

Media Information BMW Motorrad Motorsport 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018

# The next BMW champion: Danny Webb celebrates early title win in the IRRC.

- Danny Webb is the 2018 International Road Racing Champion.
- Top-4 and top-5 lock-outs for BMW racers in the IRRC.
- Win and second place for Alex Barros in Brazil.

Munich. Just one week after Jordan Szoke (CAN) won the Canadian Superbike Championship (CSBK) title, the BMW Motorrad Motorsport family celebrates its next champion. Danny Webb (GBR), of Wepol Racing by Penz13, clinched the championship title at the penultimate round of the International Road Racing Championship (IRRC) season at Hořice (CZE). BMW racers were also in action in the British Superbike Championship (BSB), SuperBike Series Brasil (BRSBK), Australian Superbike Championship (ASBK) and MFJ Superbike All Japan Road Race Championship (MFJ) at the weekend.

#### International Road Racing Championship at Hořice, Czech Republic.

Jubilation for Danny Webb and Wepol Racing by Penz13: the Brit celebrated winning the the International Road Racing Championship (IRRC) title before the end of the season in Hořice (CZE). Webb dominated the series right from the start of the season, picking up maximum points at every event, and headed to Hořice for the fifth and penultimate round of the season at the top of the table with a considerable lead.

On Sunday he secured the title win in the first of the two races. Webb started the race from second on the grid and immediately became embroiled in a duel with polesitter Didier Grams (GER / G&G Motorsport by BMW Motorrad). After seven laps, Webb had built a small lead. One lap later the race was red flagged and BMW celebrated a one-two-three-four result. Webb took the victory, which saw him secure the championship, Grams finished second, Marek Červený (CZE / Wepol Racing by



Penz13) rounded off the podium in third, and Erno Kostamo (FIN / Markka Racing) finished fourth.

In the second race, the new champion headed up the BMW squad in a one-twothree-four-five finish. Webb was once again victorious ahead of Grams and Červený. Kostamo repeated his fourth place and Coward rounded off the success in fifth.

**Danny Webb:** "What an incredible day! Two wins, a new lap record, 2018 International Road Racing Champion – and the first Brit to win this title. I'd like to thank the whole Wepol Racing by Penz13 team and all the sponsors. I couldn't have done it without you."

#### British Superbike Championship at Cadwell Park, Great Britain.

Cadwell Park (GBR) hosted the eighth round of the 2018 British Superbike Championship (BSB). In the first of the two races, Christian Iddon (GBR / Tyco BMW Motorrad) was the best-placed BMW rider in sixth. Right behind him was Peter Hickman (GBR / Smiths Racing) in seventh. In race two, Hickman crossed the finish line in fourth place. Iddon was sixth once again, ahead of his seventh-placed Tyco BMW Motorrad team-mate Michael Laverty (GBR).

The points picked up at Cadwell Park saw Hickman move up into sixth place in the overall standings – and thereby into one of the coveted "Showdown" positions. After the next race weekend at Silverstone (GBR) at the start of September the six riders will be finalised for taking part in the "Showdown" that will decide the title. Hickman is now in with a good chance of taking part.

**Peter Hickman:** "It's been a pretty good weekend and although we're still struggling a bit with grip and I'm still a long way off full fitness, fourth and seventh place finishes are a pretty good set of results, especially as I've now moved into sixth place overall and into one of the Showdown positions. Now that I'm in the top six, I'll be doing everything I can to stay there."

In the Superstock class (BSB STK) race, Alex Olsen (GBR / ASTRO – JJR Racing) in fourth was the best-placed BMW rider. Tyco BMW Motorrad rider Keith Farmer



(GBR), who headed to Cadwell Park as the championship leader, retired early. In the overall standings he is now in second place, with a deficit of five points.

### SuperBike Series Brasil at São Paulo, Brazil.

At the fifth round of the SuperBike Series Brasil (BRSBK) at São Paulo (BRA), veteran Alex Barros (BRA / Alex Barros Racing) once again demonstrated his expertise. On Saturday, Barros clinched pole position on his BMW S 1000 RR. In the first race on Sunday he secured the win after a thrilling battle for the top spot. In race two, he finished in second place, just 0.014 seconds behind the leader. Danilo Lewis (BRA / Tecfil Havoline Racing Team) finished in sixth and fifth place. Barros' teammate Lucas Torres (BRA) also bagged himself a top-five spot when he finished fifth in the first race.

## Australian Superbike Championship at Morgan Park Raceway, Australia.

The fifth round of the 2018 Australian Superbike Championship (ASBK) season was held at Morgan Park Raceway, southwest of Brisbane (AUS) in Queensland. 19-yearold Ted Collins (AUS) was the only rider representing NextGen Motorsports after his team-mate Glenn Allerton (AUS) injured himself in motocross training in July and was unable to compete.

Collins picked up his best results in the ASBK to date in Queensland, and finished in the top-ten in both races. He crossed the finish line in tenth place in the first race, in the second race he improved by one position to finished ninth.

## MFJ Superbike All Japan Road Race Championship in Motegi, Japan.

The MFJ Superbike All Japan Road Race Championship (MFJ) stopped off at the Twin-Ring Motegi to the north of Tokyo (JPN) at the weekend. Tone RT Syncedge 4113 BMW rider Tomoya Hoshino (JPN) finished the JSB1000 class race in 18<sup>th</sup> place.



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