



## PREMIER RIDERS

### Gp 125 Qatar SBK – SS – STK Valencia

First race of the season for our GP125 riders in Qatar. Only four laps were undertaken by the 125cc riders at the Losail International Circuit before rainfall saw the first race of the year red flagged, with Andrea Iannone declared as the winner having held the lead at the time of the interruption. Nicolas Terol started from the first row and he reached the seventh position at the end of this strange race.





Marc Marquez crashed just before the red flag saw him miss out on the points, despite being placed in the top five when he suffered the accident.



Alexis Masbou obtained only the twenty-eighth place because of a bad start



Third race of the world championship for **Superbike and Supersport's** Premier riders in Valencia, Spain. In Superbike Ruben Xaus continued the development of his BMW S1000RR. Ruben worked a lot on the bike set up facing a lot of different problems. In race one he reached the thirteenth place, collecting some points for his championship standing. In race two Xaus obtained only the sixteenth position, because of some tyres problems.

**Ruben Xaus** : "I found the races hard because Valencia is a completely different type of race track to Phillip Island and Qatar. Both those tracks flow well, but Valencia is much more of a 'stop and go' track and my bike is not working the way I want it just yet. I just need time to work with the bike and my mechanics to get the bike more comfortable for me to ride, but it is just a question of time."



Spanish rider David Salom ended the races in nineteenth and twenty-first positions.

**David Salom** :“I can say I'm satisfied with the results of this weekend's work in the sense that I've gained a lot of experience from these two Spanish races. Race one was really very difficult for me. A few laps after the start I felt a lot of chatter coming from the front wheel. The problem only got worse as the race laps continued but I was able to finished the race. In the second race after a good start I felt the same problem we had in the first race. I lost a lot of positions when my rear tire started to lose grip and it was difficult for me finish the race. For sure we'll be more competitive in the next race”.



Vittorio Iannuzzo and Ayrton Badovini were not able to end both the Spanish races.

**Iannuzzo** reached the twenty-third place in race two while in the first race he crashed near to the end of the race.



**Ayrton Badovini** obtained the seventeenth position in race one but in second race he was forced to re-enter the box because of some engine problem on his Kawasaki ZX10R.



In Supersport, Andrew Pitt struggled with a lot of setting problem on his new Honda CBR600RR 2009 version, reaching only the thirteenth final position. Pitt is now fourth in Supersport championship standing.

**Andrew Pitt** :“Whether you call it damage limitation or whatever, it’s very disappointing. I felt we’d made a bit of progress this morning in warm-up after a difficult day yesterday. But in the race today, I had no real feeling and found it difficult to turn the bike. In the early laps when it was still a bit wet, I couldn’t really tell what the rear was doing and I had some shifting problems, too. As the track dried, I just couldn’t turn on the throttle out of corners and had to wait until I was nearly upright before I got on the gas. We’ve got some work to do before Assen, but I know the team will get it sorted”.



**Set up problems for Pitt in Valencia**

Very good race for **Michele Pirro** in Valencia. The young Italian rider led the first laps of the race and at the end he reached the seventh place. Pirro is now eighth in championship standing.



Difficult race for **Massimo Roccoli**. He found some problems on his Honda during the qualifying session, and he started from the fourth row. Massimo ended the race in fourteenth position and he's now ninth in championship standing.



An unlucky race for **Gianluca Nannelli**. Nannelli was forced to stop his race when he was in tenth position, because of some engine problems on his Triumph Daytona 675.



First race of the season for Premier's riders in Superstock 1000 FIM Cup.

Spanish rider **Ismael Ortega** reached a nice ninth place riding his Kawasaki ZX10R, while **Denis Sacchetti** struggled with a lot of problems on his KTM RC8R, obtaining only the eighteenth position.





**Ismael Ortega**



**The next races will be held in Assen - The Netherlands on 26th April**