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MELANDRI BIDS TO GET BACK ON TRACK

BMW rider Marco Melandri is looking to get his eni FIM Superbike World Championship title aspirations back on track at Motorland Aragon following an encouraging test at the Spanish circuit.

The Italian sits fourth in the standings but has fallen 55 points behind series leader and compatriot Max Biaggi in the race for the championship.

BMW Motorrad Motorsport racer Melandri had put himself firmly in the frame after picking up wins at Donington Park in England and the American round at Miller Motorsports Park, but the last round on home soil at Misano proved a disappointment as he could only manage a fourth place and a non-finish from the two races on the Adriatic coast.

But the 29-year-old enjoyed a great weekend in Aragon last season, picking up a win and a second place, and is in a confident mood following the recent test there. "It was a good day," said Melandri. "We have been working very hard and we almost

completed our programme. Actually we missed some runs due to the previous day's rain, but we could more or less do all that we had planned. I am happy with the race rhythm. I think we found some good solutions.

"I don't know how the weather will be, but overall I am confident for the race here in Aragon. We did a good job preparing for it."

Kawasaki Racing Team's Tom Sykes is another man who heads to Aragon pleased with the outcome of his testing work.

The British racer is nine points and one place better off than Melandri in the title chase, and racked up 81 laps on the second day of testing last week.

That amounts to almost four race distances and allowed Sykes and his team to work through myriad set-up options for this weekend.

Sykes, who has taken five pole positions so far this season, said: "On day two all the bikes going round got rid of the car tyre rubber and the track is cleaning up nicely. It was a productive day. We tried a long list of things on the bike and we got through everything just as the circuit closed.

"That was down to good organisation from my guys and we managed to make it count. We did a lot of testing but that's what we are here for."



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SUPERSPORT[™] FIM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Jules Cluzel has been delighted with his debut in the FIM Supersport World Championship – but will settle for nothing less than title success as the series reaches its halfway point at Motorland Aragon.
The PTR Honda rider lies 22 points behind leader Kenan Sofuoglu, and said: "I am really happy to be second but it is also my target to be on top of this championship."



SUPERSTOCK 1000[™] FIM CUP

BMW Motorrad Italia GoldBet rider Sylvain Barrier will look to continue his dominance of the FIM Superstock 1000 Cup at Motorland Aragon.
Barrier has won three of the four rounds so far, only failing to score at Monza after suffering a shoulder injury, and looks well-placed to secure title glory.
His nearest rival, Barni Racing Team Italia's Lorenzo Savadori, will be bidding to reduce his current nine-point deficit.



SUPERSTOCK 600[™] UEM EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Ten Kate Junior rider Michael van der Mark heads to Motorland Aragon in buoyant mood in the UEM Superstock 600 European Championship.
The Dutchman claimed his second win of the season at Misano last time out, and said: "The difference with championship leader Riccardo Russo is down to just two points, and I can't wait to go to Aragon," he said.



SERIES SPREADS WINGS TO INDIA

India will become the 27th country to host a round of the eni FIM Superbike World Championship when the Buddh International Circuit joins the calendar in 2013. It will be the first international bike racing championship to be hosted at the Hermann Tilke-designed track near Delhi. The contract runs from 2013 to 2016, and next season's round is scheduled for March 10.

Paolo Flammini, CEO of Infront Motor Sports, said: "The inclusion of the Indian round represents a great achievement for our series and reflects our continuous target to further extend its international presence. India is one of the most important motorcycle markets in the world. Undoubtedly the inclusion of this event will greatly benefit all the protagonists of our series and will create significant added value for the motorcycle manufacturers."

NEW TV DEAL FOR BRAZILIAN FANS

Infront Sports & Media has extended the media rights agreement with ESPN Brazil for the eni FIM Superbike World Championship. The agreement with the largest commercial broadcaster in the country is now exclusive and covers a three-year period starting from the 2013 season. ESPN Brazil will provide full live and delayed coverage in HD quality of all 14 rounds of all classes, including Supersport and Superstock.

João Palomino, Director of Journalism of ESPN Brazil, said: "The eni FIM Superbike World Championship is a first-class TV product and an attractive content for our audience as the series provides more tension, excitement and action than any other motorsport. With ESPN as the exclusive broadcaster in Brazil, fans can look forward to receiving extensive coverage of the highest quality throughout the next three years."

SYLVAIN WAITING FOR LADY LUCK TO SMILE

Sylvain Guintoli achieved a career ambition when he won his first race in the eni FIM Superbike World Championship earlier this season but, since his one-two at Assen, the flying Frenchman feels the only thing that has deserted him is good fortune.
Now seventh in the championship – having been as high as third at one stage – the Team Effenbert Liberty rider knows he and his bike have what it takes to fight for podiums.
He said: "There were a lot of races where we could have scored a lot of points but our luck has been ridiculous, incredible, and it has to turn around at some point, because it is not right!
"But I am not worried. I suppose it has been better to have had the pace and no luck than have only got some results just based on luck."

BRIGNOLA ROLLS BACK THE YEARS

Former Italian Superbike champion Norino Brignola is set to return to the eni FIM Superbike World Championship after a five-year absence at Motorland Aragon this weekend.

Brignola made 14 starts between 2005 and 2007 and won his national championship in 2005 and 2009. He has now been called up by the Grillini Progea team, who have used a series of riders throughout the season.

The team have yet to choose a full-time replacement for Australian rider Mark Aitchison, who left the squad five rounds into the season.

Grillini Progea entered Jake Holden for the American round of the series in Salt Lake City, while Federico Sandi was aboard the BMW S1000RR at Misano last time out.

STARS FEATURE IN CARD COLLECTION

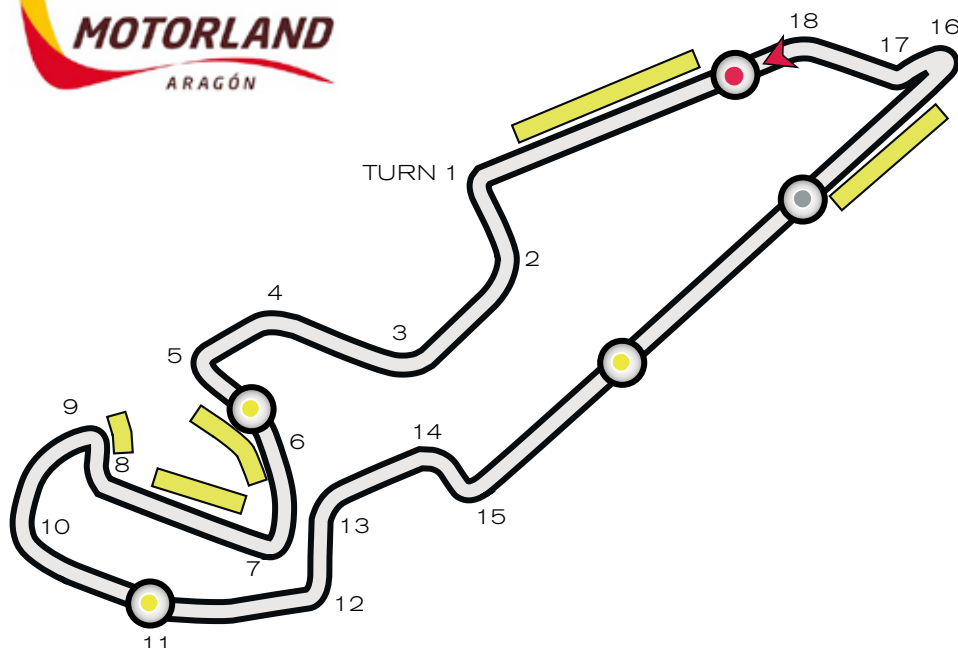
Motorology, magazine partner of the eni FIM Superbike World Championship, has contributed to the series' 25th anniversary celebrations by creating the SuperB Kentauros Collection.

A sleek aluminium gift box contains 33 cards of outstanding images and detailed statistics, and features some of the great champions from 25 years of exciting racing.

A long list of riders have become part of SBK legend, and the collection features some of the championship's best-loved names. Fred Merkel, Doug Polen, Aaron Slight, Fabrizio Pirovano, Pierfrancesco Chili, Carl Fogarty and Troy Bayliss are among those featured.

The gift boxes, available in two different versions, are on sale online at myphoto.worldsbk.com.



CIRCUIT GUIDE: MOTORLAND ARAGON

CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS
WORLD SUPERBIKE

1	Max Biaggi	ITA	Aprilia	210.5
2	Jonathan Rea	GBR	Honda	172
3	Tom Sykes	GBR	Kawasaki	164.5
4	Marco Melandri	ITA	BMW	155.5
5	Carlos Checa	ESP	Ducati	150.5
6	Leon Haslam	GBR	BMW	123
7	Sylvain Guintoli	FRA	Ducati	103
8	Eugene Laverty	IRE	Aprilia	95
9	Davide Giugliano	ITA	Ducati	80
10	Jakub Smrz	CZE	Ducati	75.5
11	Michel Fabrizio	ITA	BMW	58
12	Ayrton Badovini	ITA	BMW	50
13	Leon Camier	GBR	Suzuki	49.5
14	Chaz Davies	GBR	Aprilia	49
15	Maxime Berger	FRA	Ducati	38.5

WORLD SUPERSPORT

1	Kenan Sofuoglu	TUR	Kawasaki	106
2	Jules Cluzel	FRA	Honda	84
3	Sam Lowes	GBR	Honda	76
4	Fabien Foret	FRA	Kawasaki	63
5	Alex Baldolini	ITA	Triumph	54

SUPERSTOCK 1000

1	Sylvain Barrier	FRA	BMW	75
2	Lorenzo Savadori	ITA	Ducati	64
3	Eddi La Marra	ITA	Ducati	61
4	Markus Reiterberger	GER	BMW	41
5	Lorenzo Baroni	ITA	BMW	40

LAST TIME
MISANO 10.06.12
RACE ONE

1	M Biaggi	Aprilia Racing	38'58.471
2	C Checa	Althea Racing	@0.305
3	D Giugliano	Althea Racing	@4.503
4	T Sykes	Kawasaki Racing	@8.858
5	J Rea	Honda	@11.627
6	C Davies	ParkinGO MTC	@12.258
7	E Laverty	Aprilia Racing	@12.551
8	S Guintoli	Effenbert Liberty	@13.561
9	J Smrz	Effenbert Liberty	@17.014
10	L Camier	FIXI Crescent Suzuki	@18.361
11	A Badovini	BMW Motorrad Italia	@20.029
12	L Haslam	BMW Motorrad	@22.082
13	M Berger	Effenbert Liberty	@22.966
14	M Fabrizio	BMW Motorrad Italia	@27.014
15	M Baiocco	Barni Racing	@31.133
16	H Aoyama	Honda	@31.719
17	J Hopkins	FIXI Crescent Suzuki	@31.902
18	N Canepa	Red Devils Roma	@43.770
19	L Mercado	Team Pedercini	@55.071
20	F Sandi	Grillini Progea	@6 laps
Ret	M Melandri	BMW Motorrad	@3 laps
Ret	L Baz	Kawasaki Racing	@11 laps
Ret	D Salom	Team Pedercini	@12 laps
Ret	L Zanetti	PATA Racing	@18 laps

RACE TWO

1	M Biaggi	Aprilia Racing	39'01.869
2	J Rea	Honda	@5.355
3	L Haslam	BMW Motorrad	@5.731
4	M Melandri	BMW Motorrad	@7.004
5	A Badovini	BMW Motorrad Italia	@7.921
6	M Fabrizio	BMW Motorrad Italia	@17.291
7	T Sykes	Kawasaki Racing	@17.351
8	L Baz	Kawasaki Racing	@17.630
9	J Smrz	Effenbert Liberty	@18.211
10	M Baiocco	Barni Racing	@28.131
11	M Berger	Effenbert Liberty	@28.407
12	H Aoyama	Honda	@38.060
13	N Canepa	Red Devils Roma	@49.003
14	J Hopkins	FIXI Crescent Suzuki	@51.881
15	L Camier	FIXI Crescent Suzuki	@55.502
16	L Mercado	Team Pedercini	@1'06.361
17	F Sandi	Grillini Progea	@1'29.918
Ret	E Laverty	Aprilia Racing	@5 laps
Ret	C Davies	ParkinGO MTC	@9 laps
Ret	D Salom	Team Pedercini	@17 laps
Ret	D Giugliano	Althea Racing	@19 laps
Ret	C Checa	Althea Racing	@21 laps
Ret	L Zanetti	PATA Racing	@22 laps
Ret	S Guintoli	Effenbert Liberty	@23 laps