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125 FRENCH ELITE MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP 2006 THIRD ROUND IN GAILLAC TOULZA (Garonne)

SEBASTIEN LEADS STRONGLY THE SERIES

Event: French Elite Championship, round 3 of 6
 Location : Gaillac Toulza (Garonne)
 Weather: sunny

It's on a fast, really fast and not too technical track that the French Elite Championship stopped this weekend for the third round of the series in Gaillac Toulza, near Toulouse. Sébastien captured his second consecutive win, and is actually leading his brother Christophe by 20 points in the series.

The qualifying session went perfectly for the team, as Christophe and Sébastien both dominate their serie while Gregory Aranda posted the 6th fastest lap time.

Third of the opening race, Sébastien did some changes on the settings of his bike for the other races and won them pretty easily. He got two good start and scored fifty extra points, with a total of six heat wins during the first nine races of the serie. Christophe didn't got such great start, and did some small mistakes in the first and last race. He could have finished three times in second position, but he lost his front wheel twice and scored a second, a third and a fourth place this weekend. For the first time this season Gregory Aranda scored points in all the heats, with a strong sixth place in the second one.



The team will do a brief « pit stop » at his Belgium base, and then will move to Leipzig in the former East Germany for the fourth round of the World Championship.

Sébastien Pourcel : *« I don't think that it's the same man who race the French series and the GP's.... This weekend was great for me, I just had some troubles with my suspensions in the first race. But we adjusted the settings for the other heats and everything went perfectly. In the first race I had troubles to find a good rhythm and the good lines, but then it was OK. We had a good testing session mid week with Ohlins, we are on the right direction and I hope I will be able to prove it next weekend in Germany. »*

Christophe Pourcel : *« I went back home in Chateaufort les Martigues last week after Portugal, it was important for me to have a short break. I trained physically but in a different way, for example I went climbing in the mountains with a friend. This weekend was not so great for me but that's racing, I don't like when it's not technical and difficult to pass. Now we'll prepare the next GP, everyone know that the start will be more important than ever in Teutschenthal, we'll work for it in Belgium this week. »*

Roger Pourcel : *« It's another good day for the team, we learned a lot again this weekend as we rarely race on this kind of tracks. It was really fast and not so technical, the ground was really hard, it was a track that we never see in the GP's. Overall we've a good result, even if Christophe missed the podium for two points. Sébastien was really strong today, it seems that he has the championship under control and I just hope that he will take the same rhythm in the GP's. Christophe didn't got good starts and made a few mistakes but he is till second in the series, while Greg did a perfect second race to score a sixth position. On tuesday we'll fly back to Belgium, we will work as usual after a three weeks trip far from our workshop. »*



Patrick Gelade (left) and Roger Pourcel (right)

Race 1 : 1.Aubin (KTM) ; **2.C.Pourcel (Kawasaki GPKR)** ; **3.S.Pourcel (Kawasaki GPKR)** ; 4.Boissière (Yamaha) ; 5.Renet (Honda) ; 6.Coisy (Honda) ; 7.Frossard (KTM) ; 8.Demartis (Honda) ; 9.Roux (Yamaha) ; 10.Valade (KTM).....**15.Aranda (Kawasaki GPKR)** ; etc....

Race 2 : **1.S.Pourcel** ; 2.Boissière ; **3.C.Pourcel** ; 4.Aubin ; 5.Coisy ; **6.Aranda** ; 7.Frossard ; 8.Lesage (Honda) ; 9.Demartis ; 10.Musquin (Kawasaki); etc....

Race 3 : **1.S.Pourcel** ; 2.Boissière ; 3.Aubin ; **4.C.Pourcel** ; 5.Coisy ; 6.Demartis ; 7.Roux ; 8.Lesage ; 9.Charlier (Yamaha) ; 10.Marillier (Yamaha)....**16.Aranda** ; etc....

Championship standings (after 3 races) : **1.S.Pourcel 214** ; **2.C.Pourcel 194** ; 3.Aubin 162 ; 4.Renet, 120 ; 5.Boissière, 106 ; 6.Demartis, 99 ; 7.Annetot, 88 ; 8.Roux, 84 ; 9.Frossard, 79 ; 10.Boog (Yamaha), 78**12.Aranda, 56** ; etc....

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

