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## IOM Tourist Trophy / Isle of Man



Michael Rutter / Honda TT Legends team / Honda CBR 1000 Fireblade

### 100% Motul podium after the Dainese Superbike race!

Thirty years after the first win by his uncle Joey Dunlop, in the same place, Michael Dunlop has just clinched his first victory for Honda at the legendary Isle of Man Tourist Trophy, in Superbike category. Michael, part of team Honda TT Legends supported technically by Motul, took the lead on the first lap, proceeding to hold this position throughout the race which he finished 40 seconds before his closest contender. The latter, Cameron Donald, a TT Legends rider in endurance last year, now rides for team Honda Wilson Craig, also supported technically by Motul. Meanwhile, John McGuinness clinched 3rd place while establishing a new lap record at an average of 211.90 km/h: a fine consolation for not having taken his 20th win on this track! After climbing from 4th to 2nd, McGuinness picked up a 60 second penalty for breaking the pit-lane speed limit. To mark the 30th anniversary of Joey Dunlop's first win here on a Honda (he clinched 26 wins in all), McGuinness bore the colours of the famous rider who died following a race accident in 2000. The third rider of the team, Michael Rutter, finished 6th after leaving from 11th place, on his CBR 1000 Fireblade: these three results represent a superb success for team Honda TT Legends.

For Michael Dunlop, *'The Superbike was the main goal for me. Winning it has always been a dream of mine. I never got to ride with Joey so when I caught John on the road in the tribute livery it was a very stirring moment.'* John McGuinness acknowledged meanwhile: *'I don't know what happened in the second pit stop. I gave it everything I could to push forward and I'm happy to have reached the podium. I'm so proud to have worn the Joey Dunlop colours from 2000; he was the greatest road circuit rider of all times.'*

Note should also be taken of the 37th place bagged by Brandon Cretu, the American rider of team Honda Motul. The week is not over; races will continue until Friday 7 June.



Watch a video presenting the event by team TT Legends, on the Youtube Motul channel



#### Results

- 01 / Michael Dunlop, Honda TT Legends **MOTUL**
- 02 / Cameron Donald, Wilson Craig racing **MOTUL**
- 03 / John McGuinness, Honda TT Legends **MOTUL**

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## FIM MotoGP World Championship / Mugello

Round 01 02 03 04 **05** 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18



Cal Crutchlow / Monster Yamaha Tech3 Team / Yamaha YZR-M1

### Crutchlow podiums again!

By mounting the podium in Mugello, Cal Crutchlow is the first Brit to have secured two consecutive podiums in the top category, since Ron Haslam in 1987. That really shows the importance of his performance: he indeed clinched a splendid third place following the second place bagged in Le Mans two weeks earlier, for team Tech3 supported by Motul. Cal pulled off a flawless performance, quickly seizing fourth position and staying close to the three leaders, Dani Pedrosa, Jorge Lorenzo and Marc Marquez. His stunning charge then paid off when Marquez tumbled out of second just as he himself was sizing up an attack on Pedrosa. He subsequently kept his lead over his contenders, Stefan Bradl and his former team-mate at Tech3, Andrea Dovizioso. Meanwhile, Bradley Smith managed to finish ninth-placed, despite two falls, first in the trials and then in the warm-up. Nevertheless, the 22 year old rider showed amazing determination to bounce back from his injuries.

*'I have to pay a big tribute to the entire Tech3 team,' commented Crutchlow, 'which did an incredible job. I didn't feel comfortable on the bike at the start but*

*they gave me a package that was really competitive. In the second half of the race I was really strong and consistent and I had the pace that was bringing me closer to Dani [Pedrosa] and Jorge [Lorenzo].'*

Joy shared by Hervé Poncharal, team manager: *'The dry weather helped us a lot. (...) Cal's podium in Le Mans was amazing, but to see him on the podium again in Mugello is very special because he used to have a lot of problems there and he has had to struggle quite a lot. (...) Bradley has also showed incredible motivation. I am very proud of my British pair!'*

Let's hope the team continues to progress in such an encouraging manner! Next meet on 16 June in Spain, on the Catalunya circuit.

#### Standings

01 / Dani Pedrosa, Honda, 103 pts

02 / Jorge Lorenzo, Yamaha, 91 pts

03 / Marc Marquez, Honda, 77 pts

04 / Cal Crutchlow, Yamaha, 71 pts

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## Hungarian Dragbike Championship / Kunmadaras



Szabolcs Borsay

### *The Motul Cup dragsters delight the public*

For the 16th time, dragster races were organised at the former military airport of Kunmadaras, in southeast Hungary. Motul's importer in Hungary, Tiszk Kft., was a new partner for the event, providing its support at the Motul Cup's three rounds. In front of 6,000 spectators, 172 contenders vied in 16 categories, from the old motorcycles of Eastern Bloc countries (MZ, Simson...) to the fiercest machines of the 'Racing' category. The German champion Karl Heinz Weikum showed his talent by taking the win while Szabolcs Borsay, the best Hungarian rider and a faithful user of Motul products, improved his personal record at 8.223 sec, finishing second-placed. And the day's most spectacular machine was the car propelled by a 1,000 hp reactor: its impressive demonstration truly thrilled the public.

In the exhibitors' village, Motul's distributor, Mescapo, displayed the entire Motul range to the visitors and also held a lottery for them and games allowing motorsports enthusiasts present at the

site to become more familiar with the brand. The next round of the Motul Cup is scheduled on 29 June.

#### Competition results

01 / Karl Heinz Weikum (Ger)

02 / Szabolcs Borsay (Hun)

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03 / Pál Lázár (Hun)

#### Superstreet results

01 / Donát Dániel Lencsés

02 / Tamás Gál

03 / Levente Szűrszabó

#### Moditwin results

01 / István Sebők

02 / Tamás Nagy

03 / Zoltán Szabó

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## Motul M1 Stunt Battle / St-Petersburg & Krasnodar

Round 01 02 03 04 05 06



Nikita Podolsky / Kawasaki ZX-6R

### ***The high level of riders impresses even the judges!***

It was the city of St Petersburg which welcomed the first stage of the Motul M-1 Stunt Battle 2013, in front of more than 8,000 spectators. There were pleasant surprises: twice the number of participants compared with the previous season and a very high level of stunts, which did not go unnoticed by new Chief of Judges, the legendary AC Farias (aka, 'the alien'). This year, the championship rules changed slightly: riders of Pro class had a new format of qualification – 3 minutes freestyle programme, whereas the new Street class adopted the old format, with slow wheeling, stoppies and burns.

The organisers also judged the performance of new riders such as Peter Franzkevich and Wojciech K, while the demonstrations by Lauris Klebahs (Latvia, team Stuntfighters), Vitaly Pasevich (Belarus, team Freestyle Stunt Band), Vladimir Petrov, Anton Volkov and Marat Kankadze were particularly remarkable.

Stage 2 took place in Krasnodar, in more favourable weather than in St Petersburg. The level was even higher, which made the work by the judges particu-

larly difficult, as confirmed by AC Farias: *'This stage was really exciting. (...) For the first time I saw a performance by Yriy Verhovnikov who really impressed me by his talent and unique style. Also Anton Volkov is far more professional than last time I saw him: he rode with high quality and fast. With the judges, it took us significantly longer to finalise the results and determine winners.'* Overall, the riders were indeed more stable and more brilliant in their freestyle programme. So we look set to see a fine show at the next meets!

#### **Pro-class standings**

01 / Arunas Gibezha

02 / Yriy Verhovnikov

03 / Yanis Rozitis

#### **Street class standings**

01 / Foma Kalinin

02 / Maksim Ilchenko

03 / Danila Zhelanov

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## GT Asia / Twin Ring Motegi

Round

01

02

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Stefan Muecke - Frank Yu / Craft Racing AMR



### Strong Start for the Motul teams Craft Racing AMR and Clearwater Racing

It was a splendid outing for two of Motul's new technical partners as they achieved outstanding results in the opening rounds of GT Asia at Twin Ring Motegi.

Clearwater Racing was represented on the second step of the podium during a rain-soaked first round. Reigning champion Mok Weng Sun piloted his McLaren 12C GT3 to a second-place finish, after overtaking team-mates Tunku Hammam and Ro-Charlz on the final lap.

*'The goal here was just to keep consistent, not make any mistakes at the pit-stops and hopefully towards the end of the race, if I can keep lapping at a consistent pace I'll be able to catch the cars. It was really exciting overtaking the last few cars,'* said Singaporean driver Mok.

In the second round, Frank Yu and Stefan Muecke proved to be a dominant pairing as they took the Craft Racing AMR Aston Martin Vantage GT3 to a storming first-place victory. After finishing in 4th the previous day, the team was determined to achieve a strong result in round 2. Having proved to be the quickest car in the dry, Yu started in P5 before factory AMR driver Muecke took the car home in first.

Team principal Mark Goddard said, *'We are very happy*

*that the Aston Martin Vantage GT3 has won a race in the first GT Asia event for the car. The combination of Frank Yu and Stefan Muecke will definitely give the team a great chance of championship honours this season.'*

The GT Asia championship will enjoy a one month break before the action resumes in Okayama, Japan, on 29-30 June 2013.

#### Results GT Class (Round 1)

- 01 / Peter Li Zhi Cong, Asia Racing Team
- 02 / Mok Weng Sun, Clearwater Racing **MOTUL**
- 03 / Tunku Hammam / Ro-Charlz, Clearwater Racing
- 04 / Stefan Muecke / Frank Yu, Craft Racing AMR **MOTUL**
- 07 / Samson Chan, Craft Racing **MOTUL**

#### Results GT Class (Round 2)

- 01 / Stefan Muecke / Frank Yu, Craft Racing AMR **MOTUL**
- 02 / Peter Li Zhi Cong, Asia Racing Team
- 03 / Tunku Hammam / Ro-Charlz, Clearwater Racing
- 04 / Mok Weng Sun, Clearwater Racing **MOTUL**
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## Moto FC Club Anniversary / Ho Chi Minh



Moto FC Club Anniversary

### **Motul shares the joy with Moto FC Club**

Moto FC Club celebrated their first anniversary on 19 May at the Moto FC Restaurant located in District 8, Ho Chi Minh City. Joining in the celebrations, Motul kindly sponsored the event that showcased the popularity of this ever-growing motorcycle club. Though only a year old, Moto FC Club is now one of the biggest motor clubs, and has more than 200 members with hundreds of superbikes. At the event, Motul had a mini-booth that displayed the new MCO range, including the 300V Factory Line, H-Tech and Scooter Power. To start the event, a convoy of club members' superbikes with Motul ambassadors on the back-seat toured the main streets in the city.

A mini game "Pick up your can of 300V", gave visitors the chance to receive interesting gifts from Motul such as Helmet Interior Clean, as well as providing more information on Motul products to them.



## China Touring Car Championship / Shanghai

Round 01 **02** 03 04 05 06 07 08

### **David Zhu's first win for a Motul team**

The second round of the China Touring Car Championship took place on the Shanghai circuit on 26 May, in damp weather. Motul remains faithful to this highly popular series, providing its support to three teams: Haima Family Team, Beijing Hyundai Racing Team and GZ Toyota Yaris Racing Team. The race saw very tight battles, especially between He Zixian and Wan Jincun whose cars drew so close they virtually left no space. He Zixian's accident, however, made him lose several places and Chen Xu and Cui Yue then took the lead. The result was decided spectacularly in the last lap: having taken the lead then, Wan Jincun was pressurised by his contenders and left the track, hitting the wall and hindering Chen Xu who was following him closely. David Zhu seized the opportunity to occupy in a trice the gap left by the two drivers to take the win.



Beijing Hyundai Racing Team

The third round of the season is scheduled on 9 June at the Shanghai Tianma circuit.

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## King of Europe Pro Series / Bordeaux

Round 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08



Francesco Conti / BMW M3

### *Adam Kerenyi remains very close to the men in the lead*

This year, the second round of the King of Europe Championship took place on the Bordeaux-Mérignac circuit, for the 'Drift à la Française' meet.

Motul of course partnered the event, while supporting more specifically Dotz Drift Team and Adam Kerenyi, reigning Champion and instigator of a spectacular accident in round one in Austria. Meanwhile, the team managed to repair Adam's BMW M3 E46 and even improve its aspect. Kerenyi managed to come sixth in qualifying. He easily got through the top-32 duel, before overcoming the Swiss driver Philippe Guillod in the top-16, as he did so in Austria. In the top-8, he faced Calin Ciortan, a driver with whom he has often battled, and their confrontation was to be one of the weekend's most spectacular. No winner came out of the first two duels so the judges asked them to go back on the track for two more crossings. In the first, Kerenyi managed to get the better of Ciortan with a

score of 6-4 but, in the second, Ciortan managed to get so close to Kerenyi that everyone thought they were going to collide. His mastery of his car allowed him to clinch the score 7-3 ahead of Kerenyi, who therefore did not participate in the semifinal. Finally, it was the Italian driver, Francesco Conti, who won this day. Fourth in the championship after the third round, Kerenyi remains very close to the first two.

After the upcoming Spanish event, the drivers will meet again on 22 and 23 June for the Aegean Sea Challenge, in Greece.

#### Standings

01 / Francesco Conti, 390 pts

02 / Frank Adam, 250 pts

03 / Benjamin Boulbes, 240 pts

04 / Adam Kerenyi, 230 pts

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