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HASLAM BIDS TO KEEP HOME FIRES BURNING

Leon Haslam's eni FIM Superbike World Championship title hopes may be fading, but the British rider is desperate to give home fans something to cheer at Silverstone this weekend.

His BMW team-mate, Marco Melandri, is firmly in the chase to secure the title after picking up a double win in the last round at Brno, but Haslam could only manage a pair of seventh-place finishes and finds himself back in sixth place in the standings, 111.5 points adrift of leader Max Biaggi.

British riders have featured strongly since World Superbikes returned to Silverstone, with Cal Crutchlow taking pole position and doing the double in 2010. And with the likes of Tom Sykes and Jonathan Rea also among the front-runners in 2012, Haslam hopes for some British success.

"I'm really looking forward to Silverstone," he said. "It's a fast and flowing circuit and a great place to race – there are plenty of opportunities to overtake. There

was some really close racing last year and the Brits tend to do well at Silverstone.

"I finished on the podium a couple of years ago – it's always special to race in front of your home crowd and I'll be pushing hard to get back up there again this year."

Having seen his lead in the championship cut to just 21 points by Melandri's stunning success in Brno, Aprilia rider Biaggi knows he is facing a major battle if he is to add the 2012 title to the crown he secured in 2010. And the four-time 250cc GP world champion is expecting the Italian manufacturer to have made a step forward for this weekend's visit to the high-speed Northamptonshire track.

He said: "Both races in Brno were very disappointing. The main problem was the chatter from Friday to Sunday, and all weekend we were not able to find a solution for it.

"Brno is one of my favourite tracks and it left me very disappointed. We will need to understand the problem and respond as soon as possible. I expect a strong reaction for the British round at Silverstone."

Althea Ducati rider Carlos Checa did the double at Silverstone last season, and the Spaniard will need a strong result if he is to defend his title. The veteran lies 67 points behind Biaggi.

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SUPERSPORT
FIM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Sam Lowes hopes to bounce back from his Brno disappointment in the latest round of the FIM Supersport World Championship.

The Bogdanka PTR Honda rider was only fourth in the Czech Republic and is glad to be back on home soil at Silverstone. He said: "Brno was my least favourite track of the year and now I can look forward to my home race and fighting to finish in front of leader Kenan Sofuoglu."



SUPERSTOCK 1000
FIM CUP

Pedercini Kawasaki rider Bryan Staring hopes to continue his run of wins when the FIM Superstock 1000 Cup heads to Silverstone this weekend.

Two consecutive wins from the Australian have moved him up to third in the standings behind Eddi La Marra and Sylvain Barrier. He said: "We had a lot of bad luck at the start of the season but it has been coming together in the past few races."



SUPERSTOCK 600
UEM EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Ten Kate Honda's Michael van der Mark heads to Silverstone boosted by his best win of the season. The Dutchman won at Brno, beating off Gauthier Duwelz and Riccardo Russo to take the UEM European Superstock 600 Championship lead.

He said: "Last year, Brno was my worst race of the season. To have won there a year later makes it even more special."



GUINTOLI TO START AFRESH WITH PATA

Sylvain Guintoli will be back in action at Silverstone after joining Pata Racing Ducati for the rest of the eni FIM Superbike World Championship season. Currently eighth in the standings, the Frenchman will team up with Lorenzo Zanetti after parting company with the Liberty Racing Team on the eve of the last round in Brno.

Guintoli said: "I am delighted with this new collaboration. I would like to thank Team Pata for the interest they have shown in me, as well as Ducati, the sponsors and all those who made this agreement possible."

Team Manager Andrea Prando added: "The team has now been strengthened with the arrival of an expert and successful rider. The arrival of a rider of the calibre of Sylvain will also help Lorenzo Zanetti, who as always enjoys our utmost support."

MELANDRI SAVOURS DOUBLE DELIGHT

Marco Melandri's double victory at Brno was the first of his career and left the Italian to admit: "I am living my dream. Securing my first double victory in Brno is something special. I am so happy because I already have five victories this season and nobody expected it."

It was no cakewalk for the BMW Motorrad Motorsport rider, who added: "Race one was amazing. At the beginning the conditions were very difficult as it was wet. As we were riding with slicks, we just tried not to lose too many positions. When I saw that I was eighth, I said to myself that I need to stay quiet and keep my rhythm to catch the front guys."

"Race two was even more difficult as Tom Sykes was doing a great race, and I had to spend a lot of energy trying to catch him."

CRICKET ACE DHONI BACKS NEW OUTFIT

India arrived in the FIM Supersport World Championship at the last round in the Czech Republic in the shape of the Kawasaki MSD R-N Team India. Put together in preparation for a full assault next year, the new team fielded French youngster Florian Marino on a Ninja ZX-6R, and he rode well to get into the points.

Team principal Amit Sandill – who will have a home race at the Buddh International Circuit near Delhi next year – said: "We are looking at it from the long-term perspective, trying to grow the sport in Asia. The sport itself is in a pretty nascent stage in Asia, so this is a first step."

Cricket fans will know the initials MSD, which stand for Mahendra Singh Dhoni, the captain of India's cricket World Cup-winning team, who is Mr Sandill's partner in the new venture.

BRITISH PACK BIDS TO OUTDO ITALIANS

National pride will be at stake when the eni FIM Superbike World Championship arrives at Silverstone. Italian riders Max Biaggi and Marco Melandri may fill the top two places in the standings, but a whole host of British riders will be out to beat them this weekend.

And if it was a national team championship, the Brits would have something to smile about. Of those in the championship's top 10, the Italians – Biaggi, Melandri and Davide Giugliano – have amassed 621 points between them. But there are five British or Irish riders in the top 10, and Tom Sykes, Jonathan Rea, Leon Haslam, Eugene Laverty and Chaz Davies have a combined 800.5 points so far this season.

The top 10 is completed by Spaniard Carlos Checa and Frenchman Sylvain Guintoli.

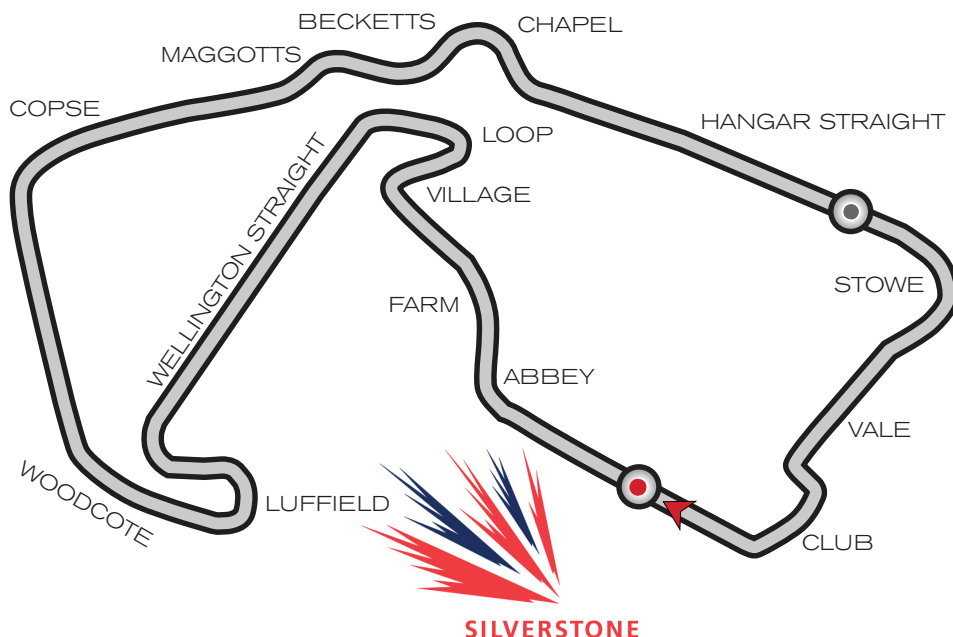
REA'S MARATHON TRIP ENDS IN SUZUKA WIN

Honda's Jonathan Rea warmed up for his home round of the eni FIM Superbike World Championship with victory in the blue-riband Suzuka Eight Hours in Japan.

The Northern Irishman, sharing with Kosuke Akiyoshi and Tady Okada, helped Honda claim their 25th triumph at the endurance event, and the sixth for the CBR1000RR in its 20th anniversary year.

Rea, who now heads to Silverstone this weekend, said: "I'm so happy to get a win in such a huge race as the Suzuka Eight Hours. I really appreciate the efforts of Kosuke Akiyoshi, Tady Okada, Honda and all the FCC TSR team staff. Kosuke was riding very, very fast, and Tady gave me a lot of really useful advice. I want to thank them both so much."



CIRCUIT GUIDE: SILVERSTONE

CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS
WORLD SUPERBIKE

1	Max Biaggi	ITA	Aprilia	271.5
2	Marco Melandri	ITA	BMW	250.5
3	Tom Sykes	GBR	Kawasaki	212.5
4	Carlos Checa	ESP	Ducati	204.5
5	Jonathan Rea	GBR	Honda	187
6	Leon Haslam	GBR	BMW	160
7	Eugene Laverty	IRE	Aprilia	148
8	Sylvain Guintoli	FRA	Ducati	110
9	Davide Giugliano	ITA	Ducati	99
10	Chaz Davies	GBR	Aprilia	93
11	Michel Fabrizio	ITA	BMW	87
12	Jakub Smrz	CZE	Ducati	84.5
13	Leon Camier	GBR	Suzuki	65.5
14	Ayrton Badovini	ITA	BMW	57
15	Maxime Berger	FRA	Ducati	56.5

WORLD SUPERSPORT

1	Kenan Sofuoglu	TUR	Kawasaki	137
2	Sam Lowes	GBR	Honda	114
3	Fabien Foret	FRA	Kawasaki	108
4	Jules Cluzel	FRA	Honda	95
5	Broc Parkes	AUS	Honda	82

SUPERSTOCK 1000

1	Eddi La Marra	ITA	Ducati	94
2	Sylvain Barrier	FRA	BMW	75
3	Bryan Staring	AUS	Kawasaki	70
4	Lorenzo Savadori	ITA	Ducati	67
5	Jeremy Guarnoni	FRA	Kawasaki	62

LAST TIME
BRNO 22.07.12
RACE ONE

1	M Melandri	BMW Motorrad	41'59.808
2	T Sykes	Kawasaki Racing	@1.360
3	L Baz	Kawasaki Racing	@1.948
4	C Checa	Althea Racing	@2.494
5	E Laverty	Aprilia Racing	@3.832
6	M Biaggi	Aprilia Racing	@7.139
7	L Haslam	BMW Motorrad	@11.293
8	M Fabrizio	BMW Motorrad Italia	@11.945
9	M Berger	Effenbert Liberty	@18.988
10	J Smrz	Effenbert Liberty	@19.117
11	C Davies	ParkinGO MTC	@22.938
12	A Polita	Red Devils Roma	@1'05.646
13	N Brignola	Grillini Progea	@1'05.733
14	L Camier	FIXI Crescent Suzuki	@1'08.248
15	J Hopkins	FIXI Crescent Suzuki	@1'12.120
16	L Zanetti	PATA Racing	@1'13.057
17	V Kispataki	Prop-tech Honda	@3 laps
18	D Salom	Team Pedercini	@3 laps
Ret	J Rea	Honda	@2 laps
Ret	L Mercado	Team Pedercini	@10 laps
Ret	H Aoyama	Honda	@10 laps
Ret	D Giugliano	Althea Racing	@16 laps
Ret	A Badovini	BMW Motorrad Italia	

RACE TWO

1	M Melandri	BMW Motorrad	40'12.837
2	T Sykes	Kawasaki Racing	@0.140
3	C Checa	Althea Racing	@6.801
4	M Biaggi	Aprilia Racing	@9.840
5	E Laverty	Aprilia Racing	@11.775
6	C Davies	ParkinGO MTC	@11.950
7	L Haslam	BMW Motorrad	@12.547
8	L Baz	Kawasaki Racing	@13.088
9	L Camier	FIXI Crescent Suzuki	@18.141
10	M Fabrizio	BMW Motorrad Italia	@25.332
11	D Giugliano	Althea Racing	@28.458
12	J Rea	Honda	@29.254
13	J Smrz	Effenbert Liberty	@29.513
14	J Hopkins	FIXI Crescent Suzuki	@34.875
15	M Berger	Effenbert Liberty	@41.861
16	L Zanetti	PATA Racing	@42.139
17	N Brignola	Grillini Progea	@1'15.743
18	V Kispataki	Prop-tech Honda	@1'41.325
Ret	A Polita	Red Devils Roma	@10 laps
Ret	A Badovini	BMW Motorrad Italia	@11 laps
Ret	D Salom	Team Pedercini	@13 laps
Ret	H Aoyama	Honda	@16 laps