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KAWASAKI Jonathan REA

Nationality British Ballymena
Born 02/02/1987 Age 32 Starts 271
Wins 82 Last win: 2019, Algarve/2
Podiums 159 Last podium: 2019, Algarve/3
Poles 21 Last pole: 2019, Algarve
Front Rows 74 Fastest laps 64 Points 4,216.5

Team Kawasaki Racing Team
Championship: P1 Pts.: 490 Wins 11 Poles 5 Pod. 25

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 17 Wins 5 Podiums 9 Poles 3 Best race: 1 Best grid: 1

Jonathan Rea shares with Noriyuki Haga the record for most wins at Magny Cours: five. He recorded the double here in 2015 and last year, winning also Race 1 in 2017.
> Rea climbed on the podium nine times in Magny Cours, only one shy of the track record of 10 recorded by Noriyuki Haga from 2004 to 2009 and by Tom Sykes from 2012 to 2018.
> He clinched his third and fourth Championships here respectively two years ago and last year. Last year Rea took his fourth crown on Saturday, the 29th of September, a day that this year will host the Tissot Superpole Race and Race 2.
> Rea recorded the Superpole here three times (2011, 2016, 2017) and is only one pole shy of the track record of four, scored by his former team-mate Tom Sykes last year.
> Last year in Race 1 he equalled the all-time value of WorldSBK podium finishes here: 130, held by Troy Corser since 2010. His tally has grown to 159, and with his next one he will be 30 clear of the aforementioned Corser.

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HONDA Leon CAMIER

Nationality British Ashford, Kent
Born 04/08/1986 Age 33 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: P17 Pts.: 26

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 14 Best race: 4 Best grid: 4

Leon Camier's best result in Magny Cours is a fourth place, which he has secured three times: in 2011 Race 1, 2016 Race 2 and in 2017 in Race 1. Last year he was 11th and 9th.
> He has scored points 10 times out of 14, recording eight top-10 finishes.
> In the first race of 2012 he had a big crash and his bike fell on top of him, but he was able to start Race 2 and finish tenth.
> The fourth places scored here in 2016 and 2017 represent the best WorldSBK result for MV Augusta, achieved six times, all by Camier.

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DUCATI Chaz DAVIES

Nationality British Knighton
Born 10/02/1987 Age 32 Starts 204
Wins 30 Last win: 2019, Laguna Seca/3
Podiums 86 Last podium: 2019, Algarve/1
Poles 7 Last pole: 2019, Imola
Front Rows 22 Fastest laps 31 Points 2,493.5

Team Aruba.it Racing - Ducati
Championship: P7 Pts.: 204 Wins 1 Poles 1 Pod. 7

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 14 Wins 3 Podiums 5 Best race: 1 Best grid: 3

Three wins for Chaz Davies in Magny Cours: he scored the double in 2016 and won from 11th on the grid in 2017 in Race 2, the win from the farthest grid spot in the history of this track. Last year he qualified in 6th and was 5th and 2nd in the races. In Race 2 he was able to lead for 11 laps, before being passed by eventual winner Rea.
> His podium placements here are five: he adds to the three wins the aforementioned second place in Race 2 last year and another second place in Race 2, 2015.
> Despite qualifying always in the top-8, Davies has recorded only one front row grid spot in Superpole: a third in 2016.

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YAMAHA Sandro CORTESE

Nationality German Ochsenhausen
Born 06/01/1990 Age 29 Starts 28

Front Rows 3 Points 116

Team GRT Yamaha WorldSBK
Championship: P10 Pts.: 116

Last year Sandro Cortese was sixth from third on the grid in the World Supersport race run in Algarve.

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DUCATI Alvaro BAUTISTA

Nationality Spanish Talavera de la Reina
Born 21/11/1984 Age 34 Starts 27
Wins 15 Last win: 2019, Algarve/3
Podiums 20 Last podium: 2019, Algarve/3
Poles 3 Last pole: 2019, Assen
Front Rows 7 Fastest laps 14 Points 399

Team Aruba.it Racing - Ducati
Championship: P2 Pts.: 399 Wins 15 Poles 3 Pod. 20

Unfamiliar territory for Bautista: Magny Cours is the second track new to him in the final part of the season after Algarve. San Juan will be the third and last one.

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DUCATI Michael Ruben RINALDI

Nationality Italian Rimini
Born 21/12/1995 Age 23 Starts 44

Points 184

Team Barni Racing Team
Championship: P11 Pts.: 107

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 2 Best race: 13 Best grid: 7

Last year Rinaldi was seventh in Superpole, but wasn't able to finish Race 1. In Race 2 he started from 11th and finished 13th.
> In the Superstock 1000 championship he was 8th in 2016 and 10th in 2017.
> He had better luck in the Superstock 600 championship as he was 6th in 2014 and winner from pole and with the fastest race lap in 2015, when he also led all the laps.

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YAMAHA Alex LOWES

Nationality British Lincoln
Born 14/09/1990 Age 29 Starts 157
Wins 1 Last win: 2018, Brno/2
Podiums 17 Last podium: 2019, Algarve/2
Poles 1 Last pole: 2018, Assen
Front Rows 8 Fastest laps 3 Points 1,145

Team Pata Yamaha Official WorldSBK Team
Championship: P3 Pts.: 249 Pod. 6

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 10 Podiums 1 Best race: 2 Best grid: 5

Alex Lowes was able to climb on the podium once in Magny Cours, in the second 2017 Race behind Chaz Davies. Last year he crashed and remounted in Race 1 to finish 18th: he had recorded the 5th time in Superpole. In Race 2 he finished 7th from the 10th grid spot.
> Scored points here in six races out of ten.
> Lowes is the last rider who secured a top 10 finish for Suzuki at this track: he was 8th and 10th in 2015.

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HONDA Ryuichi KIYONARI
Nationality Japanese Saitama
Born 23/09/1982 Age 37 Starts 81
Wins 3 Last win: 2008, Donington/2
Podiums 6 Last podium: 2009, Monza/2
Front Rows 4 Fastest laps 1 Points 367

Team Moriwaki Althea Honda Team
Championship: P20 Pts.: 20

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 1 Best race: Best grid: 17
Kiyonari raced only once in Magny Cours in WorldSBK: in 2009 he qualified in 17th, crashed in Race 1 and was not present for Race 2.



BMW Markus REITERBERGER
Nationality German Trostberg
Born 09/03/1994 Age 25 Starts 63
Front Rows 1 Points 191

Team BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team
Championship: P14 Pts.: 67

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 4 Best race: 12 Best grid: 19
Third WorldSBK weekend for Markus Reiterberger in Magny Cours. He was 21st and 13th in 2015 and 17th and 12th in 2016.
> In his three Superstock 1000 races run here in 2011, 2012 and last year he was respectively 14th, 10th and 3rd.



YAMAHA Marco MELANDRI
Nationality Italian Ravenna
Born 07/08/1982 Age 37 Starts 179
Wins 22 Last win: 2018, Phillip Island/2
Podiums 75 Last podium: 2019, Jerez/2
Poles 4 Last pole: 2018, San Juan
Front Rows 24 Fastest laps 21 Points 2,192.5

Team GRT Yamaha WorldSBK
Championship: P9 Pts.: 153 Pod.: 3

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 12 Wins 1 Podiums 6 Best race: 1 Best grid: 4
Marco Melandri has stood on the podium six times in Magny Cours, without the advantage of starting from the front row each time.
He has a unique record at this track, as he is the only one who climbed on the podium with four different manufacturers: Yamaha in 2011, BMW in 2012, Aprilia in 2014 and Ducati in 2017. Last year he was only 12th in qualifying, but was able to recover in the races, finishing 6th and 5th.
> Out of six podium finishes, only one is a win: 2014 Race 1: the remaining five are second places.
> Finished all his Magny Cours races in the top-7, retiring only in 2012, Race 2, highside while running 6th.
> Relinquished the win to his team-mate Guintoli in 2014 Race 1 when his pitwall signalled him a "sad smiley" [:-)]. A vital move for Aprilia as Guintoli claimed the title in Losail overcoming points leader Sykes only at the final race.



Kawasaki Leandro MERCADO
Nationality Argentinean Jesus Maria, Cordoba
Born 15/02/1992 Age 27 Starts 107
Front Rows 1 Points 387

Team Orelac Racing VerdNatura
Championship: P15 Pts.: 51

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 6 Best race: 6 Best grid: 2
Leandro Mercado always scored points in his WorldSBK races in Magny Cours. His best weekend was the 2017 one, when he recorded his maiden front row in Superpole (2nd on the grid) and went on to finish 7th and 6th in the races, marking that as his best weekend of his 2017 campaign. Last year he was 14th and 15th.
> Raced five times here in Superstock 1000: his best result came in 2014, when he finished 4th from the 11th grid spot. In 2016 he was 6th on the grid and 7th at the flag.



DUCATI Eugene LAVERTY
Nationality Irish Ballymena
Born 03/06/1986 Age 33 Starts 167
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 1,509.5

Team Team Gooleven
Championship: P16 Pts.: 43

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 12 Podiums 3 Best race: 2 Best grid: 2
Eugene Laverty has been on the podium three times at Magny-Cours: he was 3rd in Race 2, 2011 and 2nd and 3rd in 2013. Last year he was 9th in Race 1 and 11th in Race 2 after a 13th place in qualifying.
> Recorded two front rows in qualifying here: 2nd for Yamaha in 2011 and 3rd for Aprilia the following year.
> Crashed in the second 2013 race when running second, but the result stood as the Red Flag was shown soon afterwards.



HONDA Alessandro DELBIANCO
Nationality Italian Rimini
Born 31/07/1997 Age 22 Starts 27
Points 21

Team Althea Mie Racing Team
Championship: P19 Pts.: 21

Last year Alessandro Delbianco was sixth from eighth on the grid in the Superstock 1000 race held in Magny Cours.



Kawasaki Toprak RAZGATLIOGLU
Nationality Turkish Sakarya
Born 16/10/1996 Age 22 Starts 52
Podiums 10 Last podium: 2019, Algarve/3
Fastest laps 2 Points 374

Team Turkish Puccetti Racing
Championship: P6 Pts.: 223 Pod.: 8

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 2 Best race: 8 Best grid: 9
Last year Toprak Razgatlioglu qualified in 9th and was 8th and 12th in the races.
> Razgatlioglu was second from ninth on the grid in the Superstock 1000 race here in 2016 behind Lucas Mahias, while in 2017 he withdrew from the event due to a right shoulder dislocation.
> Razgatlioglu has an excellent score in his two Superstock 600 races here: he won from second on the grid in 2014 and was third, again from second on the grid, in 2015 behind Augusto Fernandez and Axel Bassani.

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YAMAHA Michael VAN DER MARK

Nationality Dutch Gouda
Born 26/10/1992 Age 26 Starts 128
Wins 3 Last win: 2019, Jerez/3
Podiums 27 Last podium: 2019, Algarve/1
Poles 1 Last pole: 2016, Buriram
Front Rows 2 Fastest laps 2 Points 1,261

Team Pata Yamaha Official WorldSBK Team
Championship: P4 Pts.: 244 Wins 1 Pod. 6

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 8 Podiums 3 Best race: 2 Best grid: 6
Three podium finishes for Michael Van der Mark in Magny Cours: he was second for Honda in 2016 Race 1 (*) and third in the second races of the last two weekends held here for Yamaha. Last year in Race 1 he had finished 7th after having qualified in 10th.
> Van der Mark finished all his eight Superbike races here between second and ninth.
> Missed out on a top-10 qualifying spot only in 2015, when he was 14th in Superpole. His best qualifying effort here is 6th in 2016.
> In 2014 the then new World Supersport Champion van der Mark had an eventful race as he fell on the seventh lap while running second; remounted in seventh place and climbed up to second in only two laps, finishing behind winner Jules Cluzel.
(*) Last rider on the podium for Honda at this track.



BMW Tom SYKES

Nationality British Huddersfield
Born 19/08/1985 Age 34 Starts 287
Wins 34 Last win: 2018, Assen/2
Podiums 111 Last podium: 2019, Laguna Seca/2
Poles 49 Last pole: 2019, Donington
Front Rows 82 Fastest laps 39 Points 3,388.5

Team BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team
Championship: P8 Pts.: 183 Poles 1 Pod. 3

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 20 Wins 3 Podiums 10 Poles 4 Best race: 1 Best grid: 1
Tom Sykes last year was the first rider to score a fourth Superpole in Magny Cours, leaving Jonathan Rea at three (*). That isn't his only great accomplishment here: he shares the podium record of 10 with Noriyuki Haga and he is the only rider who has raced 20 times in WorldSBK races here. Last year he was second in Race 1 after leading the opening lap and was fourth in Race 2.
> Sykes won three times in Magny Cours: Race 2 in 2012 and a double the following year, in all three cases leading from lights to flag.
(*) There is a curious pattern to Sykes' Superpoles record in Magny Cours: he recorded three straight from 2012 to 2014, then, when Rea became his team-mate in 2015, he was outqualified three years in a row (2015-2017) by Jontahan, who equalled the then-record of Sykes of three. Last year, the last one with Rea and Sykes as team-mates, Sykes was able to outqualify Rea for the first time to claim his fourth Superpole in Magny Cours.



YAMAHA Loris BAZ

Nationality French Sallanches
Born 01/02/1993 Age 26 Starts 101
Wins 2 Last win: 2013, Silverstone/2
Podiums 14 Last podium: 2014, Losail/1
Poles 2 Last pole: 2014, Jerez
Front Rows 5 Fastest laps 2 Points 837

Team Ten Kate Racing - Yamaha
Championship: P13 Pts.: 87

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 6 Best race: 5 Best grid: 7
For the first time Loris Baz will race in WorldSBK at Magny Cours in an odd year. His previous weekends here are the 2012 one (10th and a crash), the 2014 one (5th and 7th) and last year's one (twice 10th).



Kawasaki Jordi TORRES

Nationality Spanish Rubi
Born 27/08/1987 Age 32 Starts 127
Wins 1 Last win: 2015, Losail/1
Podiums 4 Last podium: 2015, Losail/1

Front Rows 2 Points 822

Team Team Pedercini Racing
Championship: P12 Pts.: 106

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 8 Best race: 7 Best grid: 11
Jordi Torres has always scored points at Magny Cours, eight times out of eight. His best result is a seventh place, scored in 2016, Race 2. Last year he was 12th and 14th.
> Has yet to qualify in the top 10 here, as his best qualifying effort is an 11th in 2015. It's unusual for him as this is the only track in the current calendar where he has not qualified in the top-10.



Kawasaki Leon HASLAM

Nationality British Derby (London)
Born 31/05/1983 Age 36 Starts 245
Wins 5 Last win: 2015, Losail/2
Podiums 45 Last podium: 2019, Donington/2
Poles 3 Last pole: 2015, Magny Cours
Front Rows 25 Fastest laps 6 Points 2,167

Team Kawasaki Racing Team
Championship: P5 Pts.: 229 Pod. 6

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 18 Podiums 3 Poles 1 Best race: 2 Best grid: 1
Leon Haslam climbed on the Magny Cours podium three times out of eighteen races run here, and for three different manufacturers. He was second in Race 1 for Suzuki in 2010 (*), third in Race 1 for BMW in 2011 (**), and third for Honda in 2014 in Race 2. In his last weekend here, the 2015 one, he scored pole, and did so on a fourth different bike from the aforementioned three: Aprilia; he was 16th and 5th in the races.
(*) Last podium for Suzuki here.
(**) First podium for BMW here.