Misano – Races.
Sunday, 12 June 2011.

Weather conditions: Sunny.
Temperature: Air: 24 – 25 °C, Track: 37 – 41 °C
Number of riders participating: 22/21 from 13 teams
Fastest lap Race 1: Carlos Checa (Althea Racing) 1:36.660 min
Fastest lap Race 2: Carlos Checa (Althea Racing) 1:36.520 min

Sunday in Misano (ITA), the sixth round of the 2011 FIM Superbike World Championship, ended for Team BMW Motorrad Motorsport with the consolation of fifth place for works rider, Leon Haslam (GBR), in race two. But it was a more than difficult day for the team. In race one, Leon had a good start and took the lead on the first lap. Then he was battling in the leading group, but it all ended on lap ten. In turn 3, Leon had a huge highsider and crashed heavily. He suffered several injuries, but defied the pain in race two. There he again took an early lead and was with the front runners when the race was red flagged on lap ten due to an accident. Leon restarted from third and finished fifth.

His team mate Troy Corser (AUS) was determined to race in spite of the injuries he suffered when crashing on Friday. The Australian has severe bruising and a cracked rib. Despite that he made a brave effort in yesterday's Superpole securing sixth on the grid. But in today's first race he had to return to the pit after five laps because his injuries were hindering his performance too much. He didn't start the second heat in order to rest and recover for the next race weekend in Motorland Aragón (ESP).

In the riders' championship Leon Haslam is fifth with 106 points, Troy lies in 15th position (49 points). In the manufacturers' standings BMW is fourth with 138 points. BMW Motorrad congratulates the BMW Motorrad Italia SBK Team for a strong fourth place in race two. Its rider Ayrton Badovini (ITA) missed the podium by less than a tenth of a second. Both races were won by Carlos Checa.

This weekend the team had prominent supporters in its garage: Bobsleigh World Champion and World Cup Winner Manuel Machata and his pusher Andreas Bredau (GER). Being motorcycle enthusiasts, they will ride back to Germany on BMW S 1000 RRs.

Leon Haslam:
Result Race 1: DNF / Fastest Lap Race 1: 1:37.428 min
Result Race 2: 5th / Gap to 1st: 00:09.714 min / Fastest Lap Race 2: 1:37.230 min
"I was quite disappointed that the race was red flagged and ultimately restarted. We went out on the harder tyre so we could go the full distance, it felt stable and I was feeling comfortable. Sadly the race was stopped and the number of laps reduced so we went for the softer tyre to get more grip, and it really affected the characteristics of the bike. We couldn't seem to improve despite the increase in grip. I was having a lot of issues with the front tyre and came so close to crashing on a number of occasions. I was happy to see out the race to the end. The crash in race one was my fault, I was pushing too hard and had a huge highsider. I have broken a toe on my right foot and hurt my hand but nothing too serious."

Troy Corser:
Result Race 1: DNF / Fastest Lap Race 1: 1:38.390 min
Result Race 2: DNS
"I tried to start and did some laps, but due to the bruising on my hip I couldn't move properly on the bike. Yesterday it was not so bad, but bruising really comes out on the second day. It would not have made sense to continue and risk to cause an accident or have another needless crash. But I am pretty confident for the next race weekend in Aragón. The swelling on my hip is already gone, and I think I should be okay after nearly a week of rest and recovery."

Bernhard Gobmeier (BMW Motorrad Motorsport Director):
"On the whole it was a very difficult weekend. In the practices and the Superpole we were doing quite well. In the first race, Troy was struggling to match the pace due to his injuries. So we called him in. Leon had a very unfortunate highsider, falling precisely on the injuries he suffered in Monza. Obviously he was quite handicapped by this, but in the second race he really gave his best. But also we could not get the performance advantage out of the grippier tires as we wished. So the fifth place is a consolation for us - as is the result of Ayrton Badovini who missed the podium by a whisker. This weekend all BMW riders showed an absolute commitment and a determination that you can only wish for. Now we travel to Aragón and hope for a better weekend."

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