



Successful start to the season for BMW Motorrad privateers in the French Superbike Championship.

Victories and podiums for the BMW S 1000 RR in Le Mans – Privateer BMW Motorrad riders also opened their 2015 campaigns in the AustralAsian Superbike Championship.

Munich, 1st April 2015. Last weekend saw BMW Motorrad privateers kick off their 2015 season in a further two championships. In Le Mans (FR), the opening round of the French Superbike Championship (FSBK) yielded victories and podiums for the BMW S 1000 RR. The first races of the year were also contested this weekend in the AustralAsian Superbike Championship (AAS), which is included in the BMW Motorrad Race Trophy for the first time in 2015. The BMW Motorrad privateers in the British Superbike Championship (BSB) get their season underway over the Easter weekend.

French Superbike Championship in Le Mans.

The new season got off to an extremely successful start for the privateer BMW Motorrad riders and teams in the French Superbike Championship (FSBK). The first race weekend of the year took place on the 4.185-kilometre “Bugatti Circuit” in Le Mans (FR). In the races in the “Superbike” category, which sees the EVO and Stock bikes out on track together, Emeric Jonchiere (FR / BMW MC France) was among the very top riders. He brought his BMW S 1000 RR home in third place overall and second in the Stock classification in the first of the two races. In race two, Jonchiere went one better: he finished runner-up overall and clinched victory in the Stock class. His team-mate Camille Hedelin (FR) also ended race one on the podium in the Stock class, finishing third (fifth overall). Hedelin retired in race two. In total, five BMW Motorrad privateers competed in the “Superbike” category.

The races in the “European Bikes” (FR EU) category, which is restricted to motorcycles built by European manufacturers, are once again held on FSBK weekends this year. Here, the BMW Motorrad teams followed on from their successes of last year, claiming five of six possible podiums in the two races. Race one featured an all-BMW podium. Florian Brunet-Lugardon (FR) took victory on his BMW S 1000 RR. His brother Cyril Brunet-Lugardon (FR), who finished fifth overall in the 2014 BMW Motorrad Race Trophy, was runner-up. Michel Amalric (FR) came home third to complete the podium. In total, seven RRs finished in the top eight. And it was the same story in race two: this time, positions two to eight went to BMW Motorrad privateers. Amalric and Madjid Idres (FR) made it onto the podium in second and third.

AustralAsian Superbike Championship in Eastern Creek.

The AustralAsian Superbike Championship (AAS) has been included in the BMW Motorrad Race Trophy for the first time this season. Therefore, the many privateer BMW Motorrad riders from the Australian region can now take part in this special competition. The opening round of the AAS was held at the weekend at the “Sydney Motorsport Park” in Eastern Creek (AU). Seven BMW Motorrad privateers competed in the “Formula Xtreme C & D” and “Formula Oz” classes. Three races were held per class. The best-placed BMW riders in the “Formula Xtreme C & D” were Mark Woolford (AU / sixth in race one), Steve Maher (AU / ninth

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in race two) and Hamish McMurray (AU / tenth in race three). Races two and three were extremely eventful and had to be interrupted several times following crashes. The most successful BMW rider in the "Formula Oz" class was Brett Kitchin (AU), who came home eighth, fifth and fourth in the three races. He also secured victory in the "B Grade" subcategory in two of the heats.

2015 BMW Motorrad Race Trophy.

In 2015, the BMW Motorrad Race Trophy comprises a total of 19 international and national championships. Registration is open until 30th June 2015. Please find more information about the 2015 BMW Motorrad Race Trophy, including regulations and registration forms online at the BMW Motorrad Motorsport website:

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