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BMW riders claim a top-three lock-out in the IDM and a top-four lock-out in Canada.

- **First podium of the season for Alessandro Delbianco in the FIM Superstock 1000 European Championship.**
- **Ilya Mikhailchik dominates in the IDM at Oschersleben.**
- **Another win for record champion Jordan Szoke in the Canadian Superbike Championship.**

Munich. Oschersleben (GER), Brno (CZE) and Grand Bend (CAN) - where BMW racers competed successfully in all three locations at the weekend. The “German Speedweek” took place at Oschersleben, with the FIM Endurance World Championship (EWC) 8-hour race and two races in the International German Championship (IDM). The NRT48 – BMW Motorrad team was the best-placed BMW team in the EWC with fourth place. In the IDM, BMW riders claimed a top-three lock-out. Ilya Mikhailchik (UKR) topped the podium both times. The MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship (WorldSBK) and the FIM Superstock 1000 European Championship (STK1000) both visited the Czech city of Brno. Alessandro Delbianco (ITA) celebrated his first podium finish of the season there in the STK1000. BMW riders secured a top-four lock-out at the second race of the Canadian Superbike Championship 2018 (CSBK) at Grand Bend, led by record champion Jordan Szoke (CAN).

FIM Endurance World Championship at Oschersleben, Germany.

The fourth race of the 2017/18 season in the FIM Endurance World Championship (EWC) took place as part of the “German Speedweek” at Oschersleben (GER). A total of five BMW teams took part in the eight-hour race. The NRT48 – BMW Motorrad (#48) team of Kenny Foray (FRA), Stefan Kerschbaumer (AUT) and Lucy Glöckner (GER) missed out on the podium by just one place. The team gave a strong performance to claim fourth place in their home race. The #21 BMW S 1000 RR of



Mercury Racing, ridden by Karel Hanika, Jakub Smrz (both CZE) and Sylvain Barrier (FRA) crossed the line in 14th position. Filip Altendorfer and Rico Löwe (both GER) attempted a major feat on the E.INFRA GERT56 by RS Speedbikes team#56 RR: after their team-mate Christof Höfer was injured in a qualifying crash, the two riders shared duties between them, despite soaring temperatures. However, an incident in the final hour of the race saw them forced to retire.

MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship at Brno, Czech Republic.

The appearance of the MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship in the Czech city of Brno began promisingly for Loris Baz (FRA) and the Gulf Althea BMW Team. The French rider completed Friday's first practice session in second place, despite the wet conditions. Baz was in good form when the weather dried up as well, qualifying straight into Superpole 2. He then started Saturday's first race from eighth place. However, a crash on the twelfth lap saw his hopes of a good result evaporate. Baz was able to continue but had to be content with 18th position. He then secured eleventh place in Sunday's race.

FIM Superstock 1000 European Championship at Brno, Czech Republic.

The fifth race of the FIM Superstock 1000 European Championship (STK1000) season took place as part of the WorldSBK weekend in Brno (CZE). Markus Reiterberger (GER / alpha Racing-Van-Zon-BMW) had dominated Friday's practice session and secured pole position with a new lap record in qualifying on Saturday. It was a wet-weather race on Sunday – and this time, another BMW rider was celebrating. Alessandro Delbianco (ITA) from the Gulf Althea BMW Team claimed second place, his first podium finish of the season. Reiterberger crossed the line in fourth position. The top ten also included Roberto Tamburini (ITA / Berclaz Racing Team), who finished in eighth place. Reiterberger still tops the championship standings, nine points ahead of second-placed Maximilian Scheib (CHI). Tamburini is third.

Alessandro Delbianco: “The race went really well. We'd have completed a solid race in dry conditions too I think, but the wet definitely helped us today. I'm really



pleased with the result and thank the team for all their great work this weekend. I'm very happy and hope we can continue like this.”

Markus Reiterberger: “I slid quite badly in the second turn and nearly fell. I was just able to catch it and then I was in second or third for most of the race. I closed the gap to the leaders at the halfway point, but I had some problems towards the end. Fourth place in the rain is OK though, and now we know how to set the bike up for rain to make sure it works better for me. All in all, it was a positive weekend and I am happy with the work we put in. It's just a shame we weren't rewarded as well as we'd have liked.”

International German Championship at Oschersleben, Germany.

The second race weekend of the season for the SBK1000 class in the International German Championship (IDM) took place at Oschersleben (GER) as part of the “German Speedweek”. The BMW drivers celebrated a top-three lock-out on Saturday. The dominant man of the weekend was Ilya Mikhalchik (UKR) from the alpha-Racing-Van-Zon-BMW team. He secured pole position, won both races and grabbed the lead in the championship.

In Saturday's first race, Bastien Mackels (BEL / Wilbers BMW Racing) finished second and Mikhalchik's team-mate Julian Puffe (GER) finished third to complete a BMW podium. Mackels then finished third to claim another podium in Sunday's second race.

Canadian Superbike Championship at Grand Bend, Canada.

The BMW S 1000 RR remains the bike to beat in the Canadian Superbike Championship (CSBK). BMW riders had celebrated a top-three lock-out at the season-opener – now they have gone one better, recording a top-four lock-out at the second race of the season at Grand Bend (CAN).

Out in front, record champion Jordan Szoke (CAN / Mopar Express Lane BMW Superbike Team) and BMW brand team-mate Ben Young (CAN / Ben Young Racing) put on a thrilling battle for the win. Young moved into the lead during the final phase

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of the race, but Szoke made the most of his extensive experience. In the final turn, a brave manoeuvre saw him overtake Young and claim his next CSBK victory. Behind Szoke and Young, third place went to BMW rider Samuel Trépanier (CAN / Blysk Racing), while Michael Leon (CAN / Royal Distributing Racing Team) completed the top-four lock-out for BMW.

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