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## **BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team completes two days of testing at Portimão.**

- **Tom Sykes and Markus Reiterberger prepare for the final spurt in the FIM Superbike World Championship season.**
- **Tom Sykes: “We got what we needed from testing”.**
- **Markus Reiterberger: “I really enjoyed riding the bike”.**

**Portimão. The long FIM Superbike World Championship (WorldSBK) summer break ended for the BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team with two days of testing at Portimão (POR). At the same venue, the team with riders Tom Sykes (GBR) and Markus Reiterberger (GER) will start the final spurt of the season in two weeks' time. In hot summer conditions, the team prepared for the remaining four rounds of the season and tested new items for several areas of the BMW S 1000 RR.**

### **Quotes after the Portimão test.**

**Shaun Muir, Team Principal BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team:** “For Markus, it's been a really good test. We've made quite a lot of changes on the electronic strategy, also changes with the suspension. It has given him a good race pace consistency which we have been looking for. So overall for Markus it has been a good test. Tom has come back very good on the second day of testing after he had two crashes on the first day. He has worked through some engine and electronic strategy and some rear linkage work. And overall to finish P3 on the afternoon of day two was a good comeback and we are in a good position for the races in two weeks.”

**Tom Sykes:** “The first day wasn't too easy with two crashes, but these things happen in racing. All the guys worked really hard and it looks like I gave them a little bit of work to do. But they have done a great job and the second day was really successful, we got a lot of information. I'm very happy with the set-up of the BMW S 1000 RR in these hot conditions. Looking at the lap time, it looks worse on paper than it actually is because everybody put different tyres on. In the end we got what



we needed from testing, even with the small issues, and we are ready to go racing in a couple of weeks. I will for sure be aiming for the podium again.”

**Markus Reiterberger:** “It feels good to be back on the bike after the long summer break. We completed a lot of laps and test a lot of new things on the electronic side and on the chassis side. It was really interesting and we found a few positive things for myself and I improved the feeling a little bit. My lap time was not bad, even if on the sheet it does not look so good we are not too far away from the front. We are only nine tenths of a second back and I’m sure it’s possible to improve for the next races. We will put the best package together for the races and I will try my best there. Generally, I’m happy with what we have done, it was a big job from the entire team who worked very hard. I really enjoyed riding the bike and want to say thank you to the whole team.”

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