



## Double win for the BMW S 1000 RR at the iconic International North West 200.

Victories in the Superbike and Superstock races for Alastair Seeley and Lee Johnston and strong results for the other BMW Motorrad riders: The international road racing season kicked off in style for BMW Motorrad Motorsport.

Munich, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2015. The winning streak of BMW Motorrad in road racing continues: Last week, the prestigious North West 200 (NW200) in Northern Ireland kicked off the international road racing season – with the BMW S 1000 RR being the 1000 cc bike to beat. Privateer BMW Motorrad riders claimed a double win for BMW Motorrad: Alastair Seeley (GB / Tyco BMW) was victorious in the Superbike race on the 8.970 miles Triangle Circuit, while local hero Lee Johnston (GB / ECR/Burdens) won the Superstock race with Seeley finishing second. The engineers from BMW Motorrad Motorsport were on site to support the BMW teams in the technical preparations.

The International North West 200 near Coleraine (GB) marked the first major event of the season, which will continue with the legendary Isle of Man TT (IOMTT), the Ulster GP and the Macau Grand Prix. These four events are also combined in the new “BMW Combined Road Race Challenge” (BMW RRC), which counts towards the BMW Motorrad Race Trophy. After several wins in national road race events in preparation for the season, the BMW Motorrad teams tackled the North West 200 with a lot of confidence – and their expectations were not disappointed.

Man of the day was Tyco BMW rider Seeley. He took a fabulous Superbike victory with his BMW S 1000 RR, and in doing so equalled Robert Dunlop's (GB) all-time record of 15 wins at the North West 200. “I'm a bit overwhelmed if I'm honest. To have equalled Robert's record in such a short space of time... I'm stuck for words,” said Seeley, who also did the fastest race lap. “It is just amazing for me and the Tyco BMW team. Big credit to all the boys for a big effort this North West and, of course, BMW Motorrad for providing top class machinery.” Philip Neill, Tyco BMW team manager, added: “This is an extremely important event for us and to take our first victory for Tyco BMW in our first year together is amazing and testament to the new BMW S 1000 RR.”

Local hero Johnston finished the Superbike race in fourth with his ECR/Burdens BMW S 1000 RR, directly followed by Michael Rutter (GB/ Penz13.com Bathams by BMW) in fifth. Seeley's Tyco BMW team-mates, William Dunlop (GB) and Guy Martin (GB), came home in seventh and eighth, while BMW Motorrad riders David Johnson (GB / Ice Valley by Motorsave Trade) and Keith Amor (GB / Rig Deluge Road Racing) completed the top ten. In total, ten BMW Motorrad riders finished in the top-13.

In the following race for the Superstock class, the BMW S 1000 RR was victorious again. Seeley was on the hunt for his next win, but this time life was not easy for him. He and fellow BMW rider Johnston fought a thrilling duel at the front, with Johnston being the winner on his ECR/Burdens RR. Seeley completed the one-two for BMW Motorrad with second on the podium. In total, six RRs crossed the line in the top ten: Dunlop was fifth with his Tyco BMW RR, Martin Jessopp (GB / Riders Motorcycles) was sixth, Amor eighth and Johnson tenth.

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