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BMW MOTORRAD ITALIA SUPERBIKE TEAM - WSBK - RACE

The BMW Motorrad Italia Superbike team have scored ten points overall from the second round of the Superbike World Championship 2011. **Ayrton Badovini**, took to the track as the only rider for the team because of the injury sustained by **James Toseland**. Ayrton scored points in both races, showing a great improvement in the S 1000RR since the Australian race.

In Race 1, finishing in thirteenth position, Ayrton gained three World Championship points, while in race 2 he was able to get to ninth - ahead of some "works" bikes - after making great progress from seventeenth place on the grid.

Ayrton Badovini said: "I am very pleased with the progress the team has made, although we know that we still have a lot of work to do, especially with regard to the lap times and start. In race 1 we had a number of problems but in race 2, thanks to the changes made, I kept a very fast race pace, even managing to get under 1'30" a few laps from the end. I thank the team for its support and continued belief in me. I hope James returns soon because it's hard work and I need his input."

Serafino Foti, sporting director of BMW Motorrad Italia Superbike team, said: "We have made a significant step forward compared to Australia. In this race, unfortunately, we were penalised by our start position. Between race 1 and race 2 we changed the type of tyre and made changes that proved to be the right ones, as Ayrton achieved his best time in the last few laps. I want to thank the team because it did, as always, a great job and we are working in the right direction. Well done Ayrton too because the race 2 improvements highlighted his talent."

Race 1 (temperature 7 ° - 6 ° asphalt): 1, Melandri (Yamaha) 34'33"189 - 2nd Smrz (Ducati) 2" 455 - 3rd Checa (Ducati) 5"839 ... 13 ° **Badovini (BMW)** 31" 869.

Race 2 (temperature 10 ° - 16 ° asphalt): 1, Checa (Ducati) 34'21"537 - 2nd Melandri (Yamaha) 3"397 - 3rd Camier (Aprilia) 5"902 ... 9 ° **Badovini (BMW)** 24"298.

Championship Standings: 1, Checa (Ducati), points 91 - 2nd Melandri (Yamaha) points 72 - 3rd Haslam (BMW) points 53... 15 ° **Badovini (BMW)** points 15.

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