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Kawasaki Jonathan REA

Nationality British Ballymena
Born 02/02/1987 Age 33 Starts 298
Wins 97 Last win: 2020, Barcelona/1
Podiums 183 Last podium: 2020, Barcelona/2
Poles 27 Last pole: 2020, Barcelona
Front Rows 83 Fastest laps 76 Points 4,679.5

Team Kawasaki Racing Team
Championship: P1 Pts.: 290 Wins 9 Poles 4 Pod. 15

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 20 Wins 6 Podiums 12 Poles 4 Best race: 1 Best grid: 1

Jonathan Rea is the most successful rider at Magny Cours: last year, he clinched his sixth win: his best competitor is Noriyuki Haga at 5.
> Rea holds also the record for podium finishes: 12 to Tom Sykes' 11. Since he joined Kawasaki in 2015, he has missed out on a rostrum finish here only twice: a fourth in Race 1, 2016, a crash in 2017 in Race 2. In his last two visits here, he was only first (three times) or second (twice).
> Four Superpoles at Magny Cours: a record he shares with Tom Sykes.
> Clinched three of his five World Championships (2017, 2018, 2019) here. To conquer the title once more at Magny Cours, he needs to be 63 points clear of his best rival after the second race.



DUCATI Chaz DAVIES

Nationality British Knighton
Born 10/02/1987 Age 33 Starts 230
Wins 31 Last win: 2020, Barcelona/3
Podiums 95 Last podium: 2020, Barcelona/3
Poles 7 Last pole: 2019, Imola
Front Rows 22 Fastest laps 35 Points 2,771.5

Team Aruba.it Racing - Ducati
Championship: P3 Pts.: 188 Wins 1 Pod. 6

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

Three wins for Chaz Davies at Magny-Cours: he scored the double in 2016 and won from 11th on the grid in 2017 in Race 2. In his last two weekends here, he scored only a podium, a second in 2018, Race 2. Last year, he crashed in Race 1 and was 4th in the other two races.
> Last year, Davies recorded his worst Superpole result here: 11th: in his former seven visits to the track, he'd always qualified in the top eight.
> Qualified only once for the front row here: 3rd in 2016.



Kawasaki Xavi FORES

Nationality Spanish Llombai
Born 16/09/1985 Age 35 Starts 109
Podiums 6 Last podium: 2018, San Juan/2

Front Rows 3 Fastest laps 1 Points 680

Team Kawasaki Puccetti Racing
Championship: P15 Pts.: 37

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 10 Podiums 1 Best race: 3 Best grid: 4

Ten races for Fores at Magny-Cours: in his most recent visit he took a podium, finishing 3rd in Race 1, 2018. He has scored points 7 times here.



HONDA Takumi TAKAHASHI

Nationality Japanese Kitamoto
Born 26/11/1989 Age 30 Starts 25

Points 13

Team MIE Racing Honda Team
Championship: P25 Pts.: 4

This will be the first racing weekend for Takumi Takahashi at Magny-Cours.



HONDA Alvaro BAUTISTA

Nationality Spanish Talavera de la Reina
Born 21/11/1984 Age 35 Starts 54
Wins 16 Last win: 2019, San Juan/1
Podiums 25 Last podium: 2020, Aragon/3
Poles 4 Last pole: 2019, San Juan
Front Rows 9 Fastest laps 16 Points 592

Team Team HRC
Championship: P8 Pts.: 94 Pod. 1

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 3 Best race: 5 Best grid: 14

Last year, Alvaro Bautista raced for the first time at Magny-Cours: he was fifth in Race 1 and in the Superpole Race and crashed in Race 2 with Toprak Razgatlioglu.



DUCATI Sylvain BARRIER

Nationality French Oyonnax
Born 20/10/1988 Age 31 Starts 44

Points 67

Team Brixx Performance
Championship: P21 Pts.: 5

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 5 Best race: 10 Best grid: 13

Last year, Barrier was 17th, 18th and 13th in Magny Cours. His best result here came in 2014, when he was 10th in Race 1.



DUCATI Michael Ruben RINALDI

Nationality Italian Rimini
Born 21/12/1995 Age 24 Starts 71
Wins 1 Last win: 2020, Aragon/1
Podiums 3 Last podium: 2020, Aragon/3

Front Rows 1 Fastest laps 2 Points 343

Team Team Goeleven
Championship: P7 Pts.: 144 Wins 1 Pod. 3

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 5 Best race: 10 Best grid: 4

Michael Ruben Rinaldi scored points twice in his five starts at Magny-Cours: he was 13th in Race 2 two years ago and 14th in Race 1 last year. In the other two races last year he was 10th and 17th after an off-track excursion.
> 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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Kawasaki Alex LOWES

Nationality British Lincoln
Born 14/09/1990 Age 30 Starts 184
Wins 2 Last win: 2020, Phillip Island/3
Podiums 22 Last podium: 2020, Phillip Island/3
Poles 1 Last pole: 2018, Assen
Front Rows 10 Fastest laps 6 Points 1,382

Team Kawasaki Racing Team
Championship: P6 Pts.: 145 Wins 1 Pod. 2

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 13 Podiums 2 Best race: 2 Best grid: 5
Two podium for Alex Lowes at Magny Cours: a second in Race 2 in 2017 and a third, also in Race 2 last year.
> Scored points here in 9 races out of 13.
> Lowes is the last rider who secured a top ten finish for Suzuki at this track: he was 8th and 10th in 2015.

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YAMAHA Garrett GERLOFF

Nationality American Katy, Texas
Born 01/08/1995 Age 25 Starts 16
Podiums 1 Last podium: 2020, Barcelona/3

Points 68
Team GRT Yamaha WorldSBK
Championship: P12 Pts.: 68 Pod. 1

This will be the first visit for Garrett Gerloff at Magny-Cours.

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DUCATI Leandro MERCADO

Nationality Argentinean Jesus Maria, Cordoba
Born 15/02/1992 Age 28 Starts 124

Points 428
Team Motocorsa Racing
Championship: P18 Pts.: 12

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 9 Best race: 6 Best grid: 2
Leandro Mercado has finished all his nine WorldSBK races at Magny-Cours, missing out on a points finish only last year, when he was 14th in the Tissot Superpole Race. His best result is a 6th in Race 2, 2017 - his joint-best result in a race.
> In 2017, he recorded here his maiden front row in Superpole with second.

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DUCATI Scott REDDING

Nationality British Quedgeley
Born 15/01/1993 Age 27 Starts 18
Wins 4 Last win: 2020, Aragon/2
Podiums 12 Last podium: 2020, Barcelona/1
Poles 1 Last pole: 2020, Jerez
Front Rows 4 Fastest laps 3 Points 239

Team Aruba.it Racing - Ducati
Championship: P2 Pts.: 239 Wins 4 Poles 1 Pod. 12

Coming from the prototypes Championships, this is a new track for Scott Redding.

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BMW Eugene LAVERTY

Nationality Irish Ballymena
Born 03/06/1986 Age 34 Starts 191
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 1,592.5

Team BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team
Championship: P13 Pts.: 45

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 15 Podiums 3 Best race: 2 Best grid: 2
15 races at Magny-Cours for Eugene Laverty. He recorded three podiums here: 3rd in Race 2, 2011 and 2nd and 3rd in 2013. Last year, he qualified in 8th and was 9th, 13th and 12th in the races.
> Recorded two front rows in Superpole 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 a Red Flag was shown soon afterwards.
> BMW will be the fifth different bike he takes to the track here after Yamaha, Aprilia, Suzuki and Ducati. Apart from Suzuki, he's been in the top ten during races for all of the manufacturers he has raced for.

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YAMAHA Toprak RAZGATLIOGLU

Nationality Turkish Sakarya
Born 16/10/1996 Age 23 Starts 77
Wins 3 Last win: 2020, Phillip Island/1
Podiums 21 Last podium: 2020, Algarve/2
Front Rows 2 Fastest laps 3 Points 623

Team Pata Yamaha Official WorldSBK Team
Championship: P5 Pts.: 157 Wins 1 Pod. 6

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 5 Wins 2 Podiums 2 Best race: 1 Best grid: 9
Last year, Toprak Razgatlioglu took two incredible wins at Magny-Cours from the 16th grid spot (*), both in Race 1 (maiden career win (**)) and in the Tissot Superpole Race: no one before him had been able to win from such a distant grid spot. In Race 2, it went the other way around for Razgatlioglu as he enjoyed a pole start but crashed out of the race.
> In 2018, 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 2015 behind Augusto Fernandez and Axel Bassani.
(* Only rider to claim his maiden win from 16th, lowest grid spot in history for a first win (previously: 14th, Fabrizio Pirovano, Le Mans 1988). (**) Lowest ever grid spot for a win in WorldSBK history with Donington 1989/Race 1 (Fabrizio Pirovano) and Brno 2005/Race 2 (Noriyuki Haga).

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YAMAHA Michael VAN DER MARK

Nationality Dutch Gouda
Born 26/10/1992 Age 27 Starts 155
Wins 4 Last win: 2020, Barcelona/2
Podiums 35 Last podium: 2020, Barcelona/3
Poles 1 Last pole: 2016, Buriram
Front Rows 4 Fastest laps 2 Points 1,522

Team Pata Yamaha Official WorldSBK Team
Championship: P4 Pts.: 178 Wins 1 Pod. 6

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 11 Podiums 5 Best race: 2 Best grid: 2
Five podium placements make Magny-Cours the third best track for Michael van der Mark after Assen (7 podiums) and Portimao (6). Last year, he was 13th (*) after a crash in Race 1, third in the Tissot Superpole Race and 2nd in Race 2.
> Last year, he scored for his first front row in Tissot Superpole: second.
> Missed out on a top ten Superpole result only in 2015, when he was 14th.
> In 2014, the then-new World Supersport Champion 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.
> His second place in 2016 is the last podium placement for Honda at this track.
(* Excluding this crash, he has always finished between second and ninth here.

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YAMAHA Federico CARICASULO

Nationality Italian Ravenna
Born 06/04/1996 Age 24 Starts 18

Caricasulo raced four times here in the World Supersport Championship: his highlights are a second place behind Niki Tuuli in 2017 and a pole position the following year. Last year, he was fourth on the grid but retired from the race after two crashes.

Points 41

Team GRT Yamaha WorldSBK
Championship: P14 Pts.: 41



BMW Tom SYKES

Nationality British Huddersfield
Born 19/08/1985 Age 35 Starts 314
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 3,498.5

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 23 Wins 3 Podiums 11 Poles 4 Best race: 1 Best grid: 1

Tom Sykes climbed on the podium 11 times out of 23 here, putting him in second spot behind Rea (12) for podium finishes at the French track. Last year, he was able to climb on the podium in Race 1 in third (his and BMW's last podium to date) and finished 8th in both Sunday races.
> Sykes won three times at Magny-Cours: Race 2 in 2012 and a double the following year, in all three cases leading from lights to flag.
> Shares the record of Superpoles here with Jonathan Rea (4).

Team BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team
Championship: P11 Pts.: 70 Poles 1



YAMAHA Loris BAZ

Nationality French Sallanches
Born 01/02/1993 Age 27 Starts 127
Wins 2 Last win: 2013, Silverstone/2
Podiums 16 Last podium: 2020, Barcelona/2
Poles 2 Last pole: 2014, Jerez
Front Rows 6 Fastest laps 2 Points 979

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 9

Best race: 4 Best grid: 5

Loris Baz has an excellent record at his home track, as he finished eight races out of nine in the top ten. Last year, he scored his best results: fifth after Superpole, he was 4th, 7th and 5th in the races.

Team Ten Kate Racing - Yamaha
Championship: P9 Pts.: 91 Pod. 2



Kawasaki Maximilian SCHEIB

Nationality Chilean Santiago de Chile
Born 24/07/1995 Age 25 Starts 18

Scheib was 9th and 14th in his Superstock 1000 races run in 2017 and 2018.

Points 14

Team Orelac Racing VerdNatura
Championship: P19 Pts.: 11



HONDA Leon HASLAM

Nationality British Derby (London)
Born 31/05/1983 Age 37 Starts 272
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 2,307

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 21 Podiums 3 Poles 1 Best race: 2 Best grid: 1

Magny-Cours in this weekend will become the track where Leon Haslam has run most races. So far he amassed 21, only one shy of his Phillip Island tally (22). He climbed on the Magny-Cours podium three times 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 (***). Last year, he qualified in third (last front row in Superpole to date), crashed in Race 1 and was then 9th and 7th in the Sunday Races.
> Raced here for no less than six different manufacturers: Ducati, Honda, Suzuki, BMW, Aprilia, Kawasaki.
(*). Last podium for Suzuki here.
(**) First podium for BMW here. (***) Haslam's last podium for Honda so far

Team Team HRC
Championship: P10 Pts.: 88



DUCATI Samuele CAVALIERI

Nationality Italian Bologna
Born 07/06/1997 Age 23 Starts 6

This will be the first racing weekend for Samuele Cavalieri in Magny Cours.

Points 6

Team Barni Racing Team
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