



AARR Superbike champion Lukáš Pešek: “Every victory on the BMW S 1000 RR was a great moment.”

In an interview, Czech rider Lukáš Pešek looks back on a very successful season on the BMW S 1000 RR: the 30-year old was crowned champion in the Superbike class of the Alpe Adria Road Racing Championship and also was on the podium in the FIM Endurance World Championship.

Munich (DE), 4th November 2016. It was a busy but also very successful season for BMW racer Lukáš Pešek (CZ). In an exciting finale he secured the title win in the Superbike class of the Alpe Adria Road Racing Championship (AARR SBK). The 30-year old Czech had arrived to the final two races at Slovakia Ring (SK) as runner-up but by celebrating another double win on his BMW S 1000 RR of Team BMW Motorrad CSEU, he took the champion's crown. In the ten races contested this year in the AARR SBK, Pešek celebrated five victories and a total of eight podium finishes.

But the AARR was not the only terrain, Pešek enjoyed success this season. He also was in action for several BMW teams in the FIM Endurance World Championship (EWC): he competed for the BMW Motorrad CSEU team, with whom he claimed the championship title in the AARR, for Rosetta Motorrad39 at the 8 Hours of Suzuka (JP), and for the Penz13.com BMW Motorrad Team, with whom he secured pole position at the famous 24 Hours of Le Mans (FR) and raced to a podium finish at the 8 Hours of Oschersleben (DE).

In an interview, Pešek looks back on his title winning season in the AARR, speaks about the importance of the BMW Motorrad Motorsport family and his so far best moments on the BMW S 1000 RR.

Congratulations, Lukáš, for winning the 2016 title in the Superbike class of the Alpe Adria Road Racing Championship. How would you sum up your season in this series?

Lukáš Pešek: “The season started very well for us with a double win at the first round. But then I could not start in the second weekend's races after I crashed in qualifying. As a result I lost the chance to score a decent amount of points. Before the final round I was seven points behind the leader and my only chance to win the title was to claim a double victory again. This is what we did. It was great – for me and for the team, because they put all their efforts in this and we achieved our goal to win the title.”

The Alpe Adria Road Racing Championship, however, was not your only activity with the BMW S 1000 RR this season. You also raced in the FIM Endurance World Championship for several BMW teams - that makes you a perfect example as a member of the big global BMW Motorrad Motorsport family. Do you also feel like you are a part of the family?

Pešek: “Yes, of course. To race with BMW, to be a part of that family and the support from Munich gave me the chance to get a place in the endurance teams and to race in the EWC. I actually really like endurance racing and I hope that I can continue on this path next season.”

In your career you have raced with many different bikes. How do you like the BMW S 1000 RR?

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Pešek: "I was more than surprised when I rode it for the first time in 2015. Because this bike is a proper race bike and you feel really comfortable on it. It gives you a really good feedback. I can't say one bad word about this bike, because until now I have only experienced good times on the BMW S 1000 RR."

What was your best moment so far on the BMW S 1000 RR?

Pešek: "Every time you win is the best moment. My target is always to win, this is why I am racing. So every victory was a great moment – and the podium in the 8 Hours Oschersleben. This was my first ever podium in the Endurance World Championship and it was just magic!"

You are also well placed in the BMW Motorrad Race Trophy and you have already secured the championship bonus for you as rider and for the team. How do you like this very special competition?

Pešek: "It is great to see how all the other riders are doing in their respective series around the globe. It is also great that riders from smaller, national championships get noticed and are rewarded for their achievements in their series with prize money, because BMW is the only manufacturer that does something like that. I also know that all the riders are always talking about it and it is always fun to meet other riders and to compare your positions in the Race Trophy standings. To be successful in the Race Trophy is a great extra you can get as a rider."

What goals do you still want to achieve in your racing career?

Pešek: "The biggest goal is to ride a bike and to be happy. Then I think the results will come automatically and I will achieve my target, which is to always be at the top."

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