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**2006 FIM SUPERMOTO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP****RACES GP2 – FRANCE (Villars sous Ecot)****THE HUSKY DAY !**

Weather: rainy

Temperature: 12°C in the air

Length of the track: 1520 meters (1175m asphalt and 345m off-road)

The come back of the Supermoto World Championship in France was successfull this weekend, despite bad weather on Sunday in Villars sous Ecot. Good attendance (9000 spectators over the weekend) and nice racing were the key of the success. "For the first time in the young history of this sport, we finally had a Grand Prix organised on a real Supermoto track, and not on a karting track as usual. It's another step for the development of the sport, and this track was really nice with uphill and downhill," said Wolfgang Srb, the president of the CMS.

Despite the rain the riders raced on the entire track, including the off-road section who was not damaged by the conditions. The main problem for the S2 riders was to race on a wet track with slick tyres, as the rain came when they were already on the starting line! But the quality of the asphalt was good enough to offer perfect conditions.

Racing in front of their fans the Chareyre brothers were impressive in the S2 class, and Adrien was unbeatable on Sunday. Qualified on the first row he came pretty fast in second position during the first race, and then pushed to pass Eddy Seel who was the first leader. In the second heat he got the holeshot and collected his second win of the day. "It's a perfect day for me, I don't know if I could expect more as I won the Grand Prix and got the red plate here in France," said Adrien after the race. "In the first race the most important was to keep our wheels in line, and when I saw that Seel lost his goggles I decided to push more. He made a small mistake in the offroad section and I passed him. The second race was more easy as I got the holeshot; Thierry Van Den Bosch didn't want Seel to pass him at the start and both went outside the first corner, so it was easy for me to go inside. I think that the rain helped us, as our bikes are less powerfull than our rivals." Sick since mid week, his brother Thomas finished right behind his brother in the second race and got his first ever podium, in third position behind Eddy Seel. Second and fourth behind VDB in the second race, Seel got his first podium with the Suzuki and is now third in the standings behind Chareyre and Van Den Bosch, the fastest Aprilia rider today. Jerome Giraudou struggled with the track, while Frederic Bolley retired in the second race with a technical problem on his bike. World Champion Boris Chambon crashed at the beginning of the second race, and Davide Gozzini had to start last due to a technical problem at

the start.



In the S1 class Gerald Delepine had a perfect weekend with the pole position the super pole and two heat wins. He came back fourth in the Championship and is confident for the future. *“We did a great job with the team to set-up the bike, and after the first race I knew that I could go faster in the next one; We changed some settings and I felt more comfortable, waiting the right moment to pass Marcel Goetz who claimed the holeshot. It was necessary for me to score 50 points as I had already one DNF in Italy, and now I'm sure that for the next races I will be able to battle for the win,”* said Gerald. Third and second Marcel Goetz got his best ever result with the second place of the Grand Prix, followed by Chris Iddon who collected his second consecutive podium. Bernd Hiemer lost his chances of victory when he crashed twice in the second race, but he will arrived in Austria with the red plate.



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