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125 FRENCH ELITE MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP 2006 SECOND ROUND IN ROMAGNE (Ille et Vilaine)

“HAT TRICK” FOR SEBASTIEN AND ANOTHER 1-2 FOR THE TEAM

Event: French Elite Championship, round 2 of 6
 Location : Romagné (Ille et Vilaine)
 Weather: sunny

One month after Sommières, Romagné (Brittany) met the second round of the French Elite Championship. Nobody was able to battle with the Pourcel brothers, but this time Sébastien beat Christophe in the three heats and is now leading the series.

It was a perfect weekend for Sébastien, who never won three heats the same day in the past! Second in the qualifying session behind Christophe, Seb got perfect start in Romagné and won pretty easily the first two races. The last one was more difficult, as the Open class was mixed with the 125 but even in this race Seb got a great start. He had a strong battle with Pascal Leuret, and finally won this race too. Chris had more troubles this weekend, and lost time in all races to recover from pretty bad start. With a 2/2/4 he secured the second position overall, while Gregory Aranda collected his best ever result in this series with a seventh place in the opening race.

Sébastien Pourcel: « *I'm happy with my results, much more than last week in Zolder. I made a mistake between the races, I didn't eat enough and during the second moto I felt tired and hungry. This week we had some good practice sessions, on Wednesday I did two heats of thirty-five minutes and this weekend I had no troubles at all. I got great starts in each race, and won quite easily the first two heats. In the Superfinal I had another good start and lead some laps; then Pascal Leuret passed me and we had some good racing. I was waiting behind him, and a few laps before the end I passed him on a "camel jump". I came full gaz on this jump, took the brakes at the last moment and got him. Then I pulled away and secured a small gap, it's the first time in my career that I won three races the same day.* »

Roger Pourcel: « *Sébastien did one of the best race I ever saw. He was strong, clever and consistent and I hope he will do similar in the next GP's. In the Superfinal he was waiting the right moment, and when he passed Leuret it was a clean move. He was stronger than a week ago, I think that he learnt a lot from Zolder. Christophe had more troubles, he didn't raced with his usual bike and got bad start so he had to come back in each race. He had a small crash in the Superfinal but overall got a good result, they are always leading the championship. Our main goal this week is to solve our*

problems with the suspensions, we don't have the right settings and we can't loose time now as we have six races in a row."

Race one : **1.S.Pourcel (Kawasaki GPKR) ; 2.C.Pourcel (Kawasaki GPKR) ;** 3.Renet (Honda) ; 4.Boissière (Yamaha) ; 5.Boog (Yamaha) ; 6.Annelot (Honda) ; **7.Aranda (Kawasaki GPKR) ;** 8.Demartis (Honda) ; 9.Musquin (Kawasaki) ; 10.Leonce (Yamaha) ; etc....

Race two : **1.S.Pourcel ; 2.C.Pourcel ;** 3.Aubin (KTM); 4.Renet ; 5.Frossard (KTM) ; 6.Annelot ; 7.Boissière ; 8.Boog ; 9. Roux (Yamaha) ; 10.Leonce ; etc.... Abandon : **Aranda**

Race three (Superfinal, Open and 125 class) : **1.S.Pourcel ;** 2.Leuret (450 Honda) ; 3.Coulon (450 Suzuki) ; **4.C.Pourcel ;** 5.Martin (450 KTM) ; 6.Renet ; 7.Boissière ; 8.Vanni (450 KTM) ; 9.Aubin ; 10.Boog.....**19.Aranda ;** etc....

Standings (after 2 rounds) : **1.S.Pourcel 144 ; 2.C.Pourcel 134 ;** 3.Aubin 99 ; 4.Renet, 99 ; 5.Boog, 78 ; 6.Annelot, 75 ; 7.Demartis, 59 ; 8.Tarroux (Kawasaki), 49 ; 9.Roux, 48 ; 10.Boissière, 46.....**14.Aranda, 30 ;** etc....

Next races : Gaillac (1/5), Saint Jean d'Angely (14/5), Iffendic (25/6), Lacapelle (13/8)

