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Two titles in one weekend: Markus Reiterberger is Superstock European champion, Ilya Mikhalchik champion in the IDM.

- **Double whammy: alpha Racing-Van-Zon-BMW wins titles in two international race series.**
- **One-two-three result for BMW racers at the International German Championship season finale.**
- **Podium for Peter Hickman in the British Superbike Championship.**

Munich. The alpha Racing-Van-Zon-BMW team had twice the reason to celebrate when team principal Werner Daemen's crew won the titles in two international championships at the weekend. Markus Reiterberger (GER) was crowned Superstock European champion in the FIM Superstock 1000 European Championship. Ilya Mikhalchik (UKR) clinched the title in the International German Championship (IDM). For the BMW Motorrad Motorsport community, this makes it championship titles number five and six of the current season. Behind Reiterberger, Roberto Tamburini (ITA) finished second overall in the FIM Superstock 1000 European Championship (STK1000). In the IDM, the championship spots one to three all went to BMW riders; behind champion Mikhalchik came Bastien Mackels (BEL) in second, Julian Puffe (GER) in third. In addition to these successes, BMW racers picked up two wins and a total of eight podiums.

FIM Superstock 1000 European Championship at Magny-Cours, France.

Markus Reiterberger (GER) led the FIM Superstock 1000 European Championship standings from the very first race and sealed the deal at the Magny-Cours (FRA) finale. The team alpha Racing-Van-Zon-BMW rider was crowned 2018 Superstock European champion. Third place in the eighth and final race of the year was enough for Reiterberger to secure the title. "Reiti" has picked up a total of four wins and two third-places this season.



Roberto Tamburini (ITA / Berclaz Racing Team), who celebrated his first win of the season at Portimão (POR) two weeks ago, finished the final race in second place, just three-tenths of a second behind winner Federico Sandi (ITA). Tamburini once again set the fastest race lap and a new lap record. In the championship standings, Tamburini secured second place behind champion Reiterberger, clinching the one-two finish for BMW. In the manufacturer's standings, BMW had already been crowned champions.

Markus Reiterberger: "It is just so amazing! Going into the final race, you could feel that all of us were slightly tense. I knew that I could ride relatively cautiously, meaning that nothing could happen, but you're not involved in the technology, but the whole team did an outstanding job once again and provided me with a perfectly prepared motorcycle. I held back a lot on the first few laps because I didn't want someone knocking me off my bike in the turmoil. Perhaps I took it too slowly there but it all worked out in the end; we finished as European champion! I'd like to thank the whole team, BMW, my family, my friends, everyone who has supported me and made this possible. I'm crazy happy to be European champion; it's something quite special. I'm really proud of what we have achieved together."

MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship at Magny-Cours, France.

Magny-Cours (FRA) was the last stop in Europe for the MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship (WorldSBK). Loris Baz (FRA) of Gulf Althea BMW Team finished both of his home races in tenth place.

International German Championship at Hockenheim, Germany.

What Markus Reiterberger was to the STK1000 this year, his alpha Racing-Van-Zon-BMW team-mate Ilya Mikhalchik (UKR) was in the International German Championship (IDM) - a hot contender for the title. At the Hockenheim (GER) finale, the Ukrainian was crowned champion. In the 14 races of the season, he finished on the top step of the podium nine times. Second and third place in the championship standings also went to BMW racers: Bastien Mackels (BEL / Wilbers Racing Team)



finished second, and Mikhalchik's team-mate Julian Puffe (GER) clinched third place overall. BMW won the manufacturer's standings, with a huge lead of 301 points.

In the two final races, there was once again no beating the BMW riders – they secured a one-two and a one-two-three. In race one, Mackels celebrated his fourth win of the season with Mikhalchik finishing second. Then, in the second race, Mikhalchik won ahead of Mackels, with Puffe completing the all-BMW podium in third.

Ilya Mikhalchik: "I am very happy about this season, from the first to the last race. I want to say a big thank you to the entire team. It is an unbelievable feeling. I had the trust from the first race on that we can win the title with my guys – and it happened. I am really, really happy!"

British Superbike Championship at Assen, Netherlands.

For the eleventh and penultimate event of the 2018 season, the British Superbike Championship (BSB) entourage headed to the Netherlands' "Cathedral of Speed", the TT Circuit in Assen. Only the Superbike class (BSB SBK) competed – and the BMW S 1000 RR clinched a spot on the podium.

Peter Hickman (GBR / Smiths Racing) finished in third place in the second of the two races. In race one, Hickman only just missed out on the podium, finishing fourth and setting the fastest lap of the race. Christian Iddon (GBR / Tyco BMW Motorrad) was back in action after his injury break, and finished the two races in eighth and tenth places. His team-mate Michael Laverty (GBR) finished eleventh in the first race but retired in race two.

MFJ Superbike All Japan Road Race Championship at Okayama, Japan.

The MFJ Superbike All Japan Road Race Championship (MFJ) was scheduled to make an appearance in Okayama, Japan at the weekend. However, no races were able to take place with the event being called off for safety reasons with the threat of a typhoon.

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