



Aragón – Races. Sunday, 19 June 2011.

Weather conditions: Sunny.

Temperature: Air: 20 – 27 °C, Track: 40 – 53 °C

Number of riders participating: 20 from 12 teams

Fastest lap Race 1: Carlos Checa (Althea Racing) 1:58.862 min

Fastest lap Race 2: Marco Melandri (Yamaha WSBK Team) 1:59.159 min

Another injury to works rider, Troy Corser (AUS), overshadows this race day at Motorland Aragón (ESP) for Team BMW Motorrad Motorsport. On the first lap of the second race, Troy was hit by a competitor and fell. As his left arm was painful, he was taken to the Medical Centre. The x-ray showed that he had broken both the ulna and radius in his left forearm. Troy will now return to the United Kingdom for further examinations and treatment.

In today's first race, the team was able to make the best of its difficult situation. After experiencing bad luck and some issues in yesterday's Superpole qualifying, works riders, Leon Haslam (GBR) and Troy, had to start from 14th and 16th positions respectively. Troy had a very good start and made up six places so was up to tenth, while Leon improved to 12th. Both were able to do very consistent lap times with their BMW S 1000 RRs. In the latter stages of race one Leon and Troy enjoyed an exciting battle, crossing the line in ninth and tenth. In the second heat – his 100th race in the FIM Superbike World Championship – Leon made a brilliant start and moved up to seventh. This time he had a good, long fight with Ayrton Badovini (BMW Motorrad Italia SBK Team), crossing the line in front of the Italian in ninth position. The races were won by Marco Melandri and Max Biaggi.

After seven rounds of the 2011 season, Leon is currently sixth in the riders' championship (120 points), Troy lies in 15th (55 points). In the manufacturers' standings BMW is fourth with 153 points.

BMW Motorrad congratulates BMW S 1000 RR rider Lorenzo Zanetti (ITA) for another podium in the FIM Superstock 1000 Cup race. The rider from the BMW Motorrad Italia Superstock Team fought for victory until the last corner and finished second. In all, four BMW riders finished in the top ten: Lorenzo, his team mate Sylvain Barrier (FRA / fifth), Markus Reiterberger (GER / seventh) from the Garnier Alpha Racing Team and Fabio Massei (ITA / tenth) from Team Piellamoto.

Leon Haslam:

Result Race 1: 9th / Gap to 1st: 00:24.205 min / Fastest Lap Race 2: 2:00.084 min

Result Race 2: 9th / Gap to 1st: 00:24.184 min / Fastest Lap Race 2: 2:00.783 min

"It has been another tough weekend for us. In race one I did not get a good start and left myself with a lot of work to do. I felt like I had the pace to run with the second group of riders who were fighting for fourth, but I made a mistake on lap one and was not able to bridge the gap. However, I worked hard, made up some places and finished the race in ninth. In race two I got a better start, the one I was hoping for in the first race. Sadly I did not have a good feeling on the bike, as we went for a softer tyre and I did not have the same level of grip, but I had a good battle with Ayrton. We just have to go through the data now and get ready for the next one."

Troy Corser:

Result Race 1: 10th / Gap to 1st: 00:24.694 min / Fastest Lap Race 2: 2:00.603 min

Result Race 2: DNF

"I braked at the end of the back straight, passed two other riders and braked a bit late. I overshot the last corner and went straight for a bit. When I turned in I saw Maxime Berger coming. I could see that his rear wheel was off the ground when he was braking and he just went straight into me. I am not blaming him. It was my fault for being off the track. It was just unlucky, really. But I am happy that I only suffered a broken arm, after the injury that I just suffered a week ago. I do not have any bruises, nothing is sore and my neck is fine."

Bernhard Gobmeier (BMW Motorrad Motorsport Director):

"We have to forget this weekend as soon as possible. From the first practice session on it did not work so well for us, and the race results are not as good as we had hoped for. But on a weekend like this results are secondary. After Troy's heavy crash all that matters is now that he recovers from his injuries and returns to full fitness as soon as possible. We will support Troy during his recovery as much as we can. After two back-to-back-races we now have two weekends without racing before we go to Brno. The whole team has worked really hard and I want to thank all of them for that."

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