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“GRAN FINAL” IN ALBACETE

On the 13th of December of last year in Albacete, important business centre in Spain with more than 150.000 inhabitants and famous for its knife industry and the automotorcycling circuit, it was signed an agreement among the Spanish Motorcycling Federation (RFME), the Albacete Circuit Consortium and UEM, which defined, with approval from Dorna and FGSport, a revolution in the Road Racing European Championship. After a selection phase, the best riders of the Continent will be admitted to a final event for assigning the European Champion title in three classes: 125 cc., Supersport 600 cc. and Stocksport 1000 cc. The new formula raised some predictable criticism, but there was no other better choice to relaunch the Championship. The confidence of the validity of this new formula was so strong that the promoters decided to book the final in Albacete for five years and, there are no doubts, a better choice could have not been done.



Slovenian Bostjan Pintar (Supersport 600 cc.)



Polish Pawel Szkopek (Stocksport 1000 cc.)

The new European Championship is almost at its final stage. On Sunday the 12th of October, the best riders of the continent will compete against each other to win the 2008 European Champion title.

At the beginning, not few people doubted of the good outcome of this experiment, perhaps too influenced by their conservatory perspective of this sport. The answer from FMNs and riders was, on the other hand, enthusiastic beyond any possible imagination.

Riders won the right to participate to the final by competing in very difficult tournaments, like the five most important national championships in Europe (Italy, Spain, Germany, France and the Netherlands), three regional (Alpe-Adria, Scandinavia, Eastern

Europe) and the European Cup, inheritor of the old European Championship that already had lost its original impulse and its main function to prepare new riders to the World competitions: Grand Prix and Superbike.

Initially, it was decided an age limit for participants, then, given the situation, it was decided to keep this limit only for the 125 cc. class (25 years).

The primary aim, helping the growth of young talents and providing them with the necessary international experience, is still key. Therefore, it was introduced a new European Junior Champion titles for the classes Supersport 600 cc. and Stocksport 1000 cc., open to riders with maximum age of, respectively, 21 and 23

years.

It is important to remember that maximum age is considered based on the year and not on the date of birth.

The “Gran Final”, as the organisers decided to call the event, will be held therefore on the modern track of Albacete, whose director is the former rider, Andrés Sanchez Marin, famous for participating to many Grand Prix in the Eighties.

The track, which already hosted World events of Superbike and Endurance, is extremely fast, is mt. 3.539 long and wide on average mt. 10 (mt. 12 in the start section). Clockwise direction and 13 curves, 8 on the right and 5 on the left. Tribunes



can guest 6.300 spectators, while other 30.000 could be comfortably distributed along the track.

Boxes are 36, each with mt.10x5 dimensions and the total paddock area is sq. mt. 50.000. A track, therefore, perfectly meeting the requirements of such an important race like the final of the European Championship. The maximum number of riders admitted for the official trials has been decided to be 42, while 36 will be those that could be on the starting grid of each race.

The programme includes three races, each one reserved to the 125 cc., Supersport 600 cc. and Stocksport 1000 cc. classes, and a fourth reserved to the special Women category in the Stocksport 600 cc. and 1000 cc. classes. Also this race will assign the Women European Champion title in the two classes, where the Dutch Iris ten Katen (Honda) after two rounds leads together with the Czech Markete Janakova (Suzuki) in the 600 cc. class, while the provisional rankings in the 1000 cc. class see the German Nina Prinz (Yamaha) leading in front of the Italian Lena Cordioli (MV Augusta).

Interesting the fact that Nina Prinz was third classified also in the German Championship and managed to get the right to participate also, as the only woman, in the Road Racing European Championship final in the 1000 cc. class.

27 European countries will be the represented in Albacete. A curiosity is the presence in the Supersport class of an Australian rider, Damian Cudlin (Yamaha), thanks to his second overall position in the German Open Championship.

The final list of participants takes into account the option of some riders, who won the right in more than one National or Regional Championships, and the denial from other riders for different reasons. The list was consequently integrated by those riders that immediately followed in the corresponding rankings and by wild cards.

Wild cards were given by UEM, in agreement with the Spanish Motorcycling Federation (RFME), filling up eventually open places in the EC Final Road Races in Albacete to up to 42 riders. The wild card

assignment criteria are the following:

The UEM in agreement with the RFME, select a rider for the first not used place;

If there are more than one not used places, the UEM select one rider and the RFME select the other one. This continues to fill up the total numbers of not used places.

Many riders participating to the final event are mostly unknown to the general public and it is therefore almost impossible to identify favourites. High expectations are that among these participants there will be future motorcycling champions.

The award ceremony of the first three classified will take place at the end of the race when the three traditional Olympic medals (Gold, Silver and bronze) will be given. However, the real party

for the new Champions will be on the 29th of November in Plovdiv (Bulgaria), when they will be at the centre of general attention for the award gala of all 2008 European Champions.

Witnessing the great interest given by UEM to this final, all members of the UEM Management Council will attend Albacete. Moreover, Dorna confirmed that the 125cc. class event will be broadcasted entirely live on television, while the other races will be also broadcasted, but deferred.

Finally, congratulations and thanks should be made to all the people who put efforts in the realisation of this project and, in particular, to Dorna, FGSport, RFME, the Albacete Circuit Consortium, the UEM Road Racing Commission and the UEM Sporting Secretariat, together of course to the organisers of the selection phase events.



Iris ten Katen, provisional leader in the 600cc class Women Road Racing European Championship



Nina Prinz, provisional leader in the 1000cc. class Women Road Racing European Championship

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125 cc.

Karel Pesek (CZ, ACCR, Aprilia)
 Lukas Sembra (CZ, ACCR, Aprilia)
 Marcel Schrötter (D, DMSB, Honda)
 Marvin Fritz (D, DMSB, Seel)
 Alex T. Schacht (DK, DMU, Honda)
 Alberto Moncayo Bernal (E, RFME, Aprilia)
 Pere Tutusaus Vila (E, RFME, Aprilia)
 Cristian Trabalon (E, RFME, Aprilia)
 Julian Miralles Rodriguez (E, RFME, Aprilia)
 Amadeo Llados (E, RFME, Aprilia)
 Albert Mateu (E, RFME, Aprilia)
 Eduard Lopez (E, RFME, Aprilia)
 Antonio Alarcos (E, RFME, KTM)
 Edgar Garcia (E, RFME, KTM)
 Julian Miralles (E, RFME, Aprilia)
 Antonio Alarte (E, RFME, Aprilia)
 Steven Le Coquen (F, FFM, Honda)
 Clement Dunikowski (F, FFM, Aprilia)
 Ongaro Ornella (F, FFM, Honda)
 Cyril Carrello (F, FFM, Honda)
 Jonathan Castillo (F, FFM, Honda)
 Peter Sebestyen (H, MAMS, Honda)
 Lorenzo Savadori (I, FMI, Aprilia)
 Riccardo Moretti (I, FMI, Honda)
 Gennaro Sabatino (I, FMI, Aprilia)
 Ferruccio Lamborghini (I, FMI, Aprilia)
 Luca Vitali (I, FMI, Aprilia)
 Henning Flathaug (N, NMF, Honda)
 Michael Gabian van de Mark (NL, KNMV, Honda)
 Jasper Iwema (NL, KNMV, Honda)
 Jos van der Aa (NL, KNMV, Honda)
 Roy Pouw (NL, KNMV, Aprilia)
 Pepijn Bijsterbosch (NL, KNMV, Honda)
 Joey Litjens (NL, KNMV, Seel)
 Ernst Dubbink (NL, KNMV, ...)
 Alexandru Vlad Bar (RO, FRM, Honda)
 Mircea Vrajitoru (RO, FRM, Honda)
 Kim Lifvenborg (S, SVEMO, Honda)
 Filip Hellberg (S, SVEMO, Honda)
 Robert Gull (S, SVEMO, Derbi)
 Thommy Sköld (S, SVEMO, Aprilia)
 Jakub Jantulik (SLO, AMZS, Honda)

Supersport 600 cc.

Damian Cudlin (AUS, MA, Yamaha)
 Alexander Todorov (BG, BMF, Yamaha)
 Roman Raschile (CH, FMS, Kawasaki)
 Jiri Broz (CZ, ACCR, Kawasaki)
 Michal Filla (CZ, ACCR, Yamaha)
 Tomas Holubec (CZ, ACCR, Yamaha)
 Kev Coghlan (GB, ACU, Honda)
 Jose Luis Carrion Moreno (E, RFME, Honda)
 Daniel Rivas (E, RFME, Suzuki)
 Javier Hidalgo (E, RFME, Honda)
 David Salom (E, RFME, Yamaha)
 David De Gea (E, RFME, Yamaha)
 Miguel A. Cortes (E, RFME, Yamaha)
 Francesc Gamell (E, RFME, Kawasaki)
 Ivan Moreno (E, RFME, Yamaha)
 Jonathan Alabarde (E, RFME, Kawasaki)
 Angel Rodriguez (E, RFME, Yamaha)
 Martin Pärtelpoeg (EST, EMF, Honda)
 Mathieu Gines (F, FFM, Yamaha)
 Peter Polesso (F, FFM, Yamaha)
 Markus Neuvonen (FIN, SML, Yamaha)
 Kev Coghlan (GB, ACU, Honda)
 Loris Vljajin (HR, HMS, Yamaha)
 Danilo Marrancone (I, FMI, Yamaha)
 Alessandro Branetti (I, FMI, Yamaha)
 Roberto Lunadei (I, FMI, Honda)
 Alessio Corradi (I, FMI, Triumph)
 Mattia Roncoroni (I, FMI, Yamaha)
 André Dizerens (N, NMF, Yamaha)
 Helge Spjeldnes (N, NMF, Yamaha)
 Raymond Shouten (NL, KNMV, Yamaha)
 Randy Gevers (NL, KNMV, Aprilia)
 Twan van Poppel (NL, KNMV, Yamaha)
 Nigel Walraven (NL, KMVV, Suzuki)
 Jonel Petru Pascola (RO, FRM, Yamaha)
 Sergey Krapukhin (RUS, MFR, Yamaha)
 Tomaz Svitok (SK, SMF, Honda)
 Bostjan Pintar (SLO, AMZS, Yamaha)
 Tomaz Korsic (SLO, AMZS, Yamaha)
 Nenad Stojanovic (SRB, ÖAMTC, Yamaha)
 Tolga Uprak (TR, TMF, Yamaha)
 Baris Tok (TR, TMF, Yamaha)

Stocksport 1000 cc.

Andreas Meklau (A, ÖAMTC, Suzuki)
 Xavier Siméon (B, FMB, Suzuki)
 Sepp Vermonden (B, FMB, Honda)
 Martin Choy (BG, BMF, Honda)
 Kalin Kulev (BG, BMF, Suzuki)
 Nina Prinz (D, DMSB, Yamaha)
 Jörg Teuchert (D, DMSB, Yamaha)
 Bernat Martinez Mas (E, RFME, Yamaha)
 Jordi Torres (E, RFME, Yamaha)
 Ivan Silva (E, RFME, Yamaha)
 Carmelo Morales (E, RFME, Yamaha)
 Javier Del Amor (E, RFME, Yamaha)
 Javier Fores (E, RFME, Kawasaki)
 Diego Lozano (E, RFME, Yamaha)
 Alberto Lopez (E, RFME, Yamaha)
 Cedric Tangre (F, FFM, Suzuki)
 Thomas Metro (F, FFM, Suzuki)
 Konstantinos Konotomaras (GR, ELPA, Yamaha)
 Andreas Psihogios (GR, ELPA, Kawasaki)
 Stefano Cruciali (I, FMI, Ducati)
 Fabrizio Pellizzon (I, FMI, Kawasaki)
 Gino Salvatore (I, FMI, Yamaha)
 Luca Verdini (I, FMI, Yamaha)
 Matteo Baiocco (I, FMI, Yamaha)
 Michele Conti (I, FMI, Kawasaki)
 Magnus Solli (N, NMF, Yamaha)
 Harry van Beck (NL, KNMV, MV Augusta)
 Joan Veijer (NL, KNMV, Honda)
 Ronald Ter Braake (NL, KNMV, Ducati)
 Pawel Szkopek (PL, PZM, Yamaha)
 Marek Szkopek (PL, PZM, Yamaha)
 Marcin Walkowiak (PL, PZM, Yamaha)
 Björk Per (S, SVEMO, Honda)
 Nicklas Cajback (S, SVEMO, Honda)
 David Andersson (S, SVEMO, Kawasaki)
 Petter Jansson (S, SVEMO, Kawasaki)
 Bert Camlek (SLO, AMZS, Yamaha)
 Skubic Bostjan (SLO, AMZS, Yamaha)
 Pintar Bostjan (SLO, AMZS, Yamaha)
 Milos Milovanovic (SRB, ÖAMTC, Suzuki)

Women Stocksport

600 cc. and 1000 cc.

Janakova Marketa (CZ, ACCR, Suzuki)
 Nina Prinz (D, DMSB, Yamaha)
 Ana Belén Mulero (E, RFME, Suzuki)
 Ingrid Cornet (E, RFME, Yamaha)
 Maria Jesus Vaño (E, RFME, Suzuki)
 Tamara Gordillo (E, RFME, Yamaha)
 Eva Blaquez (E, RFME, Kawasaki)
 Laura Martinez (E, RFME, Honda)
 Elena Rosell (E, RFME, Honda)
 Deb Cartwright (GB, ACU, Yamaha)
 Elisabeth Hoyle (GB, ACU, Suzuki)
 Nikolett Kovacs (H, MAMS, Yamaha)
 Sharon Merret (I, FMI, Kawasaki)
 Lara Cordioli (I, FMI, MV Augusta)
 Iris Ten Katen (NL, KMN, Honda)
 Natasha Lyubimova (RUS, MFR, Yamaha)
 Madezhda Yakhnich (RUS, MFR, Yamaha)
 Tina Katrasnik (SLO, AMZS, Suzuki)



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