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PIRAEUS (GREECE)-The 2006 FIM Supermoto World Championship finished today at the Port of Piraeus, in front of 8000 spectators.

On a cold and sunny Sunday, KTM in S1 and Thierry Van Den Bosch in S2 won the remaining Titles in front of a spectacular Mediterranean Sea, by which the track was placed.



The Port of Piraeus was a wonderful scenery for the FIM Supermoto World Championship

Frenchman VDB won the Championship in the first Moto, at the end of which his Team showed him an unusual board: 101% World Champion.

His first season in the S2 class finished with his fourth GP win, because VDB won both Motos, leading from the start to the finish.

2005 S2 World Champion Boris Chambon was VDB's main rival in both Motos; Chambon finished second in the first Moto, and so he did in the second one, following VDB and almost catching him at the end of the second Moto.

Belgian Eddy Seel's comeback after the wrist injury finished with a third place in the GP. The

Suzuki rider tried to pass Manzo in the first Moto, but the Italian kept third until the chequered flag. Seel made a mistake and was passed by Gozzini, ending with fifth place behind the Italian Husqvarna rider. In the second Moto the Belgian made up for the first one, and finished third.

Jorge Nestor had a positive second Moto, starting from tenth place and making up a lot of ground, but he was then disqualified for track cutting.

In the second Moto, Gozzini took fourth place and Manzo completed the top five.

Adrien Chareyre kept third place in the Championship, while his direct rival Fred Bolley did not finish any of the two Motos, scoring no points and finishing 2006 with fourth place in the Championship.

Boris Chambon was fifth in the Championship, moving past Beltrami and Bidart thanks to a successful weekend in Greece.



Mission completed for Thierry Van Den Bosch

In the S1 class Slovenian Ales Hlad won the first GP of his career, thanks to a win in the second Moto and a second place in the first one.

"Wigan Whippet" Matt Winstanley clocked the Superpole in the morning, and won the first Moto from Hlad and Goetz. He was going for the win also in the second Moto, but he crashed at the fourteenth lap and scored no points.

It was Swiss Marcel Goetz finishing second in the GP; Marcel was passed by Hlad in the first Moto, and he ended with third. He was second in the final Moto, which was restarted after two laps because of technical problems.

Ivan Lazzarini finished the season with second place in the Championship. He was on the third step of the podium, and finished both Motos in front of Delepine.

In the first one Ivan was fifth while Delepine was seventh, and in the second one Lazzarini finished third and Delepine fifth.

Belgian Delepine was third in the Championship, and sixth in the GP, while 2006 World Champion Hiemer finished with fourth in the GP. The German had a light flu for the entire weekend.

British Christian Iddon finished the first Moto with fourth, behind the KTM trio made of Winstanley, Hlad and Goetz; in the second Moto he ended with sixth place.

Marcel Goetz kept fifth place in the Championship and Ales Hlad's win handed the Slovenian sixth

place in the Championship.

KTM won the Manufacturers' Title by 25 points over its rival Husqvarna, which finished second.



Ales Hlad made his dream come true, and won the first GP of his career

Also the European Supermoto Championship finished today. Hungarian Giorgy Kokeniesi won both Motos in the 250cc class, while Austrian Malcolm Schneider won the 450cc class thanks to a win in the first Moto and a second place in the final one, which was won by Gennaro Dichello, second overall

European Supermoto Champions are Giorgy Kokeniesi in the 250cc class and Beno Stern in the 450cc class, but both grasped the Title before the final round of the Championship.

At the KTM Red Bull Junior Euro Cup's final, French Baptiste Rheims clinched the Title from Finnish Mauno Hermunen and British Chris Hodgson.

Hermunen won the first Moto from Hodgson and Rheims. In the second one, Italian Elia Sammartin clinched his first win in the Cup, while French Brian Courand was second and Hermunen was third.

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