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LAVERTY BIDS TO END HIS DONINGTON JINX

Eugene Laverty may not have the best record at Donington Park, but he is confident of continuing his good recent run of form when the eni FIM Superbike World Championship visits the British track.

The Aprilia rider has won two of the last three races to put himself firmly in title contention. The Irishman had dropped off the pace when he failed to finish either race in round two at Aragón, but has hit back superbly and now trails team-mate and championship leader Sylvain Guintoli by only 13 points.

But the 26-year-old will need to improve on his miserable record at Donington Park if he is to overtake Frenchman Guintoli at the head of the standings. His best result at the Leicestershire circuit in a career spanning stints in MotoGP racing, World Supersport and World Superbikes, came back in 2009, when he finished fifth in the Supersport class.

Since stepping up to Superbikes, he has not managed to finish higher than 14th at Donington, but Laverty is

bullish on his chances of turning things around this weekend. He said: "We have shown that we can be fast and consistent on two very different tracks after winning at Assen and Monza. My RSV4 did extremely well for me at Monza, on a track where the speed and balance of the bike in braking are so important."

"The points situation is excellent if you consider the double DNF in Aragón, but I've already left those difficulties behind and I count on doing well at the next round in Donington as well. Even though it will almost be a home round, it has never been a particularly favourable track for me, but I think this year I've got everything in order to bridge this gap as well."

Guintoli, meanwhile, is waiting to discover if a further three points will be added to his points tally. The former MotoGP racer finished fourth on the road in race two at Monza, but was promoted to third when Kawasaki's Tom Sykes was penalised for gaining an unfair advantage by using the run-off area at a chicane after passing Guintoli. However, the Race Direction's decision was reversed by the FIM Stewards. Aprilia and Guintoli subsequently launched a counter-appeal on which the FIM International Disciplinary Court will deal in due time.

Elsewhere in the field, Pata Honda's Leon Haslam and Alstare Ducati's Carlos Checa are set to return from leg and shoulder injuries respectively after sitting out the action at Monza.



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SUPERSPORT FIM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Pata Honda's Michael van der Mark is ready to battle through the pain barrier as the FIM Supersport World Championship heads to Donington Park this weekend.

The Dutchman, third in the standings, broke four bones in his left foot in a crash at Monza, and said: "It won't be an easy weekend, not only for the injury but also for the fact that I've never raced there, so I will have to learn the track."



SUPERSTOCK 1000 FIM CUP

Pedercini Kawasaki racer Lorenzo Savadori has put his Monza win in the Superstock 1000 FIM Cup down to his training efforts.

The Italian, a winner at Monza in 2012 for Barni Racing, triumphed again at the Italian track to climb to sixth in the standings. He said: "I trained hard with motocross and supermotard bikes and have a strong fitness regime. For myself and the team, I hope this is just the first of many wins."



SUPERSTOCK 600 UEM EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Ten Kate Junior rider Bastian Chesaux says the time has come to start winning races in the UEM Superstock 600 European Championship after his disappointment at Monza. The Swiss racer could only finish eighth as he struggled in the treacherous wet conditions.

Currently second behind Gauthier Duwelz (pictured), Chesaux said: "Now it's time to win races, so I have to trust myself more."



FABRIZIO GOES BACK TO BASICS

Michel Fabrizio went back to the future to get his eni FIM Superbike World Championship season back on course at Monza. After a highly-promising start to the year with a third and fourth place at Phillip Island, the Red Devils Roma Aprilia rider struggled at Aragón and Assen, where he could finish no higher than eighth across the four races.

The Italian believes the big changes they were making to the RSV4's set-up were working against him, so opted to go back to those used in Australia, and it paid off with a fifth place in the second race at Monza. Fabrizio said: "We found a good set-up at the last minute during the warm-up. In the previous rounds at Aragón and Assen, we had some hard times because we changed too much on the bike set-up. It's still a new bike for both me and the team, so we need to work step by step in order to improve our performance."

SBK HELPS BOOST SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Riders, teams and sponsors in the eni FIM Superbike World Championship have again linked up with the Association Gregorio and SBK Fun&Safe campaign to help a worthy cause.

Last year an auction of SBK memorabilia raised funds for the people of Emilia, the Italian region hit by the earthquakes of May 2012.

Now they have supported the Association Gregorio's 'A safe turn to save lives' project, focused on protecting young bikers from the sort of road dangers that killed young Italian Gregorio Brianzoli in Sardinia in 2010. A series of events helped raise the money to upgrade the Matteuzzi bend on Italy's SP66, a dangerous corner notorious for a series of tragic accidents. The safety project involved laying non-slip asphalt and placing new safety barriers on both sides of the road.

CANEPA STEPS UP TO SBK WITH DUCATI

Superstock 1000 FIM Cup leader Niccolò Canepa has been handed a wildcard ride in the World Superbike class at Donington this weekend. The Italian rider will race alongside Carlos Checa and Ayrton Badovini in the Alstare Ducati squad.

Canepa, 24, is available as the Superstock 1000 category does not race this weekend. He said: "I enjoyed testing at Mugello and got on very well with the bike, so I'm really pleased to have this opportunity. I want to thank Francis Batta of Ducati Alstare, Ernesto Marinelli and Ducati, and of course my own team, Barni Racing and manager Marco Barnabò, for coming together and arranging this. I hope to be able to pay them back by scoring some solid results during these important races."

SYKES FANS HELP INJURED LASCORZ

Tom Sykes fans Colin and Sharon Williams had a weekend to remember at Monza – and helped out paralysed former rider Joan Lascorz in the process. They won an online auction of Sykes' specially-painted '17 Power For Lascorz' helmet, and their 9,702 euros bid went to aid the stricken Spanish rider's rehabilitation process.

As part of the prize, Colin and Sharon were invited into the heart of the Kawasaki team at Monza, and were blown away as Sykes took the Tissot-Superpole, lap record and two podium finishes. Colin said: "It is like rock and roll for us, and I feel lost for words. The experience of coming to the race as guests of the official Kawasaki team is something else. We followed Kawasaki at first because of Tom, but when we found out that Joan had been seriously hurt and, as events unfolded, paralysed, it does have an impact on how you feel."

ROBIN IS FLYER IN ANOTHER THRILLER

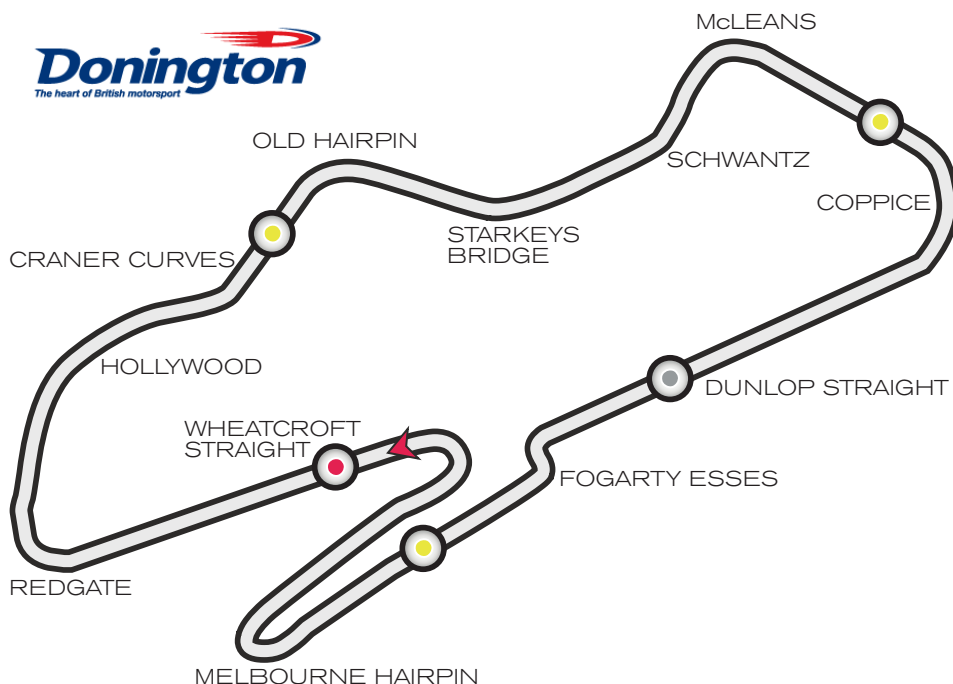
The Pata European Junior Cup powered by Honda again lived up to its reputation for thrilling racing at Monza. A fiercely-contested affair saw no fewer than 10 riders in with a shout of victory on the final lap, before Frenchman Robin Anne won from Adrien Pittet and Jake Lewis.

There was a hectic start as several riders fell at the first corner, and polesitter Guillaume Raymond was among those to get a jump-start penalty, along with Ilya Mikhalechuk and Richard Bodis.

Augusto Fernandez crashed out of the lead on lap four leaving a gaggle of hungry riders to battle it out to the flag. Kevin Manfredi and Michael Canducci gave the home fans something to cheer as they each took a turn at the front but, just as in the opening two races, it was an exciting drag to the flag that decided the outcome.



CIRCUIT GUIDE: DONINGTON PARK



CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

WORLD SUPERBIKE

1	Sylvain Guintoli	FRA	Aprilia RSV4 Factory	137
2	Eugene Laverty	IRL	Aprilia RSV4 Factory	124
3	Tom Sykes	GBR	Kawasaki ZX-10R	119
4	Marco Melandri	ITA	BMW S1000 RR	96
5	Chaz Davies	GBR	BMW S1000 RR	94
6	Loris Baz	FRA	Kawasaki ZX-10R	75
7	Michel Fabrizio	ITA	Aprilia RSV4 Factory	74
8	Jonathan Rea	GBR	Honda CBR1000RR	71
9	Davide Giugliano	ITA	Aprilia RSV4 Factory	49
10	Leon Camier	GBR	Suzuki GSX-R1000	46
11	Jules Cluzel	FRA	Suzuki GSX-R1000	41
12	Max Neukirchner	GER	Ducati 1199 Panigale R	39
13	Ayrton Badovini	ITA	Ducati 1199 Panigale R	32
14=	Carlos Checa	ESP	Ducati 1199 Panigale R	29
14=	Leon Haslam	GBR	Honda CBR1000RR	29

WORLD SUPERSPORT

1	Sam Lowes	GBR	Yamaha YZF R6	70
2	Fabien Foret	FRA	Kawasaki ZX-6R	54
3	Michael van der Mark	NED	Honda CBR600RR	49
4	Kenan Sofuoglu	TUR	Kawasaki ZX-6R	45
5	Lorenzo Zanetti	ITA	Honda CBR600RR	40

SUPERSTOCK 1000

1	Niccolò Canepa	ITA	Ducati 1199 Panigale R	52
2	Eddi La Marra	ITA	Ducati 1199 Panigale R	49
3	Sylvain Barrier	FRA	BMW S1000 RR HP4	45
4	Jeremy Guarnoni	FRA	Kawasaki ZX-10R	44
5	Leandro Mercado	ARG	Kawasaki ZX-10R	36

LAST TIME

MONZA 12.05.13

RACE ONE (18 laps)

1	Marco Melandri	BMW	30'54.925
2	Tom Sykes	Kawasaki	@0.085
3	Eugene Laverty	Aprilia	@0.107
4	Sylvain Guintoli	Aprilia	@1.844
5	Chaz Davies	BMW	@7.629
6	Michel Fabrizio	Aprilia	@8.407
7	Loris Baz	Kawasaki	@15.555
8	Jonathan Rea	Honda	@16.465
9	Leon Camier	Suzuki	@16.668
10	Davide Giugliano	Aprilia	@26.820
11	Ayrton Badovini	Ducati	@38.908
12	Max Neukirchner	Ducati	@38.951
13	Fabrizio Lai	Kawasaki	@52.788
14	Kosuke Akiyoshi	Honda	@55.889
15	Federico Sandi	Kawasaki	@56.006
16	Mark Aitchison	Ducati	@56.827
17	Jules Cluzel	Suzuki	@59.545
Ret	Vittorio Iannuzzo	BMW	@11 laps

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RACE TWO (18 laps)

1	Eugene Laverty	Aprilia	30'59.653
2	Marco Melandri	BMW	@0.143
3	Tom Sykes	Kawasaki	@0.725
4	Sylvain Guintoli	Aprilia	@1.619
5	Michel Fabrizio	Aprilia	@9.965
6	Davide Giugliano	Aprilia	@10.066
7	Leon Camier	Suzuki	@12.241
8	Loris Baz	Kawasaki	@29.771
9	Ayrton Badovini	Ducati	@35.005
10	Max Neukirchner	Ducati	@41.757
11	Fabrizio Lai	Kawasaki	@52.579
12	Vittorio Iannuzzo	BMW	@1'28.772
13	Federico Sandi	Kawasaki	@1 lap
Ret	Chaz Davies	BMW	@7 laps
Ret	Jonathan Rea	Honda	@13 laps
Ret	Kosuke Akiyoshi	Honda	@14 laps
Ret	Mark Aitchison	Ducati	@15 laps
Ret	Jules Cluzel	Suzuki	@17 laps

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