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Title numbers six and seven for the BMW Motorrad Motorsport community: Sébastien Le Grelle and Florian Brunet-Lugardon are crowned champions.

- **Sébastien Le Grelle wins the title in the International Road Racing Championship.**
- **Florian Brunet-Lugardon is crowned French European Bikes champion.**
- **Podium finish at the season finale in South Africa.**

Munich. The titles collecting continues: at the weekend, Sébastien Le Grelle (BEL) and Florian Brunet-Lugardon (FRA) secured title numbers six and seven of the season for the BMW Motorrad Motorsport community. Le Grelle was crowned champion in the International Road Racing Championship (IRRC), Brunet-Lugardon in the French European Bikes Championship (FR EU). The season finale was also held in the South African Motorcycle Road Racing Championship (RSA SBK), with another podium finish for David McFadden (RSA). In addition, the BMW racers were in action in the Italian Superbike Championship (CIV) and the SuperBike Series Brasil (BRSBK).

International Road Racing Championship at Frohburg, Germany.

Sébastien Le Grelle (BEL) of team Herpigny Motors - BMW Motorrad Belux was the standings leader from the first race of the season onwards – and at the final round of the International Road Racing Championship (IRRC) in Frohburg (GER), he was crowned champion. On his way to his second title win, following his first in 2015, the Belgian BMW rider finished the last two races of the year with two third-places. BMW



racers dominated the season in the series, claiming the first four places in the overall championship standings.

All six podium positions in the two races went to BMW riders. In the first encounter, Marek Červený (CZE / Wepol Safemetal Racing) took the win. Team Penz13 BMW Motorrad's Derek Sheils (IRL) was second, with Le Grelle finishing third to secure the champion's title. Four more RR riders crossed the line within the top-ten: Didier Grams (GER / G&G Motorsport by Todoracing) and Erno Kostamo (FIN / Markka Racing) were fifth and sixth, while Petr Bičístě (CZE / Kimura Racing Team), Danny Webb (GBR / Penz13 BMW Motorrad) and Kamil Holan (CZE / Mc Race) finished in eighth to tenth position.

In race two, the BMW riders claimed a top-five lockout. Webb and Sheils secured a 1-2 result for Penz13 BMW Motorrad, Le Grelle was again third, followed by Grams and Červený. Kostamo was classified seventh, Bičístě and Holan followed in ninth and tenth.

In the overall standings, Červený is second behind champion Le Grelle, Grams follows in third and Kostamo is fourth.

Sébastien Le Grelle: "I am very happy to have won the IRRC title. The championship is getting bigger and bigger. It is great to have so many spectators following us and the atmosphere is always fantastic. It is true that some tracks are pretty dangerous and one must keep a cool head. I am satisfied with my season. The BMW S 1000 RR works great, it is very efficient and very pleasant to ride. Over the entire season I did not have one mechanical problem. My Herpigny Motors team is very professional and I want to thank them all. I always rode with complete confidence in my bike."

French Superbike Championship at Albi, France.

Three weeks after Kenny Foray's (FRA) early title win, the final round of the 2017 French Superbike Championship (FSBK) was held in Albi (FRA). The season did not end as the newly crowned champion from the Tecmas Racing Team had planned, however. Foray crashed in Friday's practice, suffered injuries to his right hand and had to sit out the rest of the weekend. As a result, his team-mate Maxime Bonnot



(FRA) was the only BMW rider in the field. He finished the two races in 12th and ninth positions, claiming second place in the Superbike Challenger class on both occasions.

French European Bikes Championship at Albi, France.

The French European Bikes Championship (FR EU) title was decided between the brothers and team-mates Florian and Cyril Brunet-Lugardon (both FRA / Gers Moto Vitesse Ordannaise). At the season finale, held in Albi (FRA), Florian retained the upper hand in the brothers' duel. He secured the title in Saturday's first race by taking his ninth win of the season. Cyril experienced bad luck: while fighting with his brother for the win and the title, his chain broke shortly before the finish line. Florian Brunet-Lugardon then also took the win in race two on Sunday. In the end, he was crowned champion with a total of 263 points and an advantage of 58 points, despite missing the second round of the season due to injury.

In both races, Julien Brun (FRA / JB Racing Team) was second on the podium behind winner Florian Brunet-Lugardon. Alexandre Leleu (FRA) was fourth both times. Madjid Idres (FRA / Team ERT Motorshow) and Pierre Roques (FRA) finished both races in fifth and sixth positions.

The BMW riders were a force of their own in the 2017 FR EU, taking the top four positions in the championship standings. Florian and Cyril Brunet-Lugardon are first and second, Brun is third and Michel Amalric (FRA / Tecmas Racing Team) follows in fourth.

Florian Brunet-Lugardon: "It is great to have the title. I am very happy. Especially that I succeeded in catching up after my injury early in the season that forced me to sit out the Nogaro races. Cyril unfortunately ran out of luck this weekend with a broken chain and resulting mechanical problems but overall the entire team and family can be happy with the season: first and second place in the championship, you can't expect any more!"

South African Motorcycle Road Racing Championship at Red Star Raceway, South Africa.



The 2017 season of the South African Motorcycle Road Racing Championship (RSA SBK) drew to a close with another podium finish for a BMW rider. The final round was held at Red Star Raceway (RSA) at the weekend. David McFadden (RSA / RPM Center Sandton Auto/BMW Motorrad) secured third place on the rostrum in race two, after finishing 15th in the first encounter. Lance Isaacs (RSA / Supabets Sandton BMW Motorrad) finished the two last races of the season in eighth and seventh positions.

Italian Superbike Championship at Mugello, Italy.

The fifth and penultimate round of the 2017 Italian Superbike Championship (CIV) was held at Mugello Circuit (ITA). Matteo Ferrari (ITA / DMR Racing) was the highest placed BMW rider, finishing the races in ninth and eighth positions. Lorenzo Lanzi (ITA / Tutapista Corse) also secured a top-ten finish with tenth place in race one. In the second race, however, he was one of the many riders who retired in the wet and tricky conditions.

SuperBike Series Brasil at Curitiba, Brazil.

The SuperBike Series Brasil (BRSBK) held its sixth round of the 2017 season at Curitiba (BRA). This time, two races were contested. Danilo Lewis (BRA / Tecfil Havoline Racing Team) was the highest placed BMW rider. In the first race, he missed the podium only by one position, crossing the line in fourth. In race two, Lewis was sixth. Joelsu "Mitiko" (BRA / JC Racing Team) claimed two seventh places.

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