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PREVIEW GP4 – KARCHER GP OF GERMANY (Teutschenthal)

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN....START YOUR ENGINE !

For the second time in the history of our sport women will be involved in a World Championship event, as the second edition of the FIM Women's Motocross World Cup kick-off this weekend in Teutschenthal (Germany). Stefan Everts, Marc De Reuver, Antonio Cairoli or Kenneth Gundersen will probably support their countrywomen during their two races of twenty minutes and two laps.

After a promising first edition in Uddevalla last year, the FIM has extended this year the series to Germany alongside Sweden, home of the second and final round of the World Cup. The races were really interesting one year ago, and many GP riders were surprised by the style and the competitiveness of the ladies who are this year more numerous. Fifty girls have been selected to enter the event, and they will have of course to qualify through a thirty minutes time-practice session on Saturday afternoon. Representing fifteen countries, some of them are already famous and will be the favourites of the event: Stephanie Laier (Germany, KTM), Katherine Prumm (New Zealand, Kawasaki) and Livia Lancelot (France, Yamaha) who had the honours of the podium last year, but also Ellie de Winter (Belgium, Yamaha), Elin Mann (Sweden, KTM), or Marie Karlsson (Sweden, Yamaha). Newcomers in the Cup, Italians, Swiss, Croatians, Dutch and Czech ladies will also go to the qualifying session with high goals.

Thirty ladies last year, fifty this time, the success of this World Cup is undeniable. *"I am very happy about the huge interest of so many riders in the FIM Women's Motocross World Cup. It is only the second year of the World Cup and there are already two events on the calendar: Teutschenthal, this coming weekend, and Uddevalla in July. I am looking forward to an exciting competition on a high level,"* says Wolfgang Srb, FIM's Motocross President. Three months before the first ever Veteran's World Cup (Namur, August 6th) Giuseppe Luongo is also really pleased. *"With the huge success of the FIM Women's Motocross World Cup last year, it shows our sport can really be a family sport. We want to see more families, more women and more children at Motocross events and the FIM Women's Motocross World Cup is helping with this movement. We believe to this cup, and expect to increase the number of events in the future. We wish all the participants great racing,"* says the President of Youthstream.

But Teutschenthal is also, of course, the fourth round of the Motocross World Championship. In the MX1 class Stefan Everts lost his three main rivals (Joshua Coppins and Sébastien Tortelli injured, Mickael Pichon ill) during the first GP's and will have to stay focused on his new rivals who got some podiums earlier this season. Kevin Strijbos, Tanel Leok, Steve Ramon and Jonathan Barragan

are the most promising, as well as Ken De Dycker, Cedric Melotte and Pascal Leuret. Everts collected his 90th GP win two weeks ago in Portugal, and with twelve more Grands Prix at the calendar before his retirement he could reach the amazing number of one hundred success!

For sure there is more suspense in the MX2 class, even if South African Tyla Rattray won the first three GP's and count now six wins in a row. He is of course leading the Championship with his factory KTM, but doesn't dominate totally the series as three other riders won at least one moto so far: Antonio Cairoli, David Philippaerts and Kenneth Gundersen, who are respectively fourth, seventh and ninth in the standings. Christophe Pourcel, Marc De Reuver, Alessio Chiodi and Billy Mackenzie who are in the top ten are all able to win heats and GP's, but they need to react promptly to put some pressure on the leader of the series.

Practices start on Saturday at 9.00 (ladies), with qualifying sessions from 1.00 to 6.00.

Information and results on www.motocrossmx1.com, the official website of the Motocross World Championships.

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FIM Women's World Cup: Entry list

1	2	PRUMM Katherine	NZL	MNZ	Kawasaki
2	3	LANCELOT Livia	FRA	FFM	Yamaha
3	4	SJÖBERG Sofia	SWE	SVEMO	Honda
4	5	MANN Elin	SWE	SVEMO	KTM
5	6	JOHANSSON Sofia	SWE	SVEMO	Honda
6	10	WIDERSTRÖM Linda	SWE	SVEMO	Suzuki
7	11	BRANLID Malin	SWE	SVEMO	Kawasaki
8	14	BAAR Daniela	AUT	OeAMTC	Kawasaki
9	16	SEIDENBERG Jenny	GER	DMSB	KTM
10	19	NILSSON Isabell	SWE	SVEMO	Suzuki
11	21	KARLSSON Marie	SWE	SVEMO	Yamaha
12	22	ADRIANSSON Sandra	SWE	SVEMO	Suzuki
13	23	DRÄGER Petra	GER	DMSB	Kawasaki
14	24	PAPENMEIER Larissa	GER	DMSB	Honda
15	27	GERMOND Virginie	SUI	FMS	Kawasaki
16	31	WILLIAMS Nerys	GBR	ACU	Honda
17	32	PAULL Sophia	GBR	ACU	Yamaha
18	33	DECARLI Gloria	ITA	FMI	
19	34	PADRINI Stefania	ITA	FMI	
20	35	COLOMBO Patrizia	ITA	FMI	
21	36	PERMJAKOWA Wiktorija	RUS	MFR	KTM
22	37	LOGINOWA Anastasija	RUS	MFR	Yamaha
23	38	PODKHWATILINA Olga	RUS	MFR	Honda
24	41	DEBELIC Snezana	CRO	OeAMTC	

25	43	VEENSTRA Marianne	NED	KNMV	Suzuki
26	44	POL Mirjam	NED	KNMV	
27	45	DE MOL Marielle	NED	KNMV	Yamaha
28	50	DUFRENE Blandine	FRA	FFM	
29	52	ROMMEL Stefanie	GER	DMSB	KTM
30	55	IRMGARTZ Kim	GER	DMSB	Suzuki
31	60	BARTOVA Jana	CZE	ACR	KTM
32	73	ASKELAND Irene	NOR	NMF	Honda
33	76	SIMENSTAD Mari	NOR	NMF	Yamaha
34	77	VAGLE Silje	NOR	NMF	Honda
35	78	RYE - HOLMBOE Katrine	NOR	NMF	Honda
36	84	QUADRELLI Tamara	SUI	FMS	
37	85	LEMP Birgit	GER	FMS	KTM
38	93	KLUTTIG Silvia	GER	DMSB	Suzuki
39	99	HAUPT Alexandra	GER	DMSB	Kawasaki
40	110	LAIER Stephanie	GER	DMSB	KTM
41	116	ZIMMERMANN Jessica	GER	DMSB	KTM
42	123	STRAMM Christiane	GER	DMSB	Honda
43	175	ANDERSEN Mette	DAN	DMU	Honda
44	179	PILADZE Inga	LAT	LaMSF	Honda
45	185	SKREIJA Ilze	LAT	LaMSF	KTM
46	216	PETERSEN Mie	DAN	DMU	Suzuki
47	389	DE WINTER Elien	BEL	MUL	Yamaha
48	402	PETERSEN Trine	DAN	DMU	
49	501	AKRE Anine	NOR	NMF	Yamaha
50	777	HILKJAER Mie	DAN	DMU	KTM



