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SYLVAIN SET TO SHRUG OFF THE PAIN BARRIER

Sylvain Guintoli hopes returning to full fitness can give him the boost he needs to win the eni FIM Superbike World Championship.

The Aprilia rider goes into this weekend's round at the Nürburgring in Germany with a 13-point lead over Kawasaki's Tom Sykes at the head of the standings.

His lead owes much to the resilience the Frenchman has shown since dislocating his shoulder in a cycling accident. He raced through the pain barrier at Moscow and Silverstone, claiming two sixth places and a fourth from the three races in tenacious fashion.

Guintoli had been expected to undergo surgery on the problem during the gap between Silverstone and the return to racing this weekend, but has decided against it as the injury has healed well and he is eager to get back to racing in better physical shape.

He said: "I feel better than after the last two races, that's for sure. The first thing I did was to go to my surgeon to understand what was the best thing to do, whether to undergo surgery or to wait. We decided

not to do the surgery, so I have been doing a lot of physio and exercises in order to recover as quickly as possible and be ready for Nürburgring."

"I was far from happy after I got injured, and there was a lot of frustration looking at the challenge for the title. Everybody knows that in order to battle up front you need to be very fit, but in one way or another you have to train. I don't do motocross, for example, because I think it's too dangerous – but then I dislocated my collarbone while cycling! Those things happen, unfortunately, and I have to say that the Moscow round was a very tough one. I focused on doing the best I could and it worked. After all, I'm still leading the Championship."

Guintoli leads the standings despite not having won since the very first race of the year in Australia, and knows adding to his tally would be a timely boost as the season reaches its decisive stage. "I haven't won a race since Phillip Island, but I always do my best to fight for the win," he said. "Sometimes it looks like I'm in the position to do so, but then it doesn't happen. It's a very competitive field, and many riders have what it takes to go for the win."

Title rival Sykes, meanwhile, admits he was maybe too cautious in finishing 11th and seventh at Silverstone. He said: "I was not prepared to gamble too much, and we saw how easy it was for people to crash, so taking some points was better than taking none."

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SUPERSPORT 
FIM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Kenan Sofuoglu admits he will need luck on his side if he is to win the FIM Supersport World Championship. The Turkish Kawasaki rider has closed to within 29 points of leader Sam Lowes after back-to-back wins at Imola and Silverstone, and this weekend's round at the Nürburgring is the first of the four remaining races. But Sofuoglu said: "I will still have to be lucky to win the title because of the points gap, but I hope I can win more races."



SUPERSTOCK 1000 
FIM CUP

Sylvain Barrier can retain his Superstock 1000 FIM Cup title at the Nürburgring this weekend. The Frenchman has dominated the 2013 season on his BMW Motorrad Goldbet machine, and two wins in the double-header at Silverstone last time moved him 36 points clear of Niccolò Canepa. If Barrier can finish this weekend having opened up his advantage to 50 points or more, he will secure his second title with two rounds to go.



SUPERSTOCK 600 
UEM EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Bastien Chesaux is on course for the UEM Superstock 600 European Championship title without winning a race. The EAB Ten Kate Junior rider arrives at the Nürburgring leading the standings by eight points after two podium finishes at Silverstone, even though he has yet to stand on the top step of the rostrum. But with no fewer than five riders within 25 points of him, a thrilling finish to the season is in prospect.



EVO CLASS READY TO LAUNCH IN SBK

A sub-category will race in the eni FIM Superbike World Championship from next year. A series of new regulations include the introduction of the Evo class. It will follow the new Superbike technical regulations for all chassis, suspension and brake components, but engines and electronics will follow the present Superstock rules.

Among the new regulations agreed by the FIM, rights-holders Dorna and the Motorcycle Sports Manufacturers' Association, aimed at reducing costs, there will be a limit of eight engines per rider in a season, a limited number of gear ratios and a price cap on brakes and suspensions.

Manufacturers have also agreed to provide a complete factory-spec motorcycle package at a fixed price for the next three seasons.

WILDCARD BRINGS SMRZ BACK TO SBK

Matej Smrz cannot wait to be back in the eni FIM Superbike World Championship paddock when he makes a wildcard outing at the Nürburgring. The Czech rider, brother of former SBK race-winner Jakub Smrz, is currently racing in the German championship, but will get the chance to return to world level when he races his Yamaha YZF-R1 at the German circuit.

He said: "Of course I'm very happy. Times are difficult, especially looking at the general financial situation. It is not easy for anybody, and that's why I am so proud of my team, and that we are able to join the SBK paddock. For sure it will not be easy, but I know Michael Galinski and my team are doing their very best. We have not had the best of luck in the International German Championship, but we are always doing our best, and I like that spirit!"

JEREZ CLIMAX AS BUDDH CANCELLED

The eni FIM Superbike World Championship 2013 season will now end at Jerez on October 20 following the decision to cancel the inaugural Indian round at Buddh, that had been scheduled as the final round on November 17.

The FIM said the decision had been made owing to "operational challenges" and that promoters Jaypee Sports International, the Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India and the Indian Motorsport Marshals Club were working together to make the Indian round as safe as possible for the future, and will host domestic events on two and four wheels at the venue during September.

FMSCI president Vicky Chandhok said: "JPSI confirms its interest in going ahead with the race in the future."

WEBB LANDS DEAL WITH PTR HONDA

Young English rider Danny Webb has been catapulted into the FIM Supersport World Championship, only days after leaving his Moto3 team. The 22-year-old from Tunbridge Wells has signed an agreement to race for PTR Honda in the remaining rounds of the Championship, despite never having ridden a Supersport bike before.

Webb said: "I have ridden a 600cc bike once before – it was a standard Honda at the Ron Haslam race school about two years ago – so everything is going to be very new. I haven't ridden at the Nürburgring before either, but I can learn fast. My manager started to talk to some teams at Silverstone about possibilities for next season. Then a week later we parted ways with the Moto3 team I was riding for, and PTR had a space. It was a fantastic opportunity for me, so here I am."

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SBK FLASHBACK: NÜRBURGRING 2012

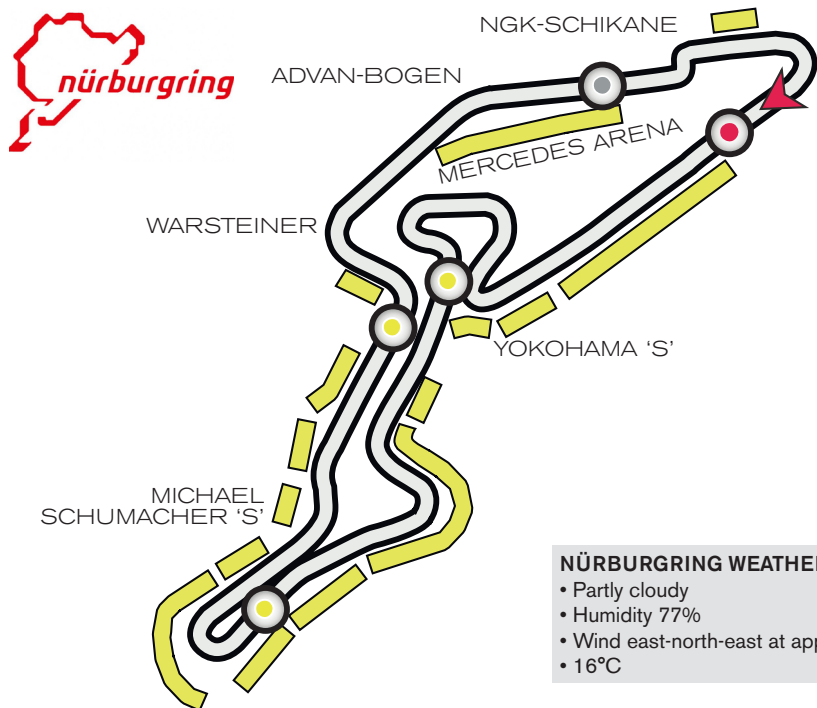
Aprilia will be hoping for a repeat performance after dominating the Nürburgring round of the eni FIM Superbike World Championship last year.

Factory riders Max Biaggi and Eugene Laverty took first and second in race one, and were followed home by the ParkinGO MTC machine of Chaz Davies. And in race two, Welsh rider Davies (right) secured his maiden SBK victory, with Laverty again in second place. Leon Camier's third place for Suzuki was the only non-Aprilia podium position of the day.

It proved a key weekend in the race for the Championship as leader Marco Melandri fell twice, allowing eventual champion Biaggi to take over at the top of the standings.



CIRCUIT GUIDE: NÜRBURGRING



NÜRBURGRING WEATHER FORECAST

- Partly cloudy
- Humidity 77%
- Wind east-north-east at approx 11 km/h
- 16°C

CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

WORLD SUPERBIKE

1	Sylvain Guintoli	FRA	Aprilia RSV4 Factory	262
2	Tom Sykes	GBR	Kawasaki ZX-10R	249
3	Eugene Laverty	IRL	Aprilia RSV4 Factory	226
4	Marco Melandri	ITA	BMW S1000 RR	221
5=	Chaz Davies	GBR	BMW S1000 RR	180
5=	Loris Baz	FRA	Kawasaki ZX-10R	180
7	Jonathan Rea	GBR	Honda CBR1000RR	176
8	Michel Fabrizio	ITA	Aprilia RSV4 Factory	138
9	Leon Camier	GBR	Suzuki GSX-R1000	114
10	Jules Cluzel	FRA	Suzuki GSX-R1000	113
11	Davide Giugliano	ITA	Aprilia RSV4 Factory	100
12	Ayrton Badovini	ITA	Ducati 1199 Panigale R	91
13	Max Neukirchner	GER	Ducati 1199 Panigale R	77
14	Carlos Checa	ESP	Ducati 1199 Panigale R	68
15	Leon Haslam	GBR	Honda CBR1000RR	51

WORLD SUPERSPORT

1	Sam Lowes	GBR	Yamaha YZF R6	160
2	Kenan Sofuoglu	TUR	Kawasaki ZX-6R	131
3	Fabien Foret	FRA	Kawasaki ZX-6R	101
4	Michael van der Mark	NED	Honda CBR600RR	80
5	Lorenzo Zanetti	ITA	Honda CBR600RR	73

SUPERSTOCK 1000

1	Sylvain Barrier	FRA	BMW S1000 RR HP4	145
2	Niccolò Canepa	ITA	Ducati 1199 Panigale R	109
3=	Jeremy Guarnoni	FRA	Kawasaki ZX-10R	90
3=	Leandro Mercado	ARG	Kawasaki ZX-10R	90
5	Eddi La Marra	ITA	Ducati 1199 Panigale R	85

LAST TIME

SILVERSTONE 04.08.13

RACE ONE (17 laps)

1	Jonathan Rea	Honda	37'16.058
2	Eugene Laverty	Aprilia	@3.073
3	Leon Camier	Suzuki	@3.480
4	Sylvain Guintoli	Aprilia	@3.608
5	Loris Baz	Kawasaki	@4.140
6	Jules Cluzel	Suzuki	@5.659
7	Leon Haslam	Honda	@6.433
8	Ayrton Badovini	Ducati	@10.544
9	Marco Melandri	BMW	@14.017
10	Chaz Davies	BMW	@14.167
11	Tom Sykes	Kawasaki	@14.180
12	Max Neukirchner	Ducati	@26.536
13	Carlos Checa	Ducati	@43.561
14	Michel Fabrizio	Aprilia	@46.373
15	Mark Aitchison	Kawasaki	@1'33.624
16	Federico Sandi	Kawasaki	@1 lap
17	Vittorio Iannuzzo	BMW	@2 laps
Ret	Davide Giugliano	Aprilia	@8 laps



RACE TWO (16 laps)

1	Loris Baz	Kawasaki	33'46.622
2	Jules Cluzel	Suzuki	@0.609
3	Eugene Laverty	Aprilia	@0.869
4	Jonathan Rea	Honda	@2.145
5	Leon Camier	Suzuki	@2.229
6	Sylvain Guintoli	Aprilia	@2.374
7	Tom Sykes	Kawasaki	@5.791
8	Ayrton Badovini	Ducati	@20.126
9	Marco Melandri	BMW	@20.209
10	Carlos Checa	Ducati	@20.629
11	Michel Fabrizio	Aprilia	@20.769
12	Max Neukirchner	Ducati	@21.407
13	Federico Sandi	Kawasaki	@45.015
14	Mark Aitchison	Kawasaki	@45.938
15	Davide Giugliano	Aprilia	@46.036
16	Vittorio Iannuzzo	BMW	@1'22.207
Ret	Leon Haslam	Honda	@19.944
Ret	Chaz Davies	BMW	@2 laps

