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The speed of the Supermoto World Championship riders made the track of Melk look quite short to the 7000 spectators who attended the event during the weekend.

But it was long enough for the engines of Aprilia, placing two riders on the final podium of the S2 class. Van Den Bosch won the GP after a win in the first moto and a second place in the following one; his toughest rivals were his team mates: Giraudo and Bolley were right behind VDB in race 1, with Bolley running off track during the race and losing the touch with the leading duo made of VDB and Giraudo. Adrien Chareyre had a crash and ended the race in fourteenth place while yesterday's poleman Seel quit the race after two crashes. His tyre was too hard and did not give him the right grip.

Right out of the top three there was defending World Champion Chambon, keeping youngster Bidart behind in fifth.

Actually the young French improved his performance by one position in the second moto. He ended fourth and was third in the GP. He was the surprise of the day, actually a surprise to himself as well because he was thinking of racing the World Championship until this race only.



The surprise of the day: Sylvain Bidart

Now he knows he can do well and will try to be there also in the next race; his goal may be catching the Aprilias but today there was no chance for him. Bolley won the second moto with VDB staying behind in second to secure his first overall win with the Italian bike.

"I want to thank the whole team especially Jean Marc, my mechanic, who worked very hard all weekend. Last year I had an accident with Delepine here and my leg was broken: with such a win I will definitely forget about that!" said VDB.



VDB going towards his first win with Aprilia

Adrien Chareyre made up for the first moto and got third at the end of the second challenge, being more than one second faster than surprising Bidart. Beltrami completed the top five, followed by Balducci and Seel, while Chambon crashed at the first lap and lost time to re start his bike.

Now it is VDB leading the Championship, ahead of countrymen Chareyre, Giraud, who crashed twice in the same lap and ended ninth in the second moto, and Bolley.

Things did not change much for Hiemer compared to last year. He got two back to back wins in the home GP of KTM but it was not so smooth for the young German rider.

"The first race was perfect but I am not so happy about the second one; I do not know why but I lost grip in the rear, so I could not make the same laptimes. I was faster in the first moto" explained winner Hiemer.

Delepine and Iddon tried their hardest to put the heat on him and snatch the win: the Belgian almost made it in the second moto; he was leading but he crashed trying to pass a lapped rider and ended the challenge in fourth. He was still on the podium though, in third place.

Iddon was second overall after having raced his hardest in both challenges. He had a great start in race 1 then he dropped to third, keeping the place until the chequered flag. In the second moto he moved past Delepine and got close to the leader Hiemer in the first lap; the battle seemed to be between the two youngsters only but Delepine joined and passed them towards the end of the race. Unfortunately he crashed when he tried to overtake a lapped rider and handed the win to Hiemer. Iddon tried his very best in the last two laps and made to arrive right behind the German, but not ahead of him.



S1 winner Bernd Hiemer

In the Championship it is still Hiemer leading, with Iddon and Delepine moving ahead of Lazzarini in second and third place. The Italian broke the chain in the first S1 moto while he got third in the second one.

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