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**KAWASAKI Jonathan REA**

Nationality	British	Ballymena
Born	02/02/1987	Age 32 Starts 254
Wins	71	Last win: 2018, Losail/1
Podiums	145	Last podium: 2019, Assen/2
Poles	17	Last pole: 2019, Phillip Island
Front Rows	68	Fastest laps 57 Points 3,909.5
Team	Kawasaki Racing Team	
Championship:	P2	Pts.: 183 Poles 1 Pod. 11

**WorldSBK scorecard here:**Races 18 Wins 7 Podiums 12 Poles 2 Best race: 1 Best grid: 1

Jonathan Rea is the man to beat in Imola, as he recorded a sound double last year, and set also the pole position in qualifying and both fastest race laps. He is the most successful rider in Imola, with 7 wins from 2011 onwards.

- > With 7 wins, this is Rea's second best track after Assen (12 wins). He recorded 7 wins also in Algarve.
- > Last year's win in Race 2 is of particular significance as he equaled Carl Fogarty as the most successful rider in WorldSBK history with 59 wins.
- > 12 podiums in Imola: he has recorded more podiums only in Assen (16) and Algarve (14).
- > He shares the all-time record of Imola podiums, 12, with his former team-mate Sykes.
- > There are four circuits in which Rea has stood on the podium 8 times out of 8 races for Kawasaki up to 2018: Aragon, Assen, Imola, and Misano. (6 out of 6 in Algarve, always the race winner; 2 out of 2 in San Juan).
- > He is the only rider with 3 doubles at Imola (2014, 2015, 2018). Chaz Davies and Carlos Checa follow with two.
- > Since the second race in 2013 here, he has finished only first (6 times) or second (5) in all his eleven Imola races: a running streak of 11 podiums. In total, Rea has finished either first or second here 12 times. A total surpassed only by his 15 first/seconds in Assen and by the 15 recorded by Carl Fogarty at the same Dutch track.
- > Has qualified on the front row 8 times out of 9 at Imola: he recorded the Superpole with Honda in 2014 and with Kawasaki last year. The only time he missed the front row in qualifying was in 2012, when he was seventh after a crash in qualifying and a blow to his head. No other rider has qualified 8 times on the front row here in WorldSBK history.
- > This is the only track where he has recorded 8 front row starts.

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**HONDA Leon CAMIER**

Nationality	British	Ashford, Kent
Born	04/08/1986	Age 32 Starts 215
Podiums	9	Last podium: 2013, Silverstone/1
Front Rows	5	Fastest laps 1 Points 1,247.5
Team	Moriwaki Althea Honda Team	
Championship:	P15	Pts.: 26

**WorldSBK scorecard here:**Races 14 Podiums 1 Best race: 3 Best grid: 4

Leon Camier stepped on the podium in the 2011's second race at Imola, as he finished in third position, and it was his only podium finish at the Italian track. Last year he was still suffering from his accident in Aragon: he tried to come back, but he was forced to withdraw after the first two free practice sessions.

- > Scored points 10 times out of 14 in Imola and finished in the top-10 in half of his races here.
- > Further remarkable achievements here: first Suzuki rider in both 2013 races and first EVO rider in both races in 2014.

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**DUCATI Chaz DAVIES**

Nationality	British	Knighton
Born	10/02/1987	Age 32 Starts 187
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 2,365.5
Team	Aruba.it Racing - Ducati	
Championship:	P6	Pts.: 76 Pod. 2

**WorldSBK scorecard here:**Races 14 Wins 4 Podiums 7 Poles 2 Best race: 1 Best grid: 1

Four wins for Davies in Imola, out of two doubles scored here in 2016 and 2017 (\*): he is just one win away from the second most successful Imola winner, Carlos Checa (Rea holds the record at 7). Last year Chaz qualified in third, but he was the victim of a bad start and a mistake while he was trying to come back through the field, eventually finishing fourth. In Race 2 he started from pole, and he fought with Rea for the win, but the Kawasaki rider was able to pass him for good on the 13th lap at the Variante Alta, and went on to win in front of Davies.

- > Four wins in Imola: he has won more only in Aragon (7).
- > One of the two circuits in which he has recorded two doubles with Motorland Aragon.
- > Seven podiums in Imola: he has recorded more only in Aragon (12) and Laguna Seca (8).
- > Qualified on the front row in all his last three Imola weekends: pole in 2016 and 2017, third last year.
- (\*): Those were impressive displays by Davies, who also recorded the two poles in qualifying, all four fastest race laps and led from lights to flag three times out of four. In those four races, no one was able to finish within three seconds from Davies.

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**YAMAHA Sandro CORTESE**

Nationality	German	Ochsenhausen
Born	06/01/1990	Age 29 Starts 11
Front Rows	1	Points 64
Team	GRT Yamaha WorldSBK	
Championship:	P8	Pts.: 64

Coming from the prototypes championships, Sandro Cortese faced Imola for the first time at a world-class level last year, in the WorldSSP weekend: he was ninth on the grid (his lowest spot of the year) and fourth in the race.

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**DUCATI Alvaro BAUTISTA**

Nationality	Spanish	Talavera de la Reina
Born	21/11/1984	Age 34 Starts 11
Wins	11	Last win: 2019, Assen/2
Podiums	11	Last podium: 2019, Assen/2
Poles	3	Last pole: 2019, Assen
Front Rows	4	Fastest laps 9 Points 236
Team	Aruba.it Racing - Ducati	
Championship:	P1	Pts.: 236 Wins 11 Poles 3 Pod. 11

[This will be the first world-class racing weekend for Bautista in Imola.]

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**DUCATI Michael Ruben RINALDI**

Nationality	Italian	Rimini
Born	21/12/1995	Age 23 Starts 27
Points	113	
Team	Barni Racing Team	
Championship:	P12	Pts.: 36

**WorldSBK scorecard here:**Races 2 Best race: 7 Best grid: 8

Last year Rinaldi made a name for himself in Imola, with two remarkable performances: he qualified in eighth position and the first race he made a rocket start, occupying third for a few turns; the more experienced guys then overcame him and ended up 7th, equalling at the time his best result recorded in Aragon Race 2. The second race was even better, as he started from fourth and led for a couple of laps, before handing the lead to Davies. Rinaldi finished seventh.

- > In 2017, in Superstock 1000, Michael Ruben Rinaldi was untouchable as he recorded the Grand Slam of pole, win, fastest race lap and the entire race in the lead.
- > In the 2015 Superstock 1000 race, he was battling for fifth, but crashed and recovered, eventually finishing 26th.

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**YAMAHA Alex LOWES**

Nationality British Lincoln  
Born 14/09/1990 Age 28 Starts 140  
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 1,022

Team Pata Yamaha Official WorldSBK Team  
Championship: P3 Pts.: 126 Pod. 4

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 10

Best race: 6 Best grid: 10

Alex Lowes is a consistent points-finisher in Imola in the 10 out of 10 races he contested here. His best result his a sixth, obtained in all the second races run here from 2016 onwards. Last year's sixth place in Race 2 was obtained after an off-track excursion on lap three which put him down in 13th. He had finished 10th in Race 1.  
> This is the only track in which he scored points 10 times up to the 2018 season.  
> Has qualified in the top-10 here only last year (10th).



**HONDA Ryuichi KIYONARI**

Nationality Japanese Saitama  
Born 23/09/1982 Age 36 Starts 64  
Wins 3 Last win: 2008, Donington/2  
Podiums 6 Last podium: 2009, Monza/2  
Front Rows 4 Fastest laps 1 Points 357

Team Moriwaki Althea Honda Team  
Championship: P17 Pts.: 10

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 2

Best race: 5 Best grid: 14

Ryuichi Kiyonari was 5th in Race 1 in Imola back in 2009; in Race 2 he crashed and remounted to finish 17th. He had qualified in 14th.



**BMW Markus REITERBERGER**

Nationality German Trostberg  
Born 09/03/1994 Age 25 Starts 49  
Front Rows 1 Points 159

Team BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team  
Championship: P13 Pts.: 35

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 2

Best race: 12 Best grid: 8

Markus Reiterberger was 13th and 12th from the 8th grid spot in Imola three years ago (2016).  
> In the Superstock 1000 championship, a class he dominated last year with 4 wins and 6 podiums, he recorded his worst result of his 2018 campaign: 9th on the grid and 5th in the race. To put this performance into context, Reiterberger had qualified only first or second in the other 7 Superstock 1000 races last year.  
> Raced here in Superstock 1000 also in 2011 (6th) and 2012 (4th).



**YAMAHA Marco MELANDRI**

Nationality Italian Ravenna  
Born 07/08/1982 Age 36 Starts 162  
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 2,108.5

Team GRT Yamaha WorldSBK  
Championship: P7 Pts.: 69 Pod. 1

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 12

Podiums 2

Best race: 3 Best grid: 4

Marco Melandri had to wait for eight races before recording his first Imola podium: that was a third in 2017 Race 1, replicated last year, always in the first Race. In Race 2 he was involved in a clash with Michael Van der Mark that forced him to retire. That is the only time Melandri didn't score points in his home track out of 12 races started here.  
> Always qualified between 5th and 9th at this track.  
> 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.  
> 9 of his 11 points finishes here were in the top-8.



**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: 7 Best grid: 7

Mercado scored points six times out of eight in Imola, missing out only in 2012 Race 2 and in 2017 Race 1. Last year he was 15th in Race 1 and 10th in Race 2.  
> The best weekend for Leandro Mercado at Imola was in 2015 when he finished 7th and 8th.  
> He claimed here his first WorldSBK points in 2012 Race 1 (14th): that was his debut weekend after an injury which prevented him to start the season in Phillip Island.  
> He raced here four times in Superstock 1000, winning in 2016 in front of Kevin Calia and Raffaele de Rosa: he also climbed on the podium in 2014 (third) behind Ondrej Jezek and Fabio Massei.  
> In the 2010 Superstock 600 race he crashed while he was leading, leaving the door open for Florian Marino to get the win.



**DUCATI Eugene LAVERTY**

Nationality Irish Ballymena  
Born 03/06/1986 Age 32 Starts 161  
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 1,498.5

Team Team Gooleven  
Championship: P14 Pts.: 32

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 12

Podiums 1

Best race: 3 Best grid: 5

Eugene Laverty claimed one podium in Imola, finishing 3rd in Race 1 in 2013. Last year he made a remarkable comeback from his Buriram injury posting the sixth time in qualifying and ending the races in 12th and 9th positions.  
> Scored points 10 times out of 12 here, missing out only in 2013, Race 2 and 2017, Race 1, as he crashed out in both.  
> Nine of his ten points finishes are top-10 finishes: last year's 12th in Race 1 came after an off-track excursion.  
> His best grid spot here is a 5th, recorded with Yamaha in 2011 and with Aprilia in 2013.



**HONDA Alessandro DELBIANCO**

Nationality Italian Rimini  
Born 31/07/1997 Age 21 Starts 11  
Points 3

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

Last year in Superstock 1000 Alessandro Delbianco qualified in second place (maiden Superstock 1000 front row start) behind pole sitter Max Scheib, and finished 9th in the race.  
> Qualified in second also in last year's Superbike race in the Italian championship, retiring after a couple of laps.  
> Suffered incredible bad luck in the Moto3 races of the Italian championship entered here from 2014 to 2017, retiring 5 times out of 6 and withdrawing once: he never saw the chequered flag.

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**Kawasaki Toprak RAZGATLIOGLU**

Nationality Turkish Sakarya  
Born 16/10/1996 Age 22 Starts 35

Podiums 2 Last podium: 2018, San Juan/1

Points 197

Team Turkish Puccetti Racing  
Championship: P11 Pts.: 46

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 2

Best race: 8 Best grid: 14

Last year Toprak Razgatlioglu was 11th and 8th in Imola, up from the 14th he had recorded in qualifying.  
> In 2016 and 2017, Razgatlioglu raced here in the Superstock 1000 Championship, finishing 5th in 2016 and third, behind Michael Ruben Rinaldi and Roberto Tamburini, in 2017.  
> Razgatlioglu won from pole here the 2015 Superstock 600 race.



**YAMAHA Michael VAN DER MARK**

Nationality Dutch Gouda  
Born 26/10/1992 Age 26 Starts 114

Wins 2 Last win: 2018, Donington/2

Podiums 23 Last podium: 2019, Assen/2

Poles 1 Last pole: 2016, Buriram

Front Rows 2 Fastest laps 2 Points 1,132

Team Pata Yamaha Official WorldSBK Team  
Championship: P4 Pts.: 115 Pod. 2

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 8

Best race: 6 Best grid: 9

A slightly below par track for Michael van der Mark so far: on 11 tracks of the current calendar his best result has been a top-5 finish, but that is not the case for Imola when his best result is a sixth, scored last year in Race 1. San Juan is the only race track where his best result is lower than Imola. He raced there only last year, scoring an 8th position as his best placement. Making things even worse, last year in Race 2 Van der Mark rammed Melandri at Rivazza, ending beforehand the race of both.  
> Scored points, always in the top-10, six times out of eight in Imola, missing out only for the accident mentioned above and for another accident with Leon Haslam in 2015, Race 2.  
> The qualifying results for Van der Mark here mirror his race curriculum: his best result is a 9th (2015, 2017). In the current tracks, he fared worse only in San Juan (11th: only one qualifying session entered). Also in Laguna Seca is the best qualifying effort is a 9th.  
> Was second to Lorenzo Zanetti in the 2014 WorldSSP race, while in 2013 he finished fifth in the same class. He also scored a podium and a fifth place in his Superstock 600 races, in 2012 and 2011 respectively.



**BMW Tom SYKES**

Nationality British Huddersfield  
Born 19/08/1985 Age 33 Starts 270

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 3,259.5

Team BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team  
Championship: P9 Pts.: 54

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 20 Wins 2 Podiums 12 Poles 3 Best race: 1 Best grid: 1

12 podiums in Imola: Sykes shares the record here with his former team-mate Rea. Sykes managed to score more podiums only in Donington: 14. The podium composition though is markedly different: in Donington Sykes won 9 times, while in Imola he managed two wins, with a double in 2013. Last year he was second and third in the races after having recorded the 2nd grid spot.  
> Since the 2012 weekend, he has finished all his races here in the top-5, a string of 14 after the 2018 weekend.  
> Sykes counts no less than 16 top-5 finishes in Imola, his best tally at any given track.  
> Holds the record for most Imola Superpoles: 3 to Davies and Rea 2.  
> 7 front row starts in qualifying in Imola: his second-best track after Aragon(8). He recorded 7 front row starts also in Donington and Misano.



**Kawasaki Jordi TORRES**

Nationality Spanish Rubi  
Born 27/08/1987 Age 31 Starts 110

Wins 1 Last win: 2015, Losail/1

Podiums 4 Last podium: 2015, Losail/1

Front Rows 2 Points 765

Team Team Pedercini Racing  
Championship: P10 Pts.: 49

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 7 Podiums 1 Best race: 3 Best grid: 6

Imola was the stage of the first podium finish in WorldSBK for Jordi Torres in 2015 Race 2, when he was able to pass Davide Giugliano in the closing laps and claim the third position. Last year he qualified 7th: in Race 1 he was only 14th after an off-track excursion, but made up for that in Race 2 as he started 11th and finished 5th, which was his best race result for his 2018 campaign.  
> He scored points 6 times out of 7 in Imola, missing out only in 2015, Race 1, due to a crash.  
> In 2017 he endured a difficult start to the weekend when he was forced to sit out Race 1 due to a stomach bug. He was admitted for Race 2 in the final spot of the grid (21st), but was nevertheless able to climb through the field to take the 8th position, finishing as best BMW rider under the flag. He had taken the same honour also in the two 2016 races (4th and 7th).



**Kawasaki Leon HASLAM**

Nationality British Derby (London)  
Born 31/05/1983 Age 35 Starts 228

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 2,031

Team Kawasaki Racing Team  
Championship: P5 Pts.: 93 Pod. 2

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 18 Podiums 2 Best race: 3 Best grid: 3

Leon Haslam has raced 18 times in Imola, and this will be the first track in which he enters for a 19th and a 20th WorldSBK race (\*). Last year Haslam made the first of his two WorldSBK appearances finishing 9th and 16th (he later entered the Donington weekend).  
> Scored two podiums here: he was twice third for BMW in 2012 (\*\*), best rider for the German manufacturer that weekend.  
> Has scored points here 14 times out of 18 races, and 13 of them are top-10 finishes.  
> In his 9 weekends here he has raced for Ducati, Honda, Suzuki, BMW, Aprilia and Kawasaki, scoring at least a top-10 finish with each manufacturer.  
(\*): Later in the season, he will have the same chance in Magny Cours.  
(\*\*): The only BMW podiums at Imola.