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Kawasaki Jonathan REA

Nationality British Ballymena
Born 02/02/1987 Age 33 Starts 283
Wins 89 Last win: 2020, Phillip Island/2
Podiums 170 Last podium: 2020, Phillip Island/3
Poles 23 Last pole: 2019, Losail
Front Rows 78 Fastest laps 68 Points 4,421.5

Team Kawasaki Racing Team
Championship: P4 Pts.: 32 Wins 1 Pod. 2

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 11 Wins 2 Podiums 5 Poles 1 Best race: 1 Best grid: 1

Jonathan Rea won twice in Jerez as he took the double in 2017. Last year, he was 4th in Race 1 and in the Superpole Race, while in Race 2 he looked as the likely winner after Bautista crashed out, but he was passed by eventual winner Michael van der Mark on the sixth lap and wasn't able to recover the position.
> Rea has never finished lower than 5th in all his eight races here. He scored five podiums, two shy of the track record of Davies and Sykes.
> He recorded the pole position last year, while on three occasions, he had to settle for second: behind his teammate Sykes in 2015 and 2016 and behind Melandri (by only 0.021 seconds) in 2017.
> He clinched his first World Championship here in 2015 in Race 1.



DUCATI Chaz DAVIES

Nationality British Knighton
Born 10/02/1987 Age 33 Starts 215
Wins 30 Last win: 2019, Laguna Seca/3
Podiums 89 Last podium: 2019, Losail/3
Poles 7 Last pole: 2019, Imola
Front Rows 22 Fastest laps 33 Points 2,602.5

Team Aruba.it Racing - Ducati
Championship: P8 Pts.: 19

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 13 Wins 3 Podiums 7 Best race: 1 Best grid: 6

Chaz Davies is the only rider who has won three races at Jerez in WorldSBK history. His wins came in Race 2 2015, and a dominating double in 2016. Last year, his performances were slightly below par as for the first time since 2013, he wasn't able to get a podium finish here. He was 7th in Race 1, 10th in the Superpole race, and in Race 2 he was taken out by Marco Melandri and retired.
> He shares the record of Jerez podiums with Tom Sykes: seven each.
> His Superpole results are in stark contrast with his race ones: despite being the record holder for wins and podiums, he never qualified higher than 6th here, a position he gained in 2015 and 2016. Last year, he posted his worst qualifying in Jerez: 12th.
> In only two tracks of the current calendar, Davies has not qualified in the top five, the other is San Juan (best placement: 7th).
> He has finished in each position here from first to seventh besides sixth.
> Spain is the most successful country for Davies: he won 10 times there (7 times in Aragon, 3 in Jerez).



Kawasaki Sandro CORTESE

Nationality German Ochsenhausen
Born 06/01/1990 Age 30 Starts 39
Front Rows 4 Points 144

Team OUTDO Kawasaki TPR
Championship: P12 Pts.: 10

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 3 Best race: 6 Best grid: 9

Last year, Sandro Cortese was 8th, 9th and 6th in the Jerez weekend.
> Cortese raced five times in the Moto2™ World Championship here from 2013 to 2017, recording a 9th place as his best result in 2014.
> He finished 3rd behind Romano Fenati and the late Luis Salom in Moto3™, back in 2012.
> He raced seven times in 125cc World Championship in Jerez, with sixth as a best result in 2009 and 2011. In 2011, he recorded the best time in qualifying.



Kawasaki Xavi FORES

Nationality Spanish Llombai
Born 16/09/1985 Age 34 Starts 94
Podiums 6 Last podium: 2018, San Juan/2
Front Rows 3 Fastest laps 1 Points 648

Team Kawasaki Puccetti Racing
Championship: P14 Pts.: 5

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 6 Best race: 7 Best grid: 8

Xavi Fores raced six times in WorldSBK here from 2013 to 2017, scoring points three times. His best weekend was the 2017 one, when he was 9th and 7th.
> A Spanish track, but not one of the best for the Spaniard: among the circuits of the current calendar, this is the only one in which he wasn't able to qualify in the top seven, as his best Superpole effort is an 8th in 2013 and 2016. His best race placement is a 7th and only at Portimao has he fared worse as his best result on the Portuguese track is a 9th.



HONDA Takumi TAKAHASHI

Nationality Japanese Kitamoto
Born 26/11/1989 Age 30 Starts 10
Points 9

Team MIE Racing Althea Honda Team
P18

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 2 Best race: 15 Best grid: 21

Takumi Takahashi raced here in 2017 in WorldSBK, finishing 16th and 15th.



HONDA Alvaro BAUTISTA

Nationality Spanish Talavera de la Reina
Born 21/11/1984 Age 35 Starts 39
Wins 16 Last win: 2019, San Juan/1
Podiums 24 Last podium: 2019, Losail/3
Poles 4 Last pole: 2019, San Juan
Front Rows 8 Fastest laps 15 Points 518

Team Team HRC
Championship: P6 Pts.: 20

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

Last year, Jerez was a turning point for Alvaro Bautista: he won in dominant fashion Race 1 and the Superpole Race, but crashed in Race 2 on the second lap as he was leading. That was his first crash of the season.
> Until the Jerez Superpole Race, Bautista had amassed 13 wins out of 15 races, leading the Championship with 61 points over Jonathan Rea, while from Race 2 to the end of the season he crashed six times and won just three races, finishing second behind Rea with a deficit of 165 points.
> Last year, Bautista recorded the best start of a season with 12 wins out of the first 14 races, beating the 11 out of 14 of Troy Bayliss in 2002 and Neil Hodgson in 2003.
> Bautista raced in Jerez in the various classes of MotoGP™ 16 times from 2002 to 2018. He was the race winner here in 125cc in 2006 and twice runner-up in 250cc, in 2007 and 2009. In MotoGP™, his best result was a sixth, scored three times straight from 2012 to 2014.

DUCATI Sylvain BARRIER

Nationality French Oyonnax
Born 20/10/1988 Age 31 Starts 29
Points 62

Team Brixx Performance
P18

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 4 Best race: 10 Best grid: 12

Sylvain Barrier raced in two WorldSBK weekends at Jerez, scoring points in all four races. He was 12th and 13th in 2013 and 10th and 11th in 2014.

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DUCATI Michael Ruben RINALDI
Nationality Italian Rimini
Born 21/12/1995 Age 24 Starts 56

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 3 Best race: 4 Best grid: 10
Last year, Michael Ruben Rinaldi was 10th in Race 1, 11th in the Superpole Race and 4th in Race 2: his best race result to date.
> Rinaldi was 8th and 6th in his two Superstock 1000 races run in Jerez in 2016 and 2017.
> He was the race winner starting from pole, setting the fastest lap and leading the entire race here in Superstock 600 in 2015.

Points 206

Team Team Goeleven
Championship: P13 Pts.: 7

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Kawasaki Alex LOWES
Nationality British Lincoln
Born 14/09/1990 Age 29 Starts 169
Wins 2 Last win: 2020, Phillip Island/3
Podiums 22 Last podium: 2020, Phillip Island/3
Poles 1 Last pole: 2018, Assen
Front Rows 9 Fastest laps 5 Points 1,288

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 11 Best race: 4 Best grid: 3
Jerez has been a rollercoaster for Alex Lowes so far: six points finishes out of 11, with five crashes hampering his achievements. His best result came in 2017: 4th in both races after having qualified in 3rd, his best Superpole result at this track. Last year, he crashed with Jonathan Rea while racing for third position in Race 1, crashed in the Superpole Race and also on the opening lap of Race 2, but in the latter he remounted to finish 14th.

Team Kawasaki Racing Team
Championship: P1 Pts.: 51 Wins 1 Pod. 2

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Christophe PONSSON
Nationality French Lyon, France
Born 23/12/1995 Age 24 Starts 11

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 2 Best race: 15 Best grid: 18
Christophe Ponsson raced in WorldSBK here in 2015: he was 18th in Superpole, 21st in Race 1 and 15th in Race 2.
> Ponsson was 12th on the grid and 13th in the race in the Superstock 1000 weekend held here in 2013.

Points 18

Team Nuova M2 Racing

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YAMAHA Garrett GERLOFF
Nationality American Katy, Texas
Born 01/08/1995 Age 25 Starts 1

This will be the first racing weekend for Garrett Gerloff at Jerez.

Points 2

Team GRT Yamaha WorldSBK
Championship: P17 Pts.: 2

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DUCATI Marco MELANDRI
Nationality Italian Ravenna
Born 07/08/1982 Age 37 Starts 187
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 2,216.5

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 8 Wins 2 Podiums 6 Poles 1 Best race: 1 Best grid: 1
Marco Melandri is one of the most successful riders around Jerez: he scored a double here for Aprilia in 2014 and adds to those four more podiums. Last year he was third in Superpole and in Race 1 and in the Superpole race, before crashing with Davies in Race 2.
> 6 podiums in Jerez: only Tom Sykes and Chaz Davies scored more with 7, but Melandri has the unique distinction that he has obtained them with four different manufacturers: BMW (2013); Aprilia (2014); Ducati (2017); Yamaha (2019).
> Melandri recorded the Superpole here in 2017.
> That 2017 Superpole was an important one, as he broke the longest string of poles by a single country in WorldSBK history: the previous 22 poles had all been recorded by British riders.

Team Barni Racing Team

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DUCATI Leandro MERCADO
Nationality Argentinean Jesus Maria, Cordoba
Born 15/02/1992 Age 28 Starts 116

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 7 Best race: 9 Best grid: 13
Mercado scored points six times out of seven in Jerez, missing out only last year in the Superpole Race, when he was 13th, a non-scoring position for the ten-lap dash. His best result here is a 9th, recorded in Race 2, 2017, when he was the best Aprilia rider at the flag.
> In Superstock 1000, Mercado was second behind Jeremy Guarnoni in 2013 and won from pole, setting the fastest lap, in 2014.

Front Rows 1 Points 416

Team Motocorsa Racing
P18

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DUCATI Scott REDDING
Nationality British Quedgeley
Born 15/01/1993 Age 27 Starts 3

Scott Redding raced 11 times in Jerez in MotoGP™ classes from 2008 to 2018. He took a podium finish in Moto2™: 2nd in 2013. From the following year and up to 2018, he raced in MotoGP™ at Jerez, scoring an 11th as best result in 2017.

Podiums 3 Last podium: 2020, Phillip Island/3

Front Rows 1 Fastest laps 2 Points 39

Team Aruba.it Racing – Ducati
Championship: P2 Pts.: 39 Pod. 3

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BMW Eugene LAVERTY

Nationality Irish Ballymena
Born 03/06/1986 Age 34 Starts 176
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 1,552.5

Team BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team
Championship: P15 Pts.: 5

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 6 Wins 2 Podiums 2 Poles 1 Best race: 1 Best grid: 1

Eugene Laverty recorded the double from pole here for Aprilia in 2013, battling with Melandri in Race 1 and with Sykes in Race 2. The following year, he was twice 6th from the 6th spot of the grid, and in 2017 he was 8th in Race 1, while in Race 2 he was forced to retire after an accident with Chaz Davies. That was his last showing here, as last year he was out due to injury.



YAMAHA Toprak RAZGATLIOGLU

Nationality Turkish Sakarya
Born 16/10/1996 Age 23 Starts 64
Wins 3 Last win: 2020, Phillip Island/1
Podiums 17 Last podium: 2020, Phillip Island/2

Fastest laps 3 Points 500

Team Pata Yamaha Official WorldSBK Team
Championship: P3 Pts.: 34 Wins 1 Pod. 2

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 3 Podiums 1 Best race: 3 Best grid: 11

Last year, Toprak Razgatlioglu was 5th in Race 1, 7th in the Superpole Race, while in Race 2 he settled for a comfortable 3rd place after the Melandri-Davies accident wiped out his two most dangerous rivals, which were right behind him in the opening stages.
> In Superstock 1000, Toprak Razgatlioglu was twice third: behind Max Scheib and Lucas Mahias in 2016; behind Markus Reiterberger and Ilya Mikhailchik in 2017.
> He raced four times here in the Rookies Cup, recording his best results in 2013: 6th and 5th.



YAMAHA Michael VAN DER MARK

Nationality Dutch Gouda
Born 26/10/1992 Age 27 Starts 140
Wins 3 Last win: 2019, Jerez/3
Podiums 29 Last podium: 2019, Magny Cours/3
Poles 1 Last pole: 2016, Buriram
Front Rows 4 Fastest laps 2 Points 1,375

Team Pata Yamaha Official WorldSBK Team
Championship: P5 Pts.: 31

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 9 Wins 1 Podiums 4 Best race: 1 Best grid: 4

Last year, Jerez became the second winning track for Michael van der Mark after Donington Park, where he recorded the double in 2018. Last year, he was also second behind an uncatchable Alvaro Bautista both in Race 1 and in the Superpole Race. He also recorded a podium for Honda at Jerez, back in 2015.
> He has finished only once outside the top ten at Jerez: that was in 2015, Race 2, when he crashed while following the Aprilias of Torres and Haslam. He remounted to finish 13th.
> In World Supersport at Jerez, Michael van der Mark finished fourth from sixth on the grid in 2013. In 2014, he clinched pole position and won the race, collecting the world title in the process.



HONDA Lorenzo GABELLINI

Nationality Italian Rimini
Born 08/09/1999 Age 20 Starts

Team MIE Racing Althea Honda Team

This will be the first racing weekend for Lorenzo Gabellini in Jerez.



YAMAHA Federico CARICASULO

Nationality Italian Ravenna
Born 06/04/1996 Age 24 Starts 3

Points 4

Team GRT Yamaha WorldSBK
Championship: P16 Pts.: 4

Amazing results for Caricasulo in the World Supersport Championship in Jerez: he won twice here, both in 2017 and 2019. He is only one of two riders who won twice in Jerez in Supersport, the other being the 5-time World Champion Kenan Sofuoglu.

> Caricasulo was also second behind Marco Faccani in the 2014 Superstock 600 race.



BMW Tom SYKES

Nationality British Huddersfield
Born 19/08/1985 Age 34 Starts 299
Wins 34 Last win: 2018, Assen/2
Podiums 112 Last podium: 2019, Magny Cours/1
Poles 50 Last pole: 2020, Phillip Island
Front Rows 83 Fastest laps 39 Points 3,445.5

Team BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team
Championship: P10 Pts.: 17 Poles 1

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 13 Wins 1 Podiums 7 Poles 2 Best race: 1 Best grid: 1

Sykes shares the record of podium finishes in Jerez with Chaz Davies: seven. He was able to climb on the podium at least once per weekend here from 2013 to 2017. Last year, in his first races here for BMW, he performed consistently, scoring 6th, 5th and 7th.
> He finished all his Jerez races in the top seven: 13 out of 13.
> He is the only rider with two pole positions at this track (2015, 2016).
> Sykes clinched the World Championship here in 2013, in Race 1.



YAMAHA Loris BAZ

Nationality French Sallanches
Born 01/02/1993 Age 27 Starts 112
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 908

Team Ten Kate Racing - Yamaha
Championship: P7 Pts.: 20

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 5 Poles 1 Best race: 7 Best grid: 1

Last year, Jerez marked the beginning of the 2019 WorldSBK season for Loris Baz, who scored points straightaway with a 12th place. In the Superpole Race, he didn't line up in time as he had crashed in Warm-Up, started from the back of the grid, but his bike was not in perfect shape and retired soon afterwards. In Race 2, Baz was able to finish 9th.
> Baz was a front-runner here in the 2014 weekend, racing for Kawasaki: he recorded pole position, then in Race 1 he crashed with Melandri at the Dani Pedrosa turn while running second; in Race 2, he led the first two laps before slipping back and finishing seventh.

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Kawasaki Maximilian SCHEIB

Nationality Chilean Santiago de Chile
Born 24/07/1995 **Age** 25 **Starts** 6

Maximilian Scheib won the Superstock 1000 race here in 2016 for BMW, whilst in 2017, he was 11th on the grid and in the race for Kawasaki. That was his last race weekend here.

Points 13

Team Orelac Racing VerdNatura
Championship: P11 Pts.: 10



HONDA Leon HASLAM

Nationality British Derby (London)
Born 31/05/1983 **Age** 37 **Starts** 257
Wins 5 **Last win:** 2015, Losail/2
Podiums 45 **Last podium:** 2019, Donington/2
Poles 3 **Last pole:** 2015, Magny Cours
Front Rows 26 **Fastest laps** 6 **Points** 2,236

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

Leon Haslam climbed on the podium once in Jerez out of nine races run: that was in Race 2, 2015, when he finished third after an intense fight with his teammate Jordi Torres. Last year, he was 9th in Race 1, 6th in the Superpole Race and 5th in Race 2.

Team Team HRC
Championship: P9 Pts.: 17