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MX2 FRENCH ELITE MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP 2006 FIFTH ROUND IN IFFENDIC

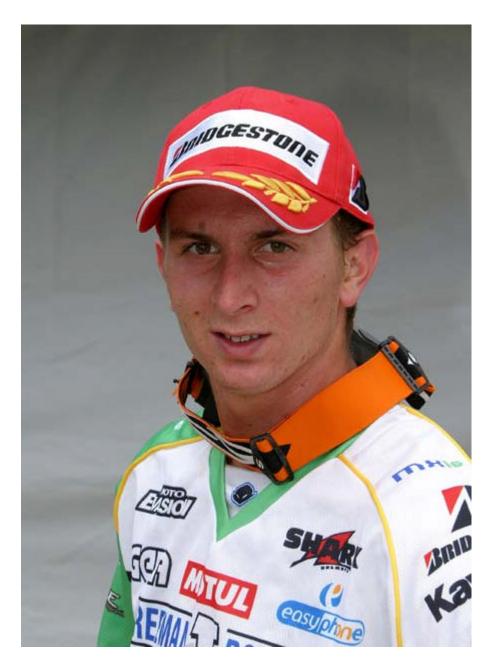
FOURTH CONSECUTIVE WIN FOR SEBASTIEN

Event: French Elite Championship, round 5 of 6

Location: Iffendic (Ille et Vilaine)

Weather: sunny

Winning his fourth consecutive round of the MX2 French Championship this weekend in Iffendic, Sébastien Pourcel is now strongly leading the series before the last race, scheduled mid-august in Lacapelle Marival. Second of the event Christophe is runner up overall, and it seems that team GPKR will score top results in this series during his first ever season.



Sébastien and Christophe were the fastest riders during the qualifying session on Saturday, and they were even faster than the MX1 riders. With great start in the three races (two for the MX2 riders, and one super final with the best MX2 and MX1 riders), Sébastien won the MX2 races and finished second of the super final between Cyrille Coulon and Pascal Leuret, both riding their 450. Struggling at the start of the MX2 races, Christophe scored many points with a third, a second and a fifth place this weekend. Second of this round behind his brother, Cris is the only rider able to beat Seb for the 2006 title.

Third rider of the team, Gregory Aranda scored in Britany his best result of the season; fifth, tenth and nineteenth, Greg who posted the tenth fastest time in the qualifying sesson is now tenth in the standings, only six points behind the ninth rider.



The team will now prepare the ninth round of the World Championship, and will move mid week to Uddevalla (Sweden), located 100 kms north of Gothenburg

Sébastien Pourcel: « Overall it was a good weekend, even if the track wasn't so well prepared. They watered the track too much before the super final, and this last race was pretty difficult. I got the pole but I didn't choose the inside position on the grid, I went in the middle and it was a good choice as I was in the top five at each start. In the first race I took the lead early and won it pretty easily, but in the next one we had a good battle with my brother Christophe. He was fast in this race, he passed me but finally I won again. The track was really slippery for the super final, and I was leading when I did a small mistake on a muddy section. Cyrille Coulon with his 450 passed me, I finished in second place and won the overall. I've a strong leadership before the last round, but I dont' want to think too much about it, my goal is to have great results in the GP's now."



Christophe Pourcel: « Iffendic is not one of my favourite tracks, and when they watered too much as they did this weekend it's really dangerous. At the first start we struggled on the grid with Annelot and Boissière and I was one of the last riders in the first corner. I was wet with the mud, didn't want to take any risk and I came back third. My second start was better but I did a mistake in the first corner and then crashed in a downhill. I was again among the last riders but the track was more dry and I came back just behind Seb who was leading. I passed him but he passed me back and won this race. Before the super final they put again too much water on the circuit, and I decided to ride safely as it was dangerous; I finished fifth, but the result wasn't so important in these conditions."



First race 125: **1.S.Pourcel** (Kawasaki GPKR); 2.Aubin (KTM); **3.C.Pourcel** (Kawasaki GPKR); 4.Boissière (Yamaha); **5.Aranda** (Kawasaki GPKR); 6.Musquin (Kawasaki); 7.Renet

(Honda); 8. Annelot (Honda); 9. Demartis (Honda); 10. Roux (Yamaha); etc....

Second race 125: 1.S.Pourcel (Kawasaki GPKR); 2.C.Pourcel; 3.Renet; 4.Demartis; 5.Annelot;

6.Rouis (Yamaha); 7.Leonce (Yamaha); 8.Marillier (Yamaha); 9.Roux; 10.Aranda; etc....

Super Final: 1.Coulon (Suzuki); **2.S.Pourcel**; 3.Leuret (Honda); 4.Allier (Kawasaki); **5.C.Pourcel**; 6.Coisy (Honda); 7.Aubin; 8.Renet; 9.Roux; 10.Marillier.....**19.Aranda**; etc....

Championship standings (after 5 rounds): **1.S.Pourcel 349**; **2.C.Pourcel 299**; 3.Aubin, 236; 4.Boissière, 210; 5.Renet, 196; 6.Demartis, 167; 7.Annelot, 160; 8.Roux, 144; 9.Marillier, 115; **10.Aranda, 112**; etc....

Next and last round: Lacapelle (13/8)



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