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SUPER GT FUJI 300 KM

Ronnie Quintarelli et Tsugio Matsuda
Motul Autech Nissan
Motul Autech GT-R



RACE
05/08



ALL CHANGE IN THE ORDER

GT500 STANDINGS

Rossiter (Lexus), 44 pts	01
Oshima / Caldarelli (Lexus), 43 pts	02
Cassidy / Hirakawa (Lexus), 42 pts	03

The big story from the 5th round of the Super GT championship, a race which took place over 300 km on 6th August at the foot of Mount Fuji, was without doubt the first defeat since the beginning of the season of Lexus in the GT500 category. But, in the world of international high-performance lubricants specialists Motul, the return to the podium of the Motul Autech Nissan GT-R Nismo which carries the legendary No.23, got hearts pounding. 2014/2015 Champions Ronnie Quintarelli and Tsugio Matsuda took 2nd place, just 1.5 seconds behind the winners! The race was quite strange in that the public were able to witness endless sparring, but there weren't many changes of position. In both categories, the leaders stayed in their position from start to finish...

albeit attacking hard all the while and making their way through a field of 45 cars!

The two best Lexus cars in Fuji were from teams technically partnered by Motul, with the No.38 Zent Cerumo in 3rd place ahead of the No.36 Tom's. In GT300, the Subaru R & D Sport from Iguchi and Yamauchi raced well through to 4th place.

The situation in the GT500 championship is perfect, with the first five places in the classification separated by just three points! In addition, the 1000 Kms of Suzuka at the end of August, the calendar's flagship event, will see these five crews compete with almost identical ballast, not to mention the one-off and much anticipated participation of Jenson Button in the Honda NSX of the Mugen-Motul Team!

BRITISH SUPERBIKES THRUXTON



Richard Cooper
Bennetts Suzuki
Suzuki GSX-R1000

RACE
07/12



COOPER CLOSES THE GAP

STANDINGS

Danny Buchan (Kawasaki), 261 pts	01
Richard Cooper (Suzuki), 241 pts	02
Michael Rutter (BMW), 164 pts	03

On 5th and 6th August Thruxton hosted the seventh meeting of the British Superbike Championship. Three teams technically supported by Motul claimed an honourable Top 10 place in the headline category, the best being Bennetts Suzuki, but it is in Superstock1000 that the possibility of a title remains for Motul this season, with the same Bennetts Suzuki team. Richard Cooper managed to close in on the championship even further, thanks to his victory in Race 2.

Race 1 of the Superbikes resulted in three of Motul's technical partners in the top 10. Bradley Ray of Buildbase Suzuki just edged out Ducati Moto Rapido rider John Hopkins for 8th place. Sylvain Guintoli, 10th in this first contest, improved his

position in race 2 by two rows. *'I was learning Thruxton, which is very different to everything I know, and even from other British circuits,'* explained the Frenchman from Bennetts Suzuki. *'I had to adapt to a fast and bumpy track, but we made good progress all weekend.'*

In Superstock1000, Richard Cooper conceded a few points by finishing 2nd behind Buchan on Saturday. He took his revenge the following day, while his rival could do better than 3rd, resulting in a clear gain from the two races. Michael Dunlop, who has already won the Senior TT on the Isle of Man, the Southern 100 and the Race of Legends this year, was present at Thruxton to prepare for the upcoming Ulster Grand Prix.



RACE
10/18



APRILIA COMES THROUGH

STANDINGS

Marc Marquez, Honda, 154 pts	01
Maverick Viñales, Yamaha, 140 pts	02
Andrea Dovizioso, Ducati, 133 pts	03
Johann Zarco, Yamaha, 88 pts	06
Jonas Folger, Yamaha, 77 pts	07

The Czech Republic Grand Prix on 6th August in Brno provided little to shout about for Motul's four technical partner teams in MotoGP. The best placing went to Aleix Espargaro and Aprilia Racing Team Gresini, in 8th place at the finish, while a drying track forced riders to stop to change to their second bikes which were equipped with slick tires ... the big question being about choosing the right time to do this! Aleix Espargaro could have done much better than 8th. After a busy summer break for the Italians, Aprilia Racing Team Gresini brought many updates for Espargaro's RS-GP. Happy going into Q2 after setting the 7th fastest time just half a second from pole, the Spaniard fell in the decisive session while finishing an excellent lap. He only started therefore

in 11th position but his decision to stop on the third lap was the right one! Unfortunately, his team sent him back out on track at the same time as Andrea Iannone was heading to the neighboring Suzuki pit. The Italian took evasive action but couldn't avoid a fall, fortunately without any damage, while Aleix Espargaro picked up a three-place penalty. *'After this episode, I lost my rhythm a bit because my second bike didn't have all the latest developments and the soft rear tire didn't allow me to attack. We missed a great opportunity but to finish in this place despite all our problems illustrates the level that we have reached.'*

At Monster Yamaha Tech3, Folger stopped too early, and Zarco too late. Just goes to show...



JX PRO WORLD TOUR VICHY

RACE
03/04



STANDINGS

Valentin Dardillat (Kawasaki), 502 pts	01
Steven Loiodice (Bullett-Kawasaki), 349 pts	02
Yoann Tollemer (Bullett-Kawasaki), 300 pts	03

VALENTIN DARDILLAT EXTENDS THE LEAD

The Jetcross Pro World Tour is a championship that pits some of the world's best Jetski pilots against each other with gear capable of developing up to 200 horsepower, reaching 120 km/h and going from 0 to 100 in less than 3 seconds! It is organized under the aegis of the International Jetsport Boating Association (IJSBA) and has four meetings between April and September. The third of these took place in France in Vichy on 29/30th July and saw victory for Valentin Dardillat, whose team Dardillat Eight Racing has been technically supported by Motul for several years.

The Frenchman, a native of the seaside resort of Royan, began the season in the best way within the prestigious setting of Daytona Beach. By winning the three US rounds, Valentin Dardillat positioned himself as a favorite. During the Swiss event, near Neuchâtel, he had to be satisfied with 2nd place but with a minimal gap to the winner, and it was as the leader of the series that he showed up for the start in Vichy. While his two toughest opponents collided, he won the first round and had only to secure a pair of third places to win overall. There will be a round in France on 9/10th September for the final outcome of the 2017 JX Pro World Tour!