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**Kawasaki Jonathan REA**

Nationality	British	Ballymena
Born	02/02/1987	Age 33 Starts 286
Wins	90	Last win: 2020, Jerez/2
Podiums	172	Last podium: 2020, Jerez/2
Poles	23	Last pole: 2019, Losail
Front Rows	79	Fastest laps 70 Points 4,463.5
Team	Kawasaki Racing Team	
Championship:	P2	Pts.: 74 Wins 2 Pod. 4

**WorldSBK scorecard here:**Races 23 Wins 9 Podiums 17 Poles 3 Best race: 1 Best grid: 1

This is one of the best tracks for Jonathan Rea as he holds all the records: wins (9), podiums (17\*), poles (3, shared with Tom Sykes). Last year, he won Race 1 and the Superpole race, finishing second behind Alvaro Bautista in Race 2.

> Portimao can become the second track in which Rea records at least ten wins: so far, he reached this mark only at Assen (12 wins). A tenth win will make him the only rider in WorldSBK history with two tracks in which he has won on at least ten times: Carl Fogarty, the only other rider in double figures on a track, managed it only at Assen (12 wins).

> Rea is the only rider who won at Portimao starting outside the top four grid spots: he recorded a double in 2015 starting from eighth and in 2017 and 2018 he won Race 2 from ninth.

> Rea has led no less than 15 races at Portimao, including the last 11.

> Scored eight out of the ten Honda podiums on this track from 2008 to 2014.

> Rea debuted in the WorldSBK Championship in 2008 at Portimao, which was the last weekend of the season. He came from the World Supersport Championship: he recorded the third-best time in Superpole and finished fourth in Race 1.

(\* If Rea manages at least two podiums, he will set a new benchmark for podiums in a single track: currently he holds the record, with 18 podiums in Assen.



**DUCATI Chaz DAVIES**

Nationality	British	Knighton
Born	10/02/1987	Age 33 Starts 218
Wins	30	Last win: 2019, Laguna Seca/3
Podiums	90	Last podium: 2020, Jerez/3
Poles	7	Last pole: 2019, Imola
Front Rows	22	Fastest laps 33 Points 2,640.5
Team	Aruba.it Racing - Ducati	
Championship:	P5	Pts.: 57 Pod. 1

**WorldSBK scorecard here:**Races 15 Podiums 4 Best race: 2 Best grid: 3

Four podium finishes for Chaz Davies at Portimao: second in Race 1, 2017 and Race 1 last year and 3rd in Race 2, 2014 and Race 1, 2015. Last year, he wasn't able to repeat the performances of Race 1 as he was 10th in the Tissot Superpole Race and 16th - after mechanical issues - in Race 2.

> In 2018, Chaz Davies entered the weekend just 16 days after breaking his right collarbone in training.

> Davies qualified on the front row here twice in third, in 2014 and 2015. He missed out on a top ten Superpole spot in the last two years as he was 14th in 2018 and 12th last year.

> 12th on the grid last year allowed Davies a record: by finishing second he recorded the podium from the farthest grid position at this track: previously Carlos Checa managed a 2nd from 11th in 2008 Race 1, and Sylvain Guintoli a 3rd from 11th in 2012 Race 1.

> Davies crashed out of the race at Portimao four times, and suffered a terrible crash in Free Practice in 2013 at more than 180kph.



**Kawasaki Sandro CORTESE**

Nationality	German	Ochsenhausen
Born	06/01/1990	Age 30 Starts 42
Front Rows	4	Points 148
Team	OUTDO Kawasaki TPR	
Championship:	P14	Pts.: 14

**WorldSBK scorecard here:**Races 3 Best race: 8 Best grid: 3

Last year, Sandro Cortese was 8th in Race 1 and in the Tissot Superpole Race and 10th in Race 2.

> In 2018, he was 6th from 3rd on the grid in the World Supersport race.



**Kawasaki Xavi FORES**

Nationality	Spanish	Llombai
Born	16/09/1985	Age 34 Starts 97
Podiums	6	Last podium: 2018, San Juan/2
Front Rows	3	Fastest laps 1 Points 654
Team	Kawasaki Puccetti Racing	
Championship:	P15	Pts.: 11

**WorldSBK scorecard here:**Races 6 Best race: 9 Best grid: 7

Xavi Fores raced six times in Algarve in WorldSBK, scoring points three times as he was 9th and 13th in 2017. In his last visit here, in 2018, he collided with Eugene Laverty at the third turn in Race 1 and was 10th in Race 2.



**HONDA Takumi TAKAHASHI**

Nationality	Japanese	Kitamoto
Born	26/11/1989	Age 30 Starts 13
Points	9	
Team	MIE Racing Althea Honda Team	
Championship:	P21	

**WorldSBK scorecard here:**Races 5 Best race: 10 Best grid: 17

Takumi Takahashi debuted in WorldSBK in this track: it was 2017, and he finished twice in the points, 15th and 10th. Last year, he was again 15th in Race 1 and 17th in the Tissot Superpole Race and Race 2.



**HONDA Alvaro BAUTISTA**

Nationality	Spanish	Talavera de la Reina
Born	21/11/1984	Age 35 Starts 42
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 535
Team	Team HRC	
Championship:	P8	Pts.: 37

**WorldSBK scorecard here:**Races 3 Wins 1 Podiums 2 Best race: 1 Best grid: 6

Last year, Alvaro Bautista tackled the Portimao track for the first time, with excellent results: 4th in Race 1, 2nd in the Superpole Race and winner in Race 2.

> Race 1 last year saw an incredible recovery for Alvaro Bautista: off track at the first corner and only 16th after the opening lap, he went on to improve his 6th on the grid by taking 4th.



**DUCATI Sylvain BARRIER**

Nationality	French	Oyonnax
Born	20/10/1988	Age 31 Starts 32
Points	62	
Team	Brixx Performance	
Championship:	P21	

**WorldSBK scorecard here:**Races 5 Best race: 10 Best grid: 10

Sylvain Barrier scored points twice in the wet 2014 races here: 10th and 11th. Last year, he was 17th in Race 1 and 18th in the Tissot Superpole Race and Race 2.

> Barrier finished three times on the podium here in the FIM European Superstock 1000 class: winner from pole in 2013, 2nd (behind Bryan Staring) from pole in 2012 and 2nd (behind Danilo Petrucci) in 2011.

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**DUCATI Michael Ruben RINALDI**  
Nationality Italian Rimini  
Born 21/12/1995 Age 24 Starts 59

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 5 Best race: 8 Best grid: 11  
Rinaldi was 9th and 8th here two years ago, whilst last year, he was 10th and 12th in the two full-distance races and 11th in the Superpole race.  
> He qualified in 11th in both his WorldSBK weekends here.  
> In 2017, he was 9th from 8th on the grid in the FIM European Superstock 1000 race at Portimao.  
> He was the polesitter in the FIM European Superstock 600 race held here in 2015, but in the race he finished in 2nd behind Toprak Razgatlioglu.

Points 229

Team Team Goeleven  
Championship: P9 Pts.: 30

**22**

**Kawasaki Alex LOWES**  
Nationality British Lincoln  
Born 14/09/1990 Age 29 Starts 172  
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 1,309

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 11 Podiums 1 Best race: 3 Best grid: 4  
Last year, Alex Lowes recorded his best Portimao weekend, scoring his first podium here: third in the Tissot Superpole Race. In Race 2, he equalled his best result in a full-distance race here by finishing fourth, a result he scored in Race 2 in his first visit to Portimao in 2014 while racing for Suzuki. Last year, in Race 1 he was 7th after a fifth place in Superpole.  
> He didn't score points here only in 2017, when he crashed twice.  
> His best Tissot Superpole result here is a fourth, scored in 2015 for Suzuki and in 2017 for Yamaha.

Team Kawasaki Racing Team  
Championship: P3 Pts.: 72 Wins 1 Pod. 2

**23**

**aprilia Christophe PONSSON**  
Nationality French Lyon, France  
Born 23/12/1995 Age 24 Starts 29

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 2 Best race: 14 Best grid: 18  
Christophe Ponsson raced here in 2015, finishing 18th and 14th.  
> He raced here also in the FIM European Superstock 1000 Championship: 17th on the grid and 14th in the race in 2013.

Points 22

Team Nuova M2 Racing  
Championship: P19 Pts.: 4

**31**

**YAMAHA Garrett GERLOFF**  
Nationality American Katy, Texas  
Born 01/08/1995 Age 25 Starts 4

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

Points 15

Team GRT Yamaha WorldSBK  
Championship: P13 Pts.: 15

**33**

**DUCATI Marco MELANDRI**  
Nationality Italian Ravenna  
Born 07/08/1982 Age 38 Starts 190  
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 2,231.5

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 13 Wins 2 Podiums 6 Best race: 1 Best grid: 3  
Marco Melandri has won twice at Portimao: in Race 2, 2011 for Yamaha, and in Race 1, 2013, for BMW. He adds to those four podium finishes out of four for Ducati in 2017 and 2019. Last year, back on a Yamaha, he was 9th in Race 1, 13th in the Tissot Superpole Race and 8th in Race 2.  
> Was third in Tissot Superpole in 2018, his best Superpole result here. Previously, he had been four times fourth in Superpole from 2011 to 2014.  
> He is the only rider who put a BMW bike on the podium here, winning Race 1 in 2013.

Team Barni Racing Team  
Championship: P12 Pts.: 15

**36**

**DUCATI Leandro MERCADO**  
Nationality Argentinean Jesus Maria, Cordoba  
Born 15/02/1992 Age 28 Starts 119

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 9 Best race: 7 Best grid: 11  
Mercado's best results in Algarve came in his first weekend here: he was 8th and 9th in 2015. He's scored points 7 times out of 9 in Portimao. Last year, he was 14th in Race 1, 16th in the Tissot Superpole Race and 15th in Race 2.

Front Rows 1 Points 417

Team Motocorsa Racing  
Championship: P20 Pts.: 1

**45**

**DUCATI Scott REDDING**  
Nationality British Quedgeley  
Born 15/01/1993 Age 27 Starts 6  
Wins 2 Last win: 2020, Jerez/3  
Podiums 6 Last podium: 2020, Jerez/3  
Poles 1 Last pole: 2020, Jerez  
Front Rows 2 Fastest laps 3 Points 98

This will be the first racing weekend for Scott Redding at Portimao. In the January tests (26th and 27th), he set the second fastest time (1'41.179) behind Toprak Razgatlioglu (1'40.804).

Team Aruba.it Racing - Ducati  
Championship: P1 Pts.: 98 Wins 2 Poles 1 Pod. 6

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**BMW Eugene LAVERTY**

Nationality Irish Ballymena  
Born 03/06/1986 Age 34 Starts 179  
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 1,553.5

Team BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team  
Championship: P17 Pts.: 6

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 15 Wins 2 Podiums 3 Poles 1 Best race: 1 Best grid: 1

Eugene Laverty has won here twice, leading every lap: in 2012 Race 2 and 2013 Race 2. Laverty was also on the podium in 2nd position in 2011 Race 2. Last year, he was 14th in Tissot Superpole, entered the pits in Race 1, finished 15th in the Tissot Superpole Race and was 14th in Race 2.  
> Qualified on the front row here five times: Superpole in 2018, 2nd in 2013 and 2017 and 3rd in 2011 and 2012.  
> Recorded his maiden fastest lap here in 2012, Race 2, on an Aprilia.



**YAMAHA Toprak RAZGATLIOGLU**

Nationality Turkish Sakarya  
Born 16/10/1996 Age 23 Starts 67  
Wins 3 Last win: 2020, Phillip Island/1  
Podiums 19 Last podium: 2020, Jerez/3

Fastest laps 3 Points 532

Team Pata Yamaha Official WorldSBK Team  
Championship: P4 Pts.: 66 Wins 1 Pod. 4

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 5 Podiums 1 Best race: 3 Best grid: 10

Toprak Razgatlioglu recorded an 8th and a crash here in 2018, whilst last year, he finished 6th in Race 1, 4th in the Tissot Superpole Race and 3rd in Race 2.  
> Dominated the 2017 FIM European Superstock 1000 race, pulling away in the first stages after having qualified in 4th.  
> Won also the FIM European Superstock 600 race in 2015 from sixth on the grid.



**YAMAHA Michael VAN DER MARK**

Nationality Dutch Gouda  
Born 26/10/1992 Age 27 Starts 143  
Wins 3 Last win: 2019, Jerez/3  
Podiums 30 Last podium: 2020, Jerez/2  
Poles 1 Last pole: 2016, Buriram  
Front Rows 4 Fastest laps 2 Points 1,391

Team Pata Yamaha Official WorldSBK Team  
Championship: P6 Pts.: 47 Pod. 1

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 9 Podiums 4 Best race: 2 Best grid: 5

Four podium finishes out of nine races for Michael van der Mark, recorded in sequence from 2017 Race 2 to 2019 Race 1: his best result is a 2nd place (2017 Race 2; 2018 Race 2). Last year, he was 3rd in Race 1, 6th in the Superpole Race and 7th in Race 2.  
> He has always finished his Portimao races in the top nine; excluding Race 1, 2015, run in the wet, he always finished in the top seven.  
> His best Tissot Superpole result here is the 5th place obtained in 2018.



**HONDA Lorenzo GABELLINI**

Nationality Italian Rimini  
Born 08/09/1999 Age 20 Starts 3

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

Team MIE Racing Althea Honda Team  
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**YAMAHA Federico CARICASULO**

Nationality Italian Ravenna  
Born 06/04/1996 Age 24 Starts 6

Points 4

Team GRT Yamaha WorldSBK  
Championship: P18 Pts.: 4

Federico Caricasulo won from pole in last year's WorldSSP race run at Portimao (\*) and was second from second on the grid the year before. Results in pairs also in 2017: 7th on the grid and in the race.

(\*) His last win in WorldSSP, with a Red Flag during the race calling the results early.



**BMW Tom SYKES**

Nationality British Huddersfield  
Born 19/08/1985 Age 34 Starts 302  
Wins 34 Last win: 2018, Assen/2  
Podiums 112 Last podium: 2019, Magny Cours/1  
Poles 50 Last pole: 2020, Phillip Island  
Front Rows 84 Fastest laps 39 Points 3,454.5

Team BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team  
Championship: P11 Pts.: 26 Poles 1

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 17 Wins 2 Podiums 4 Poles 3 Best race: 1 Best grid: 1

Sykes has recorded two wins at Portimao: 2012 Race 1 and 2014 Race 1, and adds to those two more podium finishes with 3rd in Race 1, 2013 and in 2nd in Race 1, 2015. Last year, he was 2nd in Superpole, but crashed in Race 1, remounting to finish 13th; he was then 7th in the Superpole Race and 9th in Race 2.  
> Tom Sykes is the record holder of Portimao Superpoles: three, recorded in sequence from 2012 to 2014. He shares the honour with Jonathan Rea.  
> Had to miss the 2017 races after fracturing his little finger in the third Free Practice session.



**YAMAHA Loris BAZ**

Nationality French Sallanches  
Born 01/02/1993 Age 27 Starts 115  
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 925

Team Ten Kate Racing - Yamaha  
Championship: P7 Pts.: 37

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 11 Podiums 1 Best race: 3 Best grid: 5

If it wasn't for the first race last year, when he crashed and remounted to finish 16th, Loris Baz would have finished all his races here in the top nine. The aforementioned hiccup is the only time he didn't score points out of 11 races run at Portimao. Last year, he was then 9th in the Superpole Race and 6th in Race 2.  
> He scored one podium in Portimao, a 3rd in Race 1, 2014, for Kawasaki.  
> His best Tissot Superpole effort is a 5th in 2014.

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**Kawasaki Maximilian SCHEIB**

**Nationality** Chilean Santiago de Chile  
**Born** 24/07/1995 **Age** 25 **Starts** 9

Maximilian Scheib raced twice in the FIM European Superstock 1000 Championship here: he was 3rd in 2017 and 5th in 2018.

**Points** 13

<b>Team</b> Orelac Racing VerdNatura
<b>Championship:</b> P16 <b>Pts.:</b> 10



**HONDA Leon HASLAM**

**Nationality** British Derby (London)  
**Born** 31/05/1983 **Age** 37 **Starts** 260  
**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** 2,247

**WorldSBK scorecard here:** Races 18 **Podiums** 4 **Best race:** 2 **Best grid:** 4

Leon Haslam recorded four podiums in Algarve out of 18 races run. The first came in 2008, Race 2 for Honda (3rd), then a double 2nd place in 2010 for Suzuki after dueling hard with eventual World Champion Max Biaggi, and the last one in 2015 Race 2, when he finished 3rd. He was more than consistent last year: three times in 5th.

<b>Team</b> Team HRC
<b>Championship:</b> P10 <b>Pts.:</b> 28