race.

Race Standings – Superstock 600

Pos.	Rider	Bike	Team	Race time
1	M. Bussolotti	Yamaha YZF-R6	Yamaha Italia Jr. Transimeno	16'18.425
2	G. Rea	Honda CBR600RR	Ten Kate Honda Racing	+0.213
3	J. Guarnoni	Yamaha YZF-R6	MRS Racing	2.126
4	B. Guittet	Honda CBR600RR	Coutelle Junior Team	6.948
5	S. Kerschbaumer	Yamaha YZF-R6	Coutelle Junior Team	11.136

Championship Standings (YTD)

Pos.	Rider	Bike	Team	Points
1	Danilo Petrucci	Yamaha YZF-R6	Yamaha Italia Jr. Trasimeno	82
2	Gino Rea	Honda CBR600RR	Ten Kate Honda Racing	78
3	Marco Bussolotti	Yamaha YZF-R6	Yamaha Italia Jr. Trasimeno	71
4	Jeremy Guarnoni	Yamaha YZF-R6	MRS Racing	70
5	Vincent Lonbois	Yamaha YZF-R6	MTM Racing Team	64

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