



The 2016 racing season kicks off with a podium finish for the BMW S 1000 RR in South Africa.

Privateer BMW racer Daryn Upton claims a third place at the season opener of the 2016 South African SuperGP Champions Trophy – More and more South African riders and teams opt for the BMW S 1000 RR and get comprehensive support through the brand.

Munich (DE), 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016. The 2016 racing season kicked off with a success for the international BMW Motorrad Motorsport community: The curtain raiser of the 2016 South African SuperGP Champions Trophy (RSA SBK) saw the first podium finish of the year for the BMW S 1000 RR. The season opener took place at the Red Star Raceway (ZA) last weekend. The highest category, the SuperGP class, is rated for the BMW Motorrad Race Trophy.

Privateer BMW racer Daryn Upton (ZA) finished the first of the two races held in the SuperGP class in third place on the podium. In race two, he crossed the line in fourth. Second best BMW racer was Lance Isaacs (ZA), who claimed seventh and fifth place respectively in the SuperGP class on his LIR BMW S 1000 RR. The third best BMW privateer was Nicolas Grobler (ZA), who finished both races in eighth position. Nicholas Kershaw (ZA) was tenth and ninth respectively on his RR. Ronald Slamet (ZA) failed to finish race one and crossed the line in 12<sup>th</sup> in race two.

This season, more BMW racers and teams than ever compete in the South African SuperGP Champions Trophy. At the season opener, no less than ten BMW S 1000 RRs lined up in the several classes. BMW Motorrad South Africa supports the privateer racers with a comprehensive package with many benefits. The racers can purchase the BMW S 1000 RR at a preferred price and are supplied with one set of tyres per rider and race by BMW Motorrad South Africa. In addition, trainings are organised for the teams to get acquainted with the RR, the technology and software as well as with HP Race Parts. In the week before the season opener, a two-day training was held with a BMW Motorrad Motorsport engineer from Munich, who coached riders and team technicians on site in South Africa and also supported them during the first races. The package is completed by financial support: BMW Motorrad South Africa pays the entry fees for the riders and takes over part of the costs for parts purchased at the local dealers.

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