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Riders' Performances at Assen

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Kawasaki Jonathan REA

Nationality	British	Ballymena	
Born	02/02/1987	Age 32	Starts 252
Wins	71	Last win: 2018, Losail/1	
Podiums	143	Last podium: 2019, Aragon/3	
Poles	17	Last pole: 2019, Phillip Island	
Front Rows	68	Fastest laps 57	Points 3,873.5
Team	Kawasaki Racing Team		
Championship:	P2	Pts.: 147	Poles 1 Pod. 9

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 20 Wins 12 Podiums 16 Poles 1 Best race: 1 Best grid: 1

Jonathan Rea enters the 2019 Assen weekend with an all-time record in sight: he can be the first rider in history with more than 12 wins at any given track (*). Rea won 5 times for Honda here from 2010 to 2014, then went on a winning streak of 7 consecutive wins for Kawasaki from 2015 Race 1 to last year's Race 1: in Race 2 his then-teammate Tom Sykes stopped the sequence (**).
> Since the second 2012 race he has always finished in the top four (13 straight races).
> Finished only first or second for Kawasaki here (8 races).
> There are three circuits in which Rea has stood on the podium 8 times out of 8 races for Kawasaki: Assen, Imola and Misano. In the last weekend he made it 11 out of 11 in Aragon (6 out of 6 in Algarve, always the race winner; 2 out of 2 in San Juan).
> His 16 podiums here are a record for any given track in WorldSBK history shared with Troy Corser (16 podiums in Misano).
> He failed to finish on the podium here only in 2009, which was his first WorldSBK weekend at Assen, taking 5th and 7th at the flag.
> Jonathan Rea has amassed 405 points in Assen: a record value for a single track, and it's the only venue where a rider was able to record more than 400 points. Troy Corser follows with 380 points in Phillip Island.
> Despite his enormous success in the races, Rea recorded only two Superpoles in Assen: 2010 and 2017; lost the pole grid spot in the latter due to a penalty.
> His win from 9th in 2017 in Race 2 is the only one coming from outside the top-5 grid spots in the dry in the entire Assen history.
(*). Fogarty and Rea are the only riders with 10 or more wins on a given track, they both set the record of 12 here.
(**) In case of a double last year, Rea would have equalled the all-time sequence of wins on a given track of 9, set by Sykes in Donington (4 doubles from 2013 to 2016 and 2017 Race 1) a string which was broken by Rea.

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HONDA Leon CAMIER

Nationality	British	Ashford, Kent	
Born	04/08/1986	Age 32	Starts 213
Podiums	9	Last podium: 2013, Silverstone/1	
Front Rows	5	Fastest laps 1	Points 1,238.5
Team	Moriwaki Althea Honda Team		
Championship:	P14	Pts.: 17	

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 16 Podiums 1 Best race: 3 Best grid: 5

Leon Camier recorded his maiden WorldSBK podium at Assen, back in 2010, Race 1. He also recorded his first top-10 start with a fifth place in Superpole that weekend. The following year he recorded his maiden fastest race lap (Race 2) here, on his way to a fourth place. After those first two weekends, Camier recorded 10 more points finishes: his last ones came in 2017, with a 10th and a 6th. Last year he had to miss the Assen weekend due to injuries sustained in Aragon.
> Recorded 10 top-10 finishes at Assen and scored points 12 times despite only starting from the top-10 in four races (2010-2011) out of sixteen.
> Has scored points here for four different manufacturers: Aprilia (2010-2011), Suzuki (2012-2013), BMW (2014), MV Agusta (2015-2017).
> Recorded the best ever result for a MV Agusta in WorldSBK history here in 2016 Race 1 in fourth: he then equalled that feat five more times in 2016 and 2017.

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DUCATI Chaz DAVIES

Nationality	British	Knighton	
Born	10/02/1987	Age 32	Starts 185
Wins	29	Last win: 2018, Aragon/2	
Podiums	81	Last podium: 2019, Aragon/3	
Poles	6	Last pole: 2018, Laguna Seca	
Front Rows	20	Fastest laps 29	Points 2,345.5
Team	Aruba.it Racing - Ducati		
Championship:	P7	Pts.: 56	Pod. 2

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 14 Podiums 5 Best race: 2 Best grid: 2

Davies climbed on the podium five times in Assen: his best result is a second place, obtained three times, in both 2015 Races and in 2016, Race 1. He then racked up two third places in 2017 Race 2 and last year in Race 1.
> 5 Podiums without a win: only at Phillip Island has he recorded more podium placements without climbing on the top step (6).
> Davies started only once from the front row in 14 races run here: he was second in Superpole in 2017.
> Davies led 19 laps in the first 2017 Assen race before being passed by eventual winner Rea. Shortly afterwards he retired: that is the only time he missed out on a top-8 finish in the 12 races run in Assen from 2013 onwards. 2017/1 is one of the two races led by Davies in Assen: he had led also in 2016, Race 1, for 14 laps: also that time he had to give way to Rea and finished 2nd.

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YAMAHA Sandro CORTESE

Nationality	German	Ochsenhausen	
Born	06/01/1990	Age 29	Starts 9
Front Rows	1	Points 56	
Team	GRT Yamaha WorldSBK		
Championship:	P8	Pts.: 56	

Last year Sandro Cortese recorded the best time in qualifying in WorldSSP, but he was only 6th in a close-contested race which had the first five at the flag enclosed in less than one second. Cortese was just behind, 1.122 seconds after race winner Jules Cluzel.
> Cortese didn't have much luck in Moto2 in Assen: in five races his best result has been a 12th in 2016.
> He was the pole sitter for the 2012 Moto3 race in Assen, but was second at the flag, 0.831 seconds behind Maverick Viñales.
> Raced here 7 times in the two-strokes 125cc championship, recording pole in 2009 (retired in the race): his best result at the flag has been a fourth in 2008 and 2011.

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DUCATI Alvaro BAUTISTA

Nationality	Spanish	Talavera de la Reina	
Born	21/11/1984	Age 34	Starts 9
Wins	9	Last win: 2019, Aragon/3	
Podiums	9	Last podium: 2019, Aragon/3	
Poles	2	Last pole: 2019, Aragon	
Front Rows	3	Fastest laps 7	Points 186
Team	Aruba.it Racing - Ducati		
Championship:	P1	Pts.: 186 Wins 9 Poles 2 Pod. 9	

Bautista raced 16 times in Assen across all the classes of the prototypes championship: he was third in the 125cc race in 2006; again 3rd in 250 the following year; winner from pole and with the fastest race lap in 2008, always in 250cc. In MotoGP his best result has been a 7th, recorded in 2013 and 2014. Last year he was 12th on the grid and 9th in the race.

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DUCATI Michael Ruben RINALDI

Nationality	Italian	Rimini	
Born	21/12/1995	Age 23	Starts 25
Points	112		
Team	Barni Racing Team		
Championship:	P11	Pts.: 35	

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 2 Best race: 12 Best grid: 12

Last year Rinaldi 12th in Superpole at Assen, crashed in Race 1 and in Race 2, he was 12th. His crash in Race 1 was the only one in the entire season - which marked his debut in WorldSBK. Rinaldi climbed on the podium in both his Superstock 1000 races in Assen: he was 3rd in 2016 behind Raffaele de Rosa and Jeremy Guarnoni, and second in 2017, one second from race winner Toprak Razgatioglu.
> Curiously, Rinaldi was second behind Razgatioglu also in the 2015 Superstock 600 race. He had finished 12th the year before, in his first race here.

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YAMAHA Alex LOWES

Nationality British Lincoln
Born 14/09/1990 Age 28 Starts 138
Wins 1 Last win: 2018, Brno/2
Podiums 15 Last podium: 2019, Aragon/2
Poles 1 Last pole: 2018, Assen
Front Rows 8 Fastest laps 3 Points 996

Team Pata Yamaha Official WorldSBK Team
Championship: P3 Pts.: 100 Pod. 4

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 10 Podiums 1 Poles 1 Best race: 2 Best grid: 1
Alex Lowes recorded his maiden WorldSBK podium and fastest race lap here in 2014's Race 2, finishing second. Last year he recorded another milestone, as he set his maiden (and to date only) pole position: he finished the races in 12th and 14th after a tyre selection issue in Race 1 and a crash in Race 2.
> Lowes scored points 8 times out of 10 in Assen, recording six top-10 finishes: last year's races are the only ones he finished outside the top-10.
> His only non-scoring races here are 2015 Race 1 and 2017 Race 1, when he crashed.
> He has an excellent scorecard in the British championship races held in Assen: he was on pole in 2012, finishing third in both races. In 2013 he was on pole again, winning both races but in Race Two he was disqualified for a clash with Shane Byrne.



HONDA Ryuichi KIYONARI

Nationality Japanese Saitama
Born 23/09/1982 Age 36 Starts 62
Wins 3 Last win: 2008, Donington/2
Podiums 6 Last podium: 2009, Monza/2

Front Rows 4 Fastest laps 1 Points 356

Team Moriwaki Althea Honda Team
Championship: P17 Pts.: 9

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 4 Best race: 7 Best grid: 13
Kiyonari scored points twice in his four WorldSBK races in Assen: he was 7th in Race 1, 2008 and 15th in Race 1, 2009.
> Raced Superbikes here six times in the British championship: he was 3rd in Race 2, 2013 and twice second (behind Joshua Waters and Shane Byrne) in 2014.



BMW Markus REITERBERGER

Nationality German Trostberg
Born 09/03/1994 Age 25 Starts 47

Points 139

Team BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team
Championship: P15 Pts.: 15

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 2 Best race: 7 Best grid: 7
Reiterberger was 7th and 16th in WorldSBK in Assen in 2016. He then proceeded to the German Superbike championship, and won twice here in 2017 (from pole, two fastest laps and the first rival at more than 20 and 10 seconds behind respectively) and then, in 2018, in Superstock 1000, when he showed again an impressive form with pole, win, fastest lap and leading from lights to flag; the first rival, Roberto Tamburini, was 5.525 seconds adrift.
> Reiterberger won from pole also the two German Superbike races run here in 2015, recording the fastest lap in Race 1.



YAMAHA Marco MELANDRI

Nationality Italian Ravenna
Born 07/08/1982 Age 36 Starts 160
Wins 22 Last win: 2018, Phillip Island/2
Podiums 73 Last podium: 2019, Phillip Island/1
Poles 4 Last pole: 2018, San Juan
Front Rows 23 Fastest laps 21 Points 2,102.5

Team GRT Yamaha WorldSBK
Championship: P6 Pts.: 63 Pod. 1

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 11 Podiums 1 Best race: 3 Best grid: 4
Marco Melandri has not enjoyed a successful relationship with Assen so far: his only podium came in 2017, Race 1 (third), at his 9th attempt. He then encountered severe handling problems: he crashed in Race 2 due to a gust of wind and again last year he complained that he wasn't able to turn in and that he wasn't able to hold on to the bike in a straight line. Physically exhausted, he finished the races in 6th and 7th.
> His best qualifying grid spot here is a 4th, recorded in 2014 with Aprilia.
> There are four tracks on the current calendar in which Melandri hasn't claimed a front row grid spot in qualifying yet: Assen, Imola, Laguna Seca and Losail.
> When he took the chequered flag here, he was always classified between 3rd and 9th (8 times).
> Finished third here in the 2004 MotoGP race behind Valentino Rossi and Sete Gibernau and second the following year behind the same Rossi.



Kawasaki Leandro MERCADO

Nationality Argentinean Jesus Maria, Cordoba
Born 15/02/1992 Age 27 Starts 92

Front Rows 1 Points 347

Team Orelac Racing VerdNatura
Championship: P16 Pts.: 11

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 8 Best race: 8 Best grid: 10
Mercado scored points in his first seven WorldSBK races here: last year he recorded his best result at the Dutch track finishing 8th in Race 1, but in Race 2 he suffered his first Assen DNF, crashing out of seventh place.



DUCATI Eugene LAVERTY

Nationality Irish Ballymena
Born 03/06/1986 Age 32 Starts 159
Wins 13 Last win: 2014, Phillip Island/1
Podiums 35 Last podium: 2018, Misano/1
Poles 3 Last pole: 2018, Algarve
Front Rows 29 Fastest laps 5 Points 1,493.5

Team Team Goeleven
Championship: P13 Pts.: 27

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 10 Wins 1 Podiums 2 Best race: 1 Best grid: 3
Eugene Laverty won the second 2013 Race here for Aprilia, passing Sykes with three laps to go; he was also third in 2012, Race 2. Last year, he had to miss the Assen round due to the injuries sustained in Buriram: in his last weekend here, in 2017, he was twice eighth after having qualified in 6th.
> Qualified twice on the front row in Assen, in third: in 2011 and 2013.



HONDA Alessandro DELBIANCO

Nationality Italian Rimini
Born 31/07/1997 Age 21 Starts 9

Points 3

Team Althea Mie Racing Team
Championship: P18 Pts.: 3

Last year Alessandro Delbianco was 11th on the grid and 8th in Superstock 1000 Assen race.

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Kawasaki Toprak RAZGATLIOGLU

Nationality Turkish Sakarya
Born 16/10/1996 Age 22 Starts 33

Podiums 2 Last podium: 2018, San Juan/1

Points 183

Team Turkish Puccetti Racing
Championship: P12 Pts.: 32

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 2

Best race: 9 Best grid: 11

Last year Toprak Razgatlioglu was 10th and 9th in his first WorldSBK races in Assen. Previously, in 2017, he claimed here his maiden Superstock 1000 win from Michael Ruben Rinaldi and Florian Marino.
> The Turkish rider had also won from pole the Superstock 600 race here in 2015.
> Raced here four times in the Rookies Cup in 2013 and 2014, recording a 10th as best result (2014 Race 2).



YAMAHA Michael VAN DER MARK

Nationality Dutch Gouda
Born 26/10/1992 Age 26 Starts 112

Wins 2 Last win: 2018, Donington/2
Podiums 21 Last podium: 2018, Magny Cours/2
Poles 1 Last pole: 2016, Buriram

Front Rows 1 Fastest laps 2 Points 1,096

Team Pata Yamaha Official WorldSBK Team
Championship: P4 Pts.: 79

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 8

Podiums 5

Best race: 2 Best grid: 5

This is the only track where Michael Van der Mark climbed on the podium five times. In 2015 he claimed here his maiden podium finish, with a 3rd in Race 1, replicated in Race 2; was again 3rd the following year in Race 2; last year he made a double visit on the rostrum with a 2nd in Race 1 and a 3rd in Race 2, battling on Saturday and Sunday with World Champion Jonathan Rea.
> All his five podium finishes came without the benefit of a front row grid start: his best qualifying effort is a 5th in 2015 and 2016 with Honda; he was then 8th and 7th with Yamaha in 2017 and last year.
> In 2014 he dominated the WorldSSP race, winning from third on the grid with a 9.4 seconds margin over pole sitter Florian Marino. He was also fourth in 2013.
> Michael won both Superstock 600 races he entered here in 2011 and 2012, again from third on the grid.



BMW Tom SYKES

Nationality British Huddersfield
Born 19/08/1985 Age 33 Starts 268

Wins 34 Last win: 2018, Assen/2
Podiums 108 Last podium: 2018, Losail/1
Poles 48 Last pole: 2018, Losail

Front Rows 79 Fastest laps 38 Points 3,244.5

Team BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team
Championship: P9 Pts.: 39

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 20 Wins 2 Podiums 7 Poles 5 Best race: 1 Best grid: 1

Last year Tom Sykes in Race 2 put an end to a string of eight consecutive Rea wins in Assen, paying back his team-mate, as Rea in 2017 interrupted the all-time record string of 9 Sykes wins in Donington, which is, to date, the best on a given track in WorldSBK history. Last year in Race 2 Sykes was untouchable as he left everyone behind from pole and led all the laps, recording the fastest lap. He had finished Race 1 in 4th, citing setup issues.
> Sykes won from pole and with the fastest lap here also in 2013.
> His seven podium placements here are only wins (the aforementioned two) or second places, five.
> He is the only rider in history to have secured 4 Superpoles at Assen ('12, '13, '15, '16): his record will remain unbeaten for at least two seasons, as the only active rider with two Superpoles here is Jonathan Rea.
> Has only recorded more Superpoles in Misano (7) and Donington (6).
> Last year he missed out on a front row grid spot in qualifying here for the first time since 2011.
> His fall in Race 1, 2016 is the only time he didn't finish in the top-6 in his last 13 Assen races.
> Race 2 last year is his last win to date.



Kawasaki Jordi TORRES

Nationality Spanish Rubi
Born 27/08/1987 Age 31 Starts 108

Wins 1 Last win: 2015, Losail/1
Podiums 4 Last podium: 2015, Losail/1

Front Rows 2 Points 751

Team Team Pedercini Racing
Championship: P10 Pts.: 35

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 8

Best race: 5 Best grid: 8

Torres was able to score points seven times out of eight in Assen, missing out only in 2017, Race 1, for a technical issue while running seventh. His best result here is a 5th, recorded in 2016, Race 1. Last year he was 9th and 6th from the respective grid spots for MV Agusta.
> Six of his seven points-scoring races in Assen are top-10 finishes.
> His best Superpole effort here is an 8th, in his first weekend here (2015).



Kawasaki Leon HASLAM

Nationality British Derby (London)
Born 31/05/1983 Age 35 Starts 226

Wins 5 Last win: 2015, Losail/2
Podiums 41 Last podium: 2019, Phillip Island/3
Poles 3 Last pole: 2015, Magny Cours

Front Rows 24 Fastest laps 6 Points 2,012

Team Kawasaki Racing Team
Championship: P5 Pts.: 74 Pod. 2

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 16

Podiums 3

Best race: 2 Best grid: 3

Leon Haslam has recorded three podium finishes in Assen: he was 3rd and 2nd in 2009 for Honda and then 2nd in Race 2 the following year for Suzuki. His last WorldSBK weekend here was in 2015, when he finished twice fourth for Aprilia.
> Haslam recorded 15 points finishes out 16 in Assen, missing out only in Race 1, 2012, when he crashed while leading.
> Had to miss the 2013 races due to an injury sustained in the third free practice session (fractured leg).
> Qualified twice for the front row here, with the third time: in 2009 and 2015.
> Dominated the Assen races of the British Superbike championship in the last three seasons, recording five wins out of six, missing out only in Race 2, 2017, when he was third behind Sylvain Guintoli and Josh Brookes. All his wins came without starting from pole.