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MONEYGLASS, 19 August 2007- What that was a brand new track until this Saturday before the 2007 World Champion **Antonio Cairoli's** ground, as the Italian came back to victory and clinched his second World Title all in one day.

On a **sunny** Sunday, a now **dry Moneyglass Demesne** course proved to be one of the most demanding tracks in the calendar, and a crowd of **18500 spectators** watched this enthralling thirteenth GP of the season.

In the MX1 class **Kevin Strijbos** clinched his third victory of the season ahead of Frenchman **Sebastien Pourcel**.



The whole team Yamaha De Carli celebrated Antonio Cairoli's second Title

MX1

**Kevin Strijbos** of Suzuki won his third GP of the season as he exploited **Sebastien Pourcel**'s mistake in the final moto. The GPKR Frenchman finished second overall because he crashed in moto two, when he was at the lead. **David Philippaerts** of KTM Red Bull rode to a solid overall, making it to his third consecutive podium. CAS Honda's **Ken De Dycker** won moto one but was fourth overall after a poor second moto, while **Steve Ramon**, who crashed at both ends, rounded off the top five.

MX1 GRAND PRIX RACE 1

After **Mike Brown** had taken the holeshot, **Ken De Dycker** moved up to first ahead of a pack led by **Kevin Strijbos**. The latter succeeded in passing Ken and led for three laps, then De Dycker moved back to first to win the heat. Kevin settled down for second, suffering from an arm pump, while **Jonathan Barragan** secured third place with an unexpected overtaking manoeuvre on team leader **David Philippaerts**. The latter was fourth ahead of **Sebastien Pourcel**, who recovered from a poor start. After a crash in lap one, **Steve Ramon** made up ground from the bottom of the group to finish in a solid eighth.



Kevin Strijbos won his third GP of 2007

MX1 GRAND PRIX RACE 2

**Pourcel** got the holeshot and tried to pull away with the lead, but he slipped at lap four and handed the first place to **Strijbos**. Kevin just rode his own moto to finish first and secure the GP victory while Pourcel worked his way up from fourth to an eventual second place. **Mike Brown** was cruising in second place when some technical problems put an end to his final heat. On the other hand, **Philippaerts** tried to close in on Pourcel in the final laps, but the gap was too big and the Italian finally finished third. **Ramon**, who crashed again at lap one, tried his best and moved fourth, ahead of **Billy Mackenzie**.



The podium after a hard fought MX1 Grand Prix

**Tanel Leok** crashed and twisted his left knee in heat one, and crashed again in heat two, scoring no points at the end of the day. **Jonathan Barragan** had some technical problems in the final heat and did not finish, while **Ken De Dycker** crashed and ended the second heat in twelfth place.

### MX2

The first Grand Prix hosted by the **1690 metre long track Moneyglass Demesne** was a “**Cairoli day**”, as the Italian rider of Yamaha De Carli clinched his second World Title and ended his winless streak all in one day. Cairoli secured the Title by winning the first heat, and clinched another victory with a breathtaking last lap pass on rival **Tommy Searle** of KTM Red Bull. Tommy finished second on the podium, while AXO KTM Silver Action’s **Rui Goncalves** went up for the second career podium after Namur two weeks ago. **Marcus Schiffer** and **Jeremy Horebeek** rounded off the top five.



Tommy Searle did not succeed in stopping Cairoli in moto two, but was second on the podium

**Christophe Pourcel** crashed in the morning's warm up, dislocating his shoulder and injuring his back; the latest news is that the Frenchman has **broken his pelvis**, which means he has finished his 2007 GP campaign.

#### MX2 GRAND PRIX RACE 1

**Nicolas Aubin** took the holeshot but a storming **Tony Cairoli** moved up to the lead before the start of the opening lap. Aubin was following the Italian when he crashed and handed the second place to **Rui Goncalves**. The hard working Portuguese faced a determined **Tommy Searle** in a battle for second place, but the Brit passed and left Goncalves behind in third. **Gautier Paulin** entered the Yamaha battle for fourth place between **Daive Guarneri**, **Carl Nunn** and **Nicolas Aubin**. Paulin got rid of the trio and finished fourth ahead of Aubin, who kept following Paulin in his rearview mirror until the chequered flag.

#### MX2 GRAND PRIX RACE 2

**Nicolas Aubin** took another holeshot but a stone blocked his clutch and forced him off the line. **Tommy Searle** moved up to the lead and opened up a gap over the rivals. The Brit was on his way to the maiden GP win, but a gutsy **Antonio Cairoli** crashed his party. The Sicilian was on a mission after he had damaged his front wheel by tangling up with another rider. Cairoli kept pushing forward, wheeling the bike to avoid the front wheel problems, until he made it to Searle's tail at the finish. Cairoli found an open door and passed next to Searle, who closed the door very quickly. But the Brit continued a couple of corners later, with Cairoli trying another open door and passing in front of Searle, who slipped to second place. **Goncalves** brought the bike home in third place ahead of fellow riders **Marcus Schiffer** and **Jeremy Tarroux**.

#### IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS STANDINGS

Steve Ramon continued to shorten the gap from leader **Josh Coppins**, and there are only 12 points between the two now. Seb Pourcel and David Philippaerts, who are respectively third and fourth, are also divided by 12 points only, while Kevin Strijbos has now reached Philippaerts' tail.

today, Tanel Leok has dropped down to ninth. In the manufacturers' classification Suzuki moved past Yamaha and is now leading.

With **Antonio Cairoli** having secured the Title, the battle for second place sees Pourcel out of his pelvis injury. Tommy Searle is currently third with a gap of five points, which he can close at his home GP at Donington Park. Tyla Rattray and Pascal Leuret, who are both out of Namur, are still rounding off the top five, but Gareth Swanepoel is closing in and can move to fifth at Donington. In the manufacturers' classification Yamaha can secure the Title at Donington next weekend.

#### WHAT'S NEXT

**Next weekend Donington Park**, which is the second brand new track of the season at Silverstone, Moneyglass, will host the penultimate round of the FIM Motocross World Championship, ending at Donington on September 2 together with the FIM Women's World Cup. The **Veterans' Cup** in the UK will finish at Donington next weekend.

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

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- ≈ **SPORT ITALIA** : Sunday August 19, MX1 Race 1 at 18:00 and Race 2 at 19:00 CET
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- ≈ **AMERICA ONE SPORTS**: second Tuesday after the GP, MX2 Race 2 and MX1 Race 1 N/A (check <http://www.americaone.com>)
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