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ALCARRÀS, 24 June 2007- The FIM Supermoto World Championship is becoming tougher race by race.

Under demanding weather conditions, with very **hot** temperatures and a **dry** track, **Thierry Den Bosch** came back to victory in front of a **9800 people** crowd, but was not able to pass in of leader Adrien Chareyre in the points standings.

In the S2 class **Davide Gozzini** finally clinched his first GP victory with TM, as Gerald Dele and Christian Iddon scored no points in one heat each, losing important Championship points.

In the UEM European Supermoto Championship **Baptiste Rheims** dominated the event with back to back victories, and was imitated by **Petr Vorlicek** in the Open class.

### S1

**Thierry Van Den Bosch** of Aprilia Off Road squeezed his machine on the Circuit de Velc d'Alcarràs to clinch two back to back wins. The Frenchman topped the overall in front of t mate **Jerome Giraud**, who grasped his first podium of the season, and **Kevin Berthom** REXfelgen Wheels Cross2R, making it to his second career podium that came right after the se place at Villars sous Ecot. **Adrien Chareyre** of CH Azzalin and **Bernd Hiemer** of KTM I Miglio rounded off the top five thanks to solid performances throughout the two moto's.



GP winner Van Den Bosch ruled today at Alcarràs

### S1 GRAND PRIX RACE 1

**Thierry Van Den Bosch** was starting from pole and lead the pack into the first turn, ahead of Bernd Hiemer, Adrien Chareyre and Jerome Giraudo.

**Giraudo** moved up to second soon, and started to give chase to team mate VDB, but made a mistake in the off road section and his bike stopped. By the time he restarted it, he was back in sixth place but the gutsy Frenchman worked his way up to a final second place.

On the other hand Van Den Bosch pulled away with the lead, to own the chequered flag ahead of his countryman Giraudo and **Kevin Berthome**.

The latter had a decent start from the tenth place, but rode a strong moto to arrive to the chequered flag almost two seconds behind the Aprilia duo. **Bernd Hiemer** rode a strong moto to pass both Chareyre brothers and finish fourth.

The two CH Azzalin's brothers fought with each other in the first half of the race, leaving an opening for Giraudo to pass both of them.

**Adrien** brought the bike home with the fifth place, followed by **Thomas** in sixth. **Sylvain Bi** finished the heat in ninth place, as he did the second half of the moto with the gearbox blocked in fourth gear.



Jerome Giraud came back to the podium after a long absence –his latest podium was in Latina last year

### S1 GRAND PRIX RACE 2

**Thierry Van Den Bosch** dominated also the second moto from the first to the last lap, but the race was shorter this time, as his rivals increased their rhythm compared to the first heat.

**Adrien Chareyre** was on VDB's tail but **Jerome Giraud** made to pass him at half race distance. Giraud pushed hard to avoid a Van Den Bosch escape, clocking the best lap but not catching his team mate.

The Frenchman brought the bike home with second ahead of Adrien Chareyre. **Thomas Chareyre** was sixth and sandwiched between team mates **Kevin Berthome** and Sylvain Bidart, who crashed and handed sixth to Bidart.

In the meanwhile Berthome and **Hiemer** had a dogfight for the fourth position, passing each other several times until Berthome definitely clinched the fourth place at the last lap. Also **Bidart** managed to pass Hiemer at the final lap, but the German quickly replied to bring the fifth place home, ahead of the French rival.

Thomas Chareyre finished fifteenth after another crash on the off road section.

### S2

**Davide Gozzini** clinched his third Grand Prix victory –first with TM- at his fourth Grand Prix for the Italian factory team. Gozzini owned both chequered flags, and was first on the podium ahead of his fellow TM rider **Lorenzo Mariani** of MRC –clinching his maiden GP podium. **Attilio Pignoni** on KTM Italia Miglio raced two solid moto's after having encountered some difficulties at the beginning of the weekend, and completed the podium. KTM fellow rider **Matthew Winstanley** brought the bike home with a fourth place overall, ahead of BQR Aprilia Spain's **Nestor Jorquera**. **Christian Iddon** and **Gerald Delepine** had a bad day, as each of them did not finish one heat due to crashes; at the end of the day they rounded off the top 12.



Davide Gozzini won his third GP

### S2 GRAND PRIX RACE 1

Superpole man **Davide Gozzini** had a storming start, and tried to pull away with the lead but he had to face a tough opposition from British **Christian Iddon**. Iddon found an open door to pass Gozzini once, but the Italian moved right back to first, owning the chequered flag.

Iddon brought the bike home in second, as **Gerald Delepine** was moving up in the standings but he crashed and damaged the bike.

The Belgian did not finish the race, but **Nestor Jorge** made up for a bad start by moving up to final third place.

**Lorenzo Mariani** was cruising in third place when he missed the first turn and went straight off the track. The Italian re-entered the race in the top five, to drop down to an eventual sixth place later on.

**Matt Winstanley** raced a solid moto, moving up from seventh to a final fourth place ahead of **Attilio Pignotti**.



Lorenzo Mariani was surprisingly fast

### S2 GRAND PRIX RACE 2

**Daide Gozzini** rode another strong heat, dominating all 18 laps. The Italian lead the pack into one, followed by **Lorenzo Mariani**. Mariani stayed on Gozzini's tail for opening laps, than lost contact and settled down for second.

Mariani was closely followed by local rider **Jorge Nestor**, who missed the first corner while trying to pass the Italian. Jorge rejoined the race, but had a crash and brought the bike home with a disappointing tenth place.

**Gerald Delepine** and **Attilio Pignotti** had a dogfight for the third place, passing each other a few times before Pignotti secured a satisfactory third position.

Delepine lost his rival but found a new one soon in the shape of **Matt Winstanley**. The Englishman assaulted Delepine to snatch the fourth place, as the 2005 World Champion settled down for fifth. Iddon did not finish the first lap because of a collective crash, involving also Lorenzo Pes, Hlad and Adriano Allegretti.

### IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS STANDINGS

**Adrien Chareyre** still holds the red plate, but Thierry Van Den Bosch is second, only one point behind the rival. Thomas Chareyre dropped down to third, ahead of Giraudo and Berthome. He has improved on his Championship position and is currently sixth, ahead of Bidart and Beltramini.

**Attilio Pignotti** is back to the lead of the S2 Championship, passing both Delepine and Iddon. Delepine is now second with a ten point gap, and Iddon is third. Davide Gozzini moved up to fourth ahead of Jorge, while Hlad dropped down to ninth after crashing in the second moto.

### UEM-EUROPEAN SUPERMOTO CHAMPIONSHIP

**Baptiste Rheims** took his revenge, and won the fourth round of the S3 series in front of **Tommaso Iacoboni**. Thanks to two back to back victories, Rheims also moved back up to the Championship lead.

Iacoboni was second overall, which is also the same position he holds in the Championship.

**Chris Hodgson** completed the podium after clinching two third places.

In the points standings, the Brit made up ground on Peroni, who is currently third but was behind Hodgson in the overall at Alcarras. Francesco Bianconi rounded off the top five.



Petr Vorlicek (centre) celebrated his victory

Series leader **Petr Vorlicek** dominated another event with two back to back heat wins. The Czech is the runaway leader, and took advantage of runner up **Lionel Deridder**'s bad day, to increase his Championship lead. Deridder was ninth overall, but **Luca De Angelis** made up ground on him after finishing second overall today. **Alberto Dell'Era** completed the podium, as Malcolm Schneider and Richard Blakeman rounded off the top five.

#### WHAT'S NEXT

The FIM Supermoto World Championship and the UEM European Supermoto Championship will be back in two weeks at **Sankt Wendel, Germany**. The fifth round will be held on the **8<sup>th</sup> of July**

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