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LATINA (ITALY)-The weather in Latina was a bit cloudy but thinking of the weather was the least important thing today.

Both S1 and S2 World Titles could have been won in Italy this weekend and this chance motivated 4500 spectators to come to the International circuit "Il Sagittario".

German Bernd Hiemer became the S1 2006 World Champion and snatched the Title from 2005 Champion Gerald Delepine.

Both rivals kept the rhythm high in the first Moto but Hiemer was the winner. He opened up a gap then lost the advantage because of a mistake; Delepine came close to the German but Hiemer pushed hard again and had a final advantage of 2 seconds and a half.

Husqvarna placed another rider into the top three: it was Italian Ivan Lazzarini who lost some time before passing countryman Simone Girolami; by the time he made it the 2 leaders were too far away and Ivan simply secured third position.

TM rider Girolami finished fourth and British Christian Iddon completed the top five.



Simone Girolami won the second S1 Heat and was on the podium with second place

In the second Moto Hiemer knew he had his chance to become World Champion. He needed to score only 1 point more than Lazzarini and so he did.

But the 15 laps were packed of action: they started with Hiemer leading from Delepine but Lazzarini and Iddon quickly got rid of the Belgian at the straight after the off-road section. Girolami had a good pace and stayed right behind Delepine until the fifth lap. Once Girolami passed he waited behind Iddon who got the lead at the eleventh lap. At the entrance of the off-road section race leader Hiemer was passed by Iddon, Girolami and Lazzarini; the man who finally snatched the win was TM rider Girolami and Hiemer closed the race in second place. Iddon and Lazzarini made a mistake at the entrance of the off-road and both were passed by Delepine: the Belgian finished the race in third place with Iddon fourth and Lazzarini fifth.



Is there anyone who saw him happier?

The podium celebration was Hiemer's party: the 23-year-old German from Leutkirch was World Champion for the first time in his career. He will stay with KTM for 2 more years but will race in the 450cc class next season.

Fight for second place is still open with Lazzarini and Delepine being just 2 points from each other. Iddon is fourth and needs to make up 13 points on Lazzarini if he wants to get second. Swiss Marcel Goetz is fifth but too far from Iddon.

In the S2 class Aprilia won its first Manufacturers' Title in the FIM Supermoto World Championship.



The Aprilia Team helped the Italian factory win its first Manufacturers' Title

Series leader VDB grasped 2 back to back Moto wins and dominated both S2 Heats of the Dunlop Grand Prix of Italy.

Both times he lead from the start, opened up a gap and managed the race until the chequered flag.

Adrien Chareyre finished the first Moto in second place: he kept second for all 15 laps.

Jerome Giraud passed Beltrami and Bidart for third place when the Italian made his move on Bidart: they both ran wide and Giraud moved past. By that time Chareyre and VDB were too far for Giraud.

Beltrami was fourth and Bidart completed the top five. Fred Bolley ran off track after the start and crashed while trying to make up ground: he finished the race with thirteenth.

VDB won also the second Heat with Jerome Giraud trying his hardest to keep up with the rival's pace but ending with second.

Bolley completed an Aprilia top three: he ran off track at the first lap then made up ground from thirteenth place.

Adrien Chareyre was fourth after he passed Italian Massimo Beltrami at the twelfth lap; Beltrami completed the top five and young gun Sylvain Bidart finished fourteenth because of a crash.

Italians Luca Minutilli and Attilio Pignotti had a great start to the race: at the ninth lap Pignotti was third and Minutilli fourth but they ended the race with sixth and seventh place respectively.



Thierry VDB was alone on the lead for both motos

In the Championship standings VDB leads with 39 points more than Jerome Giraud. Adrien Chareyre is third with 19 points less than Giraud and Bolley is still fourth. Massimo Beltrami moved up to fifth place ahead of Bidart and Chambon.

The S1 manufacturers' crown and the S2 riders' title will be given in Greece at the last round of the FIM Supermoto World Championship: the Dunlop Grand Prix of Greece will be on the 5th of November in Athens.

USEFUL LINKS

- [International Circuit "Il Sagittario"](#)
- [DBO Organization Latina](#)

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- [Mastertent](#)
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