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BELLPUIG, 15 April 2007- After heavy rain compromised the first day of the Grand Prix of S second round of the FIM Motocross World Championship literally resurrected on a **sunny** Sun saw great racing in both the MX1 and MX2 class.

The **morning's qualifying sessions** had two protagonists; Kawasaki Racing's Tanel Leok clo pole, ahead of Josh Coppins and Steve Ramon. In the MX2 class, GPKR's Christophe Pou Yamaha De Carli's Antonio Cairoli almost clocked the same lap time, but the Frenchman was faster than the Italian, and gained the first spot on the grid. Nicolas Aubin was third fastest.

22.300 people attended an eagerly awaited Grand Prix of Spain, at the **Circuit de Moto Catalunya**. The track was **wet** at the beginning, but it progressively **dried out** thanks to th weather conditions.

Joshua Coppins won the MX1 Grand Prix, as Yamaha fellow rider Antonio Cairoli won th class, after a breathtaking duel with Christophe Pourcel.



The MX1 riders heading towards the first turn

MX1

Yamaha Motocross' **Joshua Coppins** raced a great GP, and **won** both motos, but Suzuki WM **Kevin Strijbos** tried his hardest to clinch his first moto victory of the season. He finished in place overall, ahead of a very motivated **Maximilian Nagl** of the KTM Sarholz Team. It is still debut for Aprilia and WRM; Aprilia Off Road's Alessio Chiodi was twenty third, ahead of Beggi of Moto Race Team.

MX1 RACE 1

A superb **Mike Brown** stormed into the first corner, and grabbed the holeshot. The American lead of the race for the first three laps, but he was followed by a very motivated Josh Coppi passed him at lap four. While Brown was dropping down to twelfth, the Kiwi pulled away to lead. The Suzuki team mates Steve Ramon and Kevin Strijbos fought for second place, but held on until the chequered flag, and finished second. Ramon finished third, ahead of local **Jonathan Barragan**. The Spaniard came very close to Ramon, and was only three tenths behind Belgian at the end of the race. Max Nagl ended the top five, ahead of Ken De Dycker, who was out after he crashed with five laps to go.

MX1 RACE 2

Coppins had a great start to the final moto, and lead the pack into turn one. Kawasaki you **Sebastien Pourcel** and **Billy Mackenzie** -who are both experiencing their first season in the class- tried to follow the Kiwi; Mackenzie passed Pourcel for second place, as Ramon crash Crockard, Salvini and Desalle. Ramon's team mate Strijbos did not have a good start, and was

at the end of the opening lap. But the Belgian fought his way up to third, behind a very fast Nagl who finished the moto in second place. Nagl passed Mackenzie for second at lap 16, and left the Frenchman facing the attacks of a hungry Strijbos. Strijbos passed, and so did Pourcel, who finished fourth. Mackenzie ended the top five, ahead of home rider Barragan.



Joshua Coppins rode his YZ450 FM to victory today

MX2

The MX2 Grand Prix of Spain was fantastic. Yamaha De Carli's **Antonio Cairoli** was the **winner**, after two incredible battles with defending World Champion **Christophe Pourcel** of GPKR. KTM Red Bull's **Tyla Rattray** was third, thanks to two solid motos.

MX2 RACE 1

There was an all French battle in the first turn, between Nicolas Aubin, **Pascal Leuret** and Christophe Pourcel. Aubin got the holeshot, but Pourcel clinched the lead a few corners later. The defending Champion tried to pull away with the lead, followed by Leuret; Aubin and **Erik Eggens** fought for third, as Antonio Cairoli was coming up from fifth. Leuret crashed, as Eggens and Cairoli passed Aubin. Cairoli passed Eggens for second place, and started to close the gap on leader Pourcel. Pourcel reduced dramatically, and Cairoli snatched the lead from the Frenchman with three laps to go. Pourcel passed again, and Cairoli stayed on his tail until he made a couple of mistakes in the final turn. Pourcel won, with Cairoli second, and Eggens third. Tyla Rattray made it to fourth, and Leuret finished the top five. Aubin had technical problems, and could not finish the race.

MX2 RACE 2

Christophe Pourcel led since the start, and once again he tried to open up a gap on runner up **Nicolas Cairoli**. Cairoli did not have a good start, and it took him seven laps to snatch the second place from the Frenchman who was blocked in a rut at lap five. Eggens crashed, as Rattray and **Tommy Searle** battled for

place. The South African passed the British, and begun to chase Aubin for third place. Both and Searle passed Aubin at lap ten, when Cairoli was still closing in on Pourcel. At the last Italian was very close to the defending Champion. It was a fantastic finale, with Cairoli Pourcel, and riding the rest of the lap with the Frenchman on his tail. Tony won the moto, with second and Rattray third. Searle was fourth, and Aubin closed the top five.



The sport continues even when the races are finished: GP winner Antonio Cairoli and runner up Christophe Pourcel had a great show today

IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS STANGINDS

The **MX1** class is **lead by Josh Coppins**, who increased his advantage from Valkenswaard. Stribos is now second with a 19 point gap, and Jonathan Barragan dropped down to third. The fantastic Spanish Grand Prix, Max Nagl is fourth, ahead of Steve Ramon, fifth.

Antonio Cairoli's motivation for this Title reflects on the **MX2** World Championship standings. **Cairoli is first**, with 15 points more than runner up Tyla Rattray. Christophe Pourcel moved third, and is followed by Erik Eggens, fourth, and Pascal Leuret, fifth. Gareth Swanepoel moved down to tenth, after a disappointing Spanish Grand Prix.

There will not be much rest for the FIM Motocross World Championship circus, as everyone is heading West, to **Agueda**, Portugal, for the third GP of the series on **April 22**.

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