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More top-three lock-outs: BMW riders on course for the title in the IDM and the French European Bikes Championship.

- **Ilya Mikhailchik, Bastien Mackels and Julian Puffe set the pace at the Lausitzring in the IDM.**
- **Kenny Foray wins in the French Superbike Championship.**
- **Florian Brunet-Lugardon and Jonathan Germany settle the title between themselves in the FR EU.**

Munich. BMW Motorrad Motorsport racers have already won two titles this season – and the last race weekend confirmed that BMW riders will be settling titles between themselves in at least two more race series. In the International German Championship (IDM) and the French European Bikes Championship (FR EU), BMW S 1000 RR racers claimed more top-three lock-outs to move further ahead of their competitors. Kenny Foray (FRA) also celebrated his fourth win of the season in the French Superbike Championship (FSBK) at the weekend.

International German Championship at the Lausitzring, Germany.

The International German Championship (IDM) paid a visit to the Lausitzring (GER) for the fifth of seven season events. The BMW racers were in dominant form once again – and claimed a top-three lock-out in both races.

Bastien Mackels (BEL / Wilbers BMW Racing) won race one on Sunday, finishing 0.644 seconds ahead of Julian Puffe (GER / alpha-Racing-Van-Zon-BMW). His team-mate Ilya Mikhailchik (UKR) secured third place to complete the podium. In the second race, Mikhailchik celebrated his seventh win of the season, triumphing by a significant margin of nearly five seconds. Mackels claimed second place and Puffe finished third. Pepjin Bijsterbosch (NED) secured fifth position in both races.



Although there are still two events with a total of four races left in this season, it has already been confirmed that the title will go to a BMW rider. The best rider for another manufacturer is already too far behind. Mikhalchik leads the overall standings with 224 points. Mackels (211 points) is thirteen points back in second place. Puffe is in third place with 150 points and still has a mathematical chance of claiming the title.

French Superbike Championship at Carole, France.

Reigning champion Kenny Foray (FRA / Tecmas Racing Team) endured a turbulent time at the penultimate event of the French Superbike Championship 2018 (FSBK) season at Carole, outside Paris (FRA).

Foray secured pole position for both races with his BMW S 1000 RR. He also posted the fastest lap time in race one before taking a tumble. Foray picked up his bike and continued the race, finishing in tenth place. Foray's team-mate Maxime Bonnot (FRA) finished the first race in eighth position, claiming victory in the Superbike Challenger class (SBK Ch).

In race two, Foray converted pole position into his fourth win of the season. Bonnot was tenth overall and second in the SBK Ch. Robin Camus (FRA) was also competing at Carole with a BMW S 1000 RR. He finished in sixth and fourth positions in the two races. Foray is currently second in the championship standings.

French European Bikes Championship at Carole, France.

The French European Bikes Championship (FR EU) also paid a visit to Carole for the penultimate event of the 2018 season. The weekend featured a top-three lock-out and a total of five podium finishes for BMW racers. It has already been confirmed that the champion will be a BMW rider: defending champion Florian Brunet-Lugardon (FRA / Gers Moto Vitesse Ordannaise) or Jonathan Germany (FRA).

In race one on Saturday, Brunet-Lugardon and Germany reached the podium in second and third positions. Germany also recorded the fastest lap time. The BMW riders then celebrated a top-three lock-out in the second race on Sunday with experienced rider Hernani Teixeira (FRA) claiming victory, finishing 0.384 seconds



ahead of Germany, who once again posted the best lap time. Brunet-Lugardon finished third to secure the final podium spot.

With two races to go, Brunet-Lugardon leads the championship standings with 231 points. Germany is in second place overall with 192 points. Aprilia rider Gino de la Rosa is already so far back in third place that he has no chance of claiming the title.

MotoAmerica at Pittsburgh, USA.

The MotoAmerica (MA) was in action at Pittsburgh (USA) at the weekend. Danny Eslick (USA / Scheibe Racing) competed with the BMW S 1000 RR in the Superbike class (MA SBK). He failed to finish race one and took the chequered flag in seventh in the second race.

In the Superstock race (MA STK), BMW rider Travis Wyman (USA / Weir Everywhere Racing) finished in fourth position.

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