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LIEROP, 2 September 2007- The end of the 2007 season was marked by an incredible Grand Prix of The Netherlands on the sandy course at Lierop, the **De Herselse Bossen**, under **cloudy** weather conditions with a crowd of **36000 spectators**.

Steve Ramon sealed the MX1 Title and made it to third on the podium, while team mate **Kevin** won the Grand Prix, securing also the manufacturers' Title for Suzuki. With Josh Coppinger, Yamaha's second place in the manufacturers' standings was defended by a strong **Marc** in second overall.

MX2 World Champion **Antonio Cairoli** put together two strong motos to clinch the final Cup victory. This was the Italian's maiden success at Lierop.

Katherine Prumm showed to be the fastest in the sand by winning this final round of the **FIM Motocross World Cup**. The Kiwi clinched also the Cup victory, moving in front of **Livia Lar**



Kevin Strijbos won the GP, Marc De Reuver clinched his maiden MX1 podium in second place, and Steve Ramon grasped the

MX1

Belgian **Kevin Strijbos** of Suzuki conquered the Grand Prix at Lierop, while team mate and **Steve Ramon** won the Title –the second after the 2003 crown in the 125cc class- at the end of the season already. Ramon was also third on the podium, right behind a surprising **Marc De Reuver** who came up for this disappointing season by winning the final heat with gallantry. **Ken De Dycker** of Kawasaki and **Billy Mackenzie** of Kawasaki Racing rounded off the top five.

MX1 GRAND PRIX RACE 1

Max Nagl lead the pack into turn one, but Kevin Strijbos, Ken De Dycker and Steve Ramon attacked the German in the first half of the heat. **Strijbos** pulled away with the lead to win with a comfortable advantage of more than eleven seconds. **Ken De Dycker**, who was cruising in second place, was overtaken by the attacks of a very gutsy **Ramon**, who moved up to an eventual second place ahead of **Marc De Reuver**. The home rider, who disappointed his fans last year at Lierop by scoring no points, rode a superb race recovering from seventh to third, and eventually passing De Dycker. The latter finished fourth behind **Billy Mackenzie**, while early leader Nagl ended seventh.

MX1 GRAND PRIX RACE 2

After another holeshot by **Nagl**, **Ramon** and **Strijbos** passed him and battled it out for the lead in the first part of the final moto. Ramon, who had the title under his belt after moto one, did not look up until his condition –he rode with both wrists injured- forced him to settle into third. **Marc De Reuver** was the challenger that Strijbos had to face in the second half of the heat, but the fit Dutchman proved to be more dangerous than Ramon. De Reuver attacked until the very last lap, when he was over a lap behind Strijbos, but he rode on incredible lines to pass the Suzuki rival on the wave section. **De Reuver** won his maiden MX1 heat, ahead of Strijbos, while **De Dycker** and **Mackenzie** rounded off the top five. **Jonathan Barragan** did not ride the final heat, as he crashed in the first one, and went to the hospital for a check up.



Marc De Reuver won the final heat

MX2

Yamaha De Carli's **Antonio Cairoli** continued his winning streak by conquering also the same track at the De Herselse Bossen for the 2007 MX2 World Championship. This was the first success on the De Herselse Bossen for the 2007 MX2 World Champion **Swanepoel** of Molson Kawasaki was snatched the overall by Cairoli, but finished second overall and secured the fifth place in the Championship. KTM Red Bull's **Tommy Searle** was third overall in his fifth consecutive podium appearance, while **Rui Goncalves** and **Nicolas Aubin** rounded off the top five. Home rider **Erik Eggens** was second in the final heat, but ninth overall because of a broken front fork on his moto one.



Antonio Cairoli came back to the MX2 class and won both heats straight away

MX2 GRAND PRIX RACE 1

Antonio Cairoli, who did a bad start, was the star of this opening heat as he recovered from the top ten to a final first, ahead of **Gareth Swanepoel**, who was dreaming of his maiden victory. The Italian caught him right in the final lap.

Cairoli almost crashed to pass Swanie, but once he was at the lead, he opened up a gap of seconds in one single lap.

Kenneth Gundersen could lead for six laps, before dropping down to third and crashing; he could get back onto the bike very quick, giving **Tommy Searle** no chance to pass him. Searle brought the bike home with a solid fourth ahead of **Matti Seistola**.



Gareth Swanepoel was dreaming of his maiden victory but fifth place in the Championship was still a good consolation

MX2 GRAND PRIX RACE 2

After a super start, **Rui Goncalves** was comfortable at the lead, but Cairoli, who looked like the one who could avoid the Portuguese's escape, reached his tail at half race distance.

Once Goncalves was in his sights, **Cairoli** showed no mercy and moved up to first, steering him to the second win of the day.

Goncalves dropped down to a final third, after sand master **Erik Eggens** passed him with six laps to go. The Dutchman recovered from a bad start by using all his skills, and so did other sand master Gareth Swanepoel, who ended fourth overall.

Swanepoel won a final battle with Frenchman **Nicolas Aubin**, to secure both the fourth and fifth position in the Championship. Aubin fought tooth and nail, but suddenly dropped to fifth at the end of the penultimate lap; he was thinking it was the end of the moto, but that misunderstanding cost him vital time.

IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS STANDINGS

Steve Ramon grasped the Title, while Kevin Strijbos moved up to the runner up spot. Ab Coppins dropped down to third ahead of Sebastien Pourcel, while David Philippaerts was snatched fourth place by Ken De Dycker, and closed his maiden MX1 season in sixth place.

In the MX2 class, the Title was clinched by **Antonio Cairoli** at Moneyglass, while Tommy Searle took the second position at Donington. Injured and absent Christophe Pourcel and Tyla Rattray held the third and fourth place respectively, while Gareth Swanepoel moved up to an eventual fifth ahead of Nicolas Aubin.

FIM WOMENS' MOTOCROSS WORLD CUP

Katherine Prumm of Molson Kawasaki won her second World Cup in a row, completing her successful defence of the number one. Prumm dominated this first sandy round of the series, by winning after having clocked yesterday's pole. While Prumm made up for New Zealander countrywoman Ab Coppins' bad luck, GPKR's **Livia Lancelot** suffered from the same fate, as she twisted her

damaged one ligament during the first heat. Lancelot ended the Cup in second place, with as her number plate -114- while **Maria Franke** of Kawasaki Elf Team Pfeil rounded off the top



Katherine Prumm won the Cup ahead of Livia Lancelot -2nd- and Maria Franke, both level in points

Lancelot finished out of the podium of this third and final round, where **Natalie Kane** and **Maria Franke** were respectively second and third after two consistent heats.

NEWS OF THE DAY : NEW GRAND PRIX IN LATVIA FOR 2009

The end of the FIM Motocross World Championship campaign was marked by a special press conference with Youthstream President **Giuseppe Luongo** and FIM/CMS President Dr. **Wolfgang Srb** discussing the improvements of the series compared to the year before.

During the conference, Baltic Cup Foundation Director, **Salvis Freimanis** announced he will be the organizer of the **2009 Grand Prix in Latvia**, which will be held at **Kegums** and will enjoy support from the government.



From left to right: Salvis Freimanis, Giuseppe Luongo, Dr. Wolfgang Srb

On the other hand, the possibility of a future Grand Prix in China arose yesterday in a meeting with a Chinese delegation from the Government of Chongqing.



The meeting between Youthstream, FIM/CMS and the Chinese delegation for a possible Grand Prix in China

WHAT'S NEXT

The FIM Motocross World Championship has come to an end, but part of the Motocross con gather at Budds Creek, in the US, on **September 23rd** for the **Red Bull FIM Motocross of Na**

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

The FIM Motocross Grand Prix of the Netherlands will be:

Broadcast delayed on:

- ⌘ **EUROSPORT 2:** Monday September 3, MX2 Class at 16:00 CET
- ⌘ **SPORT ITALIA:** Sunday September 2, MX1 Race 1 at 18:00 and Race 2 at 19:00 CET
- ⌘ **EUROSPORT WORLD:** Sunday September 2, MX1 Race 1 at 16:30 and Race 2 at 17:30
September 3, MX1 Race 1 at 3:30, Race 2 at 4:15, Race 2 at 9:30, Race 2 at 15:30, M 16:15 GMT
- ⌘ **AMERICA ONE:** second Tuesday after the GP, MX2 Race 2 and MX1 Race 2, 1 (<http://www.americaone.com>)
- ⌘ **GAORA:** MX2 Race 1 and Race 2, MX1 Race 1 and Race 2, N/A (check <http://www.ga>

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