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SEVLIEVO, 17 June 2007- A very **hot** temperature and a very **dry** track made everyone forgive yesterday's rain, and of last year's incredibly wet race.

The **Gorna Rositza** circuit was conquered by Yamaha's winning duo **Joshua Coppins** –MX1 **Antonio Cairoli** –MX2- who both increased their Championship lead.



The podium of the MX1 class had Coppins on top for the second consecutive time

MX1

Joshua Coppins of Yamaha Motocross won his fifth Grand Prix of the year, and is currently season high. It is almost impossible to beat the Kiwi, but **Jonathan Barragan** of KTM Red made it in the first moto. He crashed in the final heat, but still he conquered the second step of podium, ahead of Suzuki's **Steve Ramon**. Poleman **Sebastien Pourcel** of GPKR rode to a :

fourth place, earning two more points than KTM Red Bull's **David Philippaerts**, fifth.

MX1 GRAND PRIX RACE 1

David Philippaerts had a storming start, but his team mate **Jonathan Barragan** found an opening soon and moved up to the lead. The Spaniard –who had picked up a shoulder injury in the previous round- lead the entire moto, taking advantage of the early fights for second place.

Steve Ramon was on the KTM's tail, but was passed by **Josh Coppins** and **Sebastien Pourcel**. With Barragan escaping from his rivals, Coppins put the heat on Philippaerts, and finally battled with the Italian for the second place. Once Josh passed, David made a mistake and crashed. Philippaerts rejoined the race in fifth place and just brought the bike home, while Coppins settled for the runner up spot, surrendering to a very fast Barragan.

Pourcel came close to Coppins but dared too much and slipped, losing contact with Coppins and making it to the chequered flag with third.

The Frenchman kept a very dangerous Steve Ramon behind; the Belgian took no risks and secured the fourth place ahead of Philippaerts.

Billy Mackenzie had a tough moto, as he crashed at the opening lap and did not finish the race.

MX1 GRAND PRIX RACE 2

Philippaerts collected another great start, but it was not enough to get rid of **Coppins** and **Michael Brown**, who jumped up to the lead at the exit of the first corner.

Brown kept Coppins behind in second for a couple of laps, then the Kiwi moved up to fight for the first and finally own the chequered flag and the GP win.

Ramon had a duel with Coppins for second place, with the two passing each other twice, but the Kiwi went to try another assault later on. Unfortunately for Ramon, by the time he passed Brown, Coppins was too far away and the Belgian settled down in second place.

Both David Philippaerts and **Sebastien Pourcel** came close to Brown's rear end; the Italian was the first to make an attempt to move on Brown, then also Pourcel overtook the American. Brown tried to fend off Pourcel, but crashed and rejoined the race in ninth place.

Pourcel was smelling the podium and tried to attack Philippaerts, but the rock-solid Italian made mistakes, giving the Frenchman no chances to overtake.

With Pourcel grasping the fourth place, **Jonathan Barragan** had another incredible moto but crashed in the opening lap, then worked his way up from twentieth to fifth.



Coppins is the MX1 runaway leader, but runner up Ramon has seven more GP's to close the gap

MX2

Yamaha De Carli's **Antonio Cairoli** had another memorable weekend, grasping his sixth victory of the season here in Sevlievo, where the Italian had never won before. Pole **Christophe Pourcel** of GPKR tried to stop the rival but missed the podium by only one point. KTM Red Bull's team mates **Tyla Rattray** and **Tommy Searle** made it to the podium, with second and a third place respectively, after two solid motos. Honda Martin's **Pascal Le** completed the top five.

MX2 GRAND PRIX RACE 1

With **Antonio Cairoli** crossing **Christophe Pourcel**'s line on the start straight, **Tommy Searle** took the holeshot but Cairoli snatched the lead from him by the end of the first lap.

Cairoli did a race on his own, while Pourcel reached the runner up spot at lap five. The French wanted to close in on the Italian, but the real danger was coming from behind: Tommy Searle, **Rattray** and **Pascal Leuret** all passed the defending Champion in one single lap.

That was an **incredible tenth lap**, with Rattray being on the back of Pourcel, but both ran wide to let Searle move up to second. While Rattray and Pourcel were fighting, Leuret found another door and passed both rivals, who responded by moving back in front of Leuret again. Before the end of the lap, Pourcel dropped down to fifth behind Rattray and Leuret, and finally finished the race with a sixth place, after he was passed by **Davide Guarneri**.



Antonio Cairoli won all two moto's this time, as last year he crashed in the final moto after winning the first one

MX2 GRAND PRIX RACE 2

Pascal Leuret and **Tommy Searle** were at the lead of the race, as **Cairoli** tangled up with **Pou** at the start, with both of them rounding off the top five at the first turn.

Cairoli worked his way up to first and snatched the lead from Leuret, to complete another race on his own and clinch the victory.

Also Pourcel had a consistent moto, finishing second behind Cairoli, but he lost vital time battling with Searle for the third place.

The British dropped down to an eventual fifth place, whereas his team mate **Rattray** struggled at the beginning of the race. The South African finally found his rhythm, and moved up to eventual third place, overtaking Leuret in the last lap.

Leuret finished fourth, ahead of Searle and **Swanepoel**.



Tyla Rattray is definitely solid, and will not let Cairoli and Pourcel go for the Title alone

IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS STANDINGS

Joshua Coppins is now 97 points ahead of runner up Steve Ramon; David Philippaerts Sebastien Pourcel are third and fourth, sharing the same score of 222 points. Jonathan Barr completes the top five, ahead of Kevin Strijbos, who dropped down to sixth after sitting out Bulgarian GP for a knee injury.

In the MX2 class **Tony Cairoli** is leading the series with almost 90 points more than defen Champion Christophe Pourcel, who will be back stronger in Sweden to keep his Title hopes a Tyla Rattray is still third, but he closed in dramatically on Pourcel and currently has a gap c points only. Pascal Leuret holds on in fourth, but Tommy Searle is fifth and only one point beh

WHAT'S NEXT

The next round of the FIM Motocross World Championship will be in **Uddevalla, Sweder July 1**, allowing the paddock one week of rest. Uddevalla will also host the **second round of FIM Women's Motocross World Cup**, where German **Larissa Papenmeier** is the actual s leader.

Info on the event can be found in the **Official Guide of the FIM Motocross W Championship**. To download it directly [click here](#).

This week the Grand Prix will be broadcast delayed on:

- ≡ **EUROSPORT 2**: Sunday June 17, MX1 Race 1 at 13:00 and Race 2 at 22:00; Monday 18, MX2 class 17:15 CET
- ≡ **SPORT ITALIA**: Sunday June 17, MX1 Race 1 at 17:45 and Race 2 at 18:45 CET
- ≡ **VRT**: Sunday June 17, MX1 Race 1 14:00 CET
- ≡ **EUROSPORT WORLD**: Monday June 18, MX2 class N/A (che <http://www.eurosport.com>)
- ≡ **BNT Bulgaria**: Monday June 18, MX2 class N/A (check <http://www.bnt.bg>)

- ≈ **AMERICA ONE:** second Tuesday after the GP, MX2 Race 2 and MX1 Race 2, N/A (c <http://www.americaone.com>)
- ≈ **GAORA:** MX2 Race 1 and Race 2, MX1 Race 1 and Race 2, N/A (ch <http://www.gaora.co.jp>)

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[FIM](#)

[BMF- Bulgarian Motorcycle Federation](#)

[Bulgaria Online](#)

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