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Riders' Performances at Aragon

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Kawasaki Jonathan REA

Nationality	British	Ballymena
Born	02/02/1987	Age 33 Starts 289
Wins	93	Last win: 2020, Algarve/3
Podiums	175	Last podium: 2020, Algarve/3
Poles	24	Last pole: 2020, Algarve
Front Rows	80	Fastest laps 73 Points 4,525.5
Team	Kawasaki Racing Team	
Championship:	P1	Pts.: 136 Wins 5 Poles 1 Pod. 7

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 17 Wins 3 Podiums 12 Best race: 1 Best grid: 2

Jonathan Rea won three times at Aragon: the first races in 2015, 2017 and 2018. His podium tally is 12, track record with Chaz Davies, mostly composed by second places: no less than 7, three of them last year, always behind Alvaro Bautista.

- > Seven second places on a given track is nearly an absolute record in WorldSBK history. Only Troy Corser in Misano recorded more: nine.
- > Rea's second places are marked by Ducati: he was second to Davies four times from 2015 to 2018 and three times behind Bautista last year. He had his revenges though: he was the winner ahead of Chaz in 2015 Race 1 and 2018 Race 1.
- > Rea never missed a podium with Kawasaki here: a string of 11 started with a win in 2015, Race 1.
- > Rea has finished all his races here in each of the top five positions at least once.
- > His only race outside the points at Aragon was a 16th in Race 1 in 2012 after a first turn contact with Jakub Smrz.
- > Never started from pole here: he was second in Superpole both in 2018 and 2017 to the Ducatis of Marco Melandri (2018) and Chaz Davies (2017). For a curious coincidence, on both occasions he missed pole by 0.031 seconds, the closest gap between pole sitter and second on the grid at this track.



DUCATI Chaz DAVIES

Nationality	British	Knighton
Born	10/02/1987	Age 33 Starts 221
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 2,658.5
Team	Aruba.it Racing - Ducati	
Championship:	P6	Pts.: 75 Pod. 1

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 17 Wins 7 Podiums 12 Poles 1 Best race: 1 Best grid: 1

Chaz Davies is the most successful rider at Aragon with 7 wins, and his record is safe for 2020 as his closest rivals are Jonathan Rea and Alvaro Bautista at 3. Last year, Davies recorded two podiums: two third places in Race 1 and Race 2; was also 4th in the Superpole Race. These were his first on the Ducati Panigale V4 R.

- > This is the only track where Davies has won seven times and climbed on the podium 12 times.
- > Shares the podium record here with Jonathan Rea (12).
- > An eighth win here would put Davies in an elite of riders who have won eight or more times on a given track: Jonathan Rea, with 12 wins at Assen and Portimao; Carl Fogarty with 12 at Assen; Tom Sykes with nine wins at Donington Park; Rea with nine at Imola and eight at Misano.
- > If Davies scores three podiums at Aragon, he will join an elite of just four riders who scored 15 or more podiums at a given track: Jonathan Rea with 20 at Portimao and 18 at Assen; Troy Corser with 16 at Misano; Carl Fogarty with 15 at Assen; Tom Sykes with 15 at Donington Park.
- > All his wins here came without starting from pole. He took pole position in 2017, but crashed after battling with Rea in Race 1.
- > He has the lowest starting position for two wins at Aragon: he won Race 2 in 2017 from 10th on the grid and Race 2 in 2018 from 8th. All the other wins in Aragon came from the top five grid slots.
- > His 3rd position in Race 2, 2012, was his maiden WorldSBK podium, racing for Aprilia.



Kawasaki Sandro CORTESE

Nationality	German	Ochsenhausen
Born	06/01/1990	Age 30 Starts 43
Front Rows	4	Points 148
Team	OUTDO Kawasaki TPR	
Championship:	P15	Pts.: 14

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 3 Best race: 7 Best grid: 2

Last year, Sandro Cortese was second in Tissot Superpole (his best result to date) and secured three top ten finishes as he was respectively 7th, 9th and 10th.

- > Two years ago, Cortese left nothing to his opponents in the Aragon WorldSSP weekend, recording a hat-trick of pole, win and fastest race lap. The pole and win were his maiden ones in the Championship.
- > Cortese raced five times here in the Moto2™ World Championship from 2013 to 2017, scoring a 9th as best result in 2017.
- > Was third on the grid and second to the late Luis Salom in the inaugural Moto3™ race here in 2012.
- > Finished 5th and 7th in the two-stroke 125cc races run at Aragon in 2010 and 2011.



Kawasaki Xavi FORES

Nationality	Spanish	Llombai
Born	16/09/1985	Age 34 Starts 100
Podiums	6	Last podium: 2018, San Juan/2
Front Rows	3	Fastest laps 1 Points 657
Team	Kawasaki Puccetti Racing	
Championship:	P16	Pts.: 14

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 8 Podiums 1 Best race: 3 Best grid: 4

Xavi Fores has excellent results at Aragon, as he was six times a top six finisher out of 8 races run there. His best result came in 2018, Race 1, as he was third. He led three laps in Race 2 before crashing out; that is his last race here.



HONDA Takumi TAKAHASHI

Nationality	Japanese	Kitamoto
Born	26/11/1989	Age 30 Starts 16
Points	9	
Team	MIE Racing Althea Honda Team P22	

[This will be the first racing weekend for Takumi Takahashi in Aragon.]



HONDA Alvaro BAUTISTA

Nationality	Spanish	Talavera de la Reina
Born	21/11/1984	Age 35 Starts 45
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 553
Team	Team HRC	
Championship:	P7	Pts.: 55

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

Last year, Alvaro Bautista took Aragon by storm, conceding nothing to his rivals: he won all three races from pole, set the three fastest laps and led all the laps.

- > In MotoGP™, Bautista scored points 8 times out of 9 in MotoGP here, missing out only in 2018 due to a crash. His best result is a fourth, less than one second from the final podium spot (scored by Valentino Rossi) in the 2013 event.



DUCATI Sylvain BARRIER

Nationality	French	Oyonnax
Born	20/10/1988	Age 31 Starts 35
Points	63	
Team	Brixx Performance	
Championship:	P21	Pts.: 1

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 2 Best race: 16 Best grid: 19

Sylvain Barrier raced in WorldSBK here in 2016, finishing just outside the points in 16th in Race 1 and crashing in Race 2.

- > Barrier was the race winner in STK1000 here in 2013, starting from pole position.

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DUCATI Michael Ruben RINALDI
Nationality Italian Rimini
Born 21/12/1995 Age 24 Starts 62
Points 252

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 5

Best race: 7 Best grid: 5

Michael Ruben Rinaldi made his WorldSBK debut in 2018 at Aragon: he made it in the top ten straightaway both in Tissot Superpole with 8th, and in the races with 8th and 7th. Last year, he was 13th in Race 1, crashed in the Tissot Superpole Race after a contact with Rea, and was 9th in Race 2.
> Rinaldi was the race winner from pole here in STK1000 in 2017 and 2nd from the same grid spot in 2016, behind Florian Marino (Superpole) and Leandro Mercado (Race).
> Raced here also in Superstock 600: 17th in 2014; in the 2015 races he was the pole sitter, finishing 2nd to Toprak Razgatlioglu in Race 1 and crashing out in Race 2 on the last lap after battling with Razgatlioglu, remounting to finish 19th.

Team Team Gooleven
Championship: P9 Pts.: 53

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Kawasaki Alex LOWES
Nationality British Lincoln
Born 14/09/1990 Age 29 Starts 175
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 5 Points 1,328

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 13

Podiums 1

Best race: 3 Best grid: 3

Last year, Alex Lowes took his first Aragon podium, finishing third in the Tissot Superpole Race; he was also 4th in Race 1 and 5th in Race 2.
> He has always scored points for Yamaha here, 8 times, missing out on a top ten placement only in 2017 Race 2, due to an off-track excursion, finishing 13th.
> Took two points finishes also for Suzuki: 10th in Race 1, 2014 and 14th in Race 2, 2015.
> Qualified once for the front row here: he was third on the grid in 2016. He was joined by teammate Sylvain Guintoli on the front row, the first time Yamaha had two bikes on the front row since Portimao 2011. It has only happened once since then too, with Losail in 2019. Thanks to the new regulations, he was the pole sitter for Race 2 in 2017 and was able to lead for three laps before encountering technical issues.

Team Kawasaki Racing Team
Championship: P4 Pts.: 91 Wins 1 Pod. 2

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Nationality French Lyon, France
Born 23/12/1995 Age 24 Starts 32
Points 22

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 2

Best race: 14 Best grid: 17

Ponsson was 14th and 16th in the 2015 races.
> He was 14th in both his STK1000 races here in 2013 and 2016. 20th and 11th in his STK600 races in 2011 and 2012.

Team Nuova M2 Racing
Championship: P20 Pts.: 4

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YAMAHA Garrett GERLOFF
Nationality American Katy, Texas
Born 01/08/1995 Age 25 Starts 7
Points 22

This will be the first racing weekend for Garrett Gerloff in Aragon.

Team GRT Yamaha WorldSBK
Championship: P12 Pts.: 22

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DUCATI Marco MELANDRI
Nationality Italian Ravenna
Born 07/08/1982 Age 38 Starts 193
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 2,233.5

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 15 Wins 2 Podiums 9 Poles 2 Best race: 1 Best grid: 1

Marco Melandri is second only to Chaz Davies and Jonathan Rea for podium finishes here, with nine. He was the race winner here in 2011 Race 1 (*) for Yamaha and 2012 Race 2 for BMW. Last year, he was 12th in Race 1 and 11th in the Superpole Race and Race 2.
> This is the only track in which he climbed on the podium nine times.
> Recorded pole position here twice: 2011 and 2018. The 2011 one was his maiden Superpole. This is the only track in which he achieved two poles.
(*) First WorldSBK race run in Aragon.

Team Barni Racing Team
Championship: P13 Pts.: 17

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DUCATI Leandro MERCADO
Nationality Argentinean Jesus Maria, Cordoba
Born 15/02/1992 Age 28 Starts 122
Points 423

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 9

Best race: 7 Best grid: 8

The best placement for Mercado here is a 7th, scored in 2015, Race 2 and 2017, Race 1, the latter at his comeback from a testing injury. Last year, he crashed in Race 1 with Alessandro Delbianco, fractured a scaphoid and had to miss the rest of the weekend.
> Mercado raced four times in the FIM European Superstock 1000 Championship here; winning from pole, leading all the laps and setting the fastest race time in 2014, while he won from seventh on the grid in 2016. He is the only rider who won twice at Aragon in STK1000.

Team Motocorsa Racing
Championship: P19 Pts.: 7

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DUCATI Scott REDDING
Nationality British Quedgeley
Born 15/01/1993 Age 27 Starts 9
Wins 2 Last win: 2020, Jerez/3
Podiums 7 Last podium: 2020, Algarve/3
Poles 1 Last pole: 2020, Jerez
Front Rows 2 Fastest laps 3 Points 132

Scott Redding raced at Aragon from 2010 to 2018 in the prototypes Championship, scoring a podium as he was third in Moto2™ in 2012. In MotoGP™, his best result was a 10th in 2014.

Team Aruba.it Racing - Ducati
Championship: P2 Pts.: 132 Wins 2 Poles 1 Pod. 7

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BMW Eugene LAVERTY
Nationality Irish Ballymena
Born 03/06/1986 Age 34 Starts 182
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 1,563.5

Team BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team
Championship: P14 Pts.: 16

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 13 Podiums 1 Best race: 2 Best grid: 2
One podium finish (2nd in Race 2, 2012) and nine more top ten finishes for Eugene Laverty at Aragon out of thirteen starts: he missed out only in 2013, retiring twice and last year in Race 1, as he crashed on the last lap while battling with Alex Lowes. In the other two races last year (Tissot Superpole Race and Race 2), he was sixth.
> Had to miss the 2018 Aragon weekend due to a fractured pelvis sustained during the Buriram round.
> He has always qualified between 2nd (2013) and 9th (2017) here. Last year, he was sixth in Superpole.



YAMAHA Toprak RAZGATLIOGLU
Nationality Turkish Sakarya
Born 16/10/1996 Age 23 Starts 70
Wins 3 Last win: 2020, Phillip Island/1
Podiums 21 Last podium: 2020, Algarve/2
Front Rows 1 Fastest laps 3 Points 569

Team Pata Yamaha Official WorldSBK Team
Championship: P3 Pts.: 103 Wins 1 Pod. 6

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 5 Best race: 8 Best grid: 16
In 2018, Toprak Razgatlioglu was twice 9th at Aragon: he improved that with an 8th in Race 1 last year, but afterwards he had to settle for 10th in the Tissot Superpole Race and didn't finish Race 2.
> Entered two STK1000 weekends here: he withdrew in 2016 and was 4th from the 7th grid spot in 2017.
> Won twice in Superstock 600 here in 2015.
> Raced four times at Aragon in the Red Bull Rookies Cup, always finishing in the top ten: 10th and 4th in 2013; 6th and 5th in 2014.



YAMAHA Michael VAN DER MARK
Nationality Dutch Gouda
Born 26/10/1992 Age 27 Starts 146
Wins 3 Last win: 2019, Jerez/3
Podiums 32 Last podium: 2020, Algarve/3
Poles 1 Last pole: 2016, Buriram
Front Rows 4 Fastest laps 2 Points 1,426

Team Pata Yamaha Official WorldSBK Team
Championship: P5 Pts.: 82 Pod. 3

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 11 Best race: 5 Best grid: 6
The best result for Michael van der Mark here is a fifth, scored no less than four times straight. The Dutchman always finished fifth at Aragon in the four races run in 2017 and 2018. Last year, van der Mark managed a 6th and an 8th in Race 1 and Race 2, crashing in the Superpole Race. He remounted to finish 15th.
> His best Superpole result is a 6th in 2018: last year he was 11th in Superpole.
> He has missed out on a top eight finish at Aragon only in his two retirements (2015 Race 1; 2016 Race 1) and last year in the Tissot Superpole Race, when he crashed.
> In his two WorldSSP seasons, Michael van der Mark took two second positions at Aragon. In 2013, he had to surrender to Fabien Foret, while in 2014 he was less than one second behind Kenan Sofuoglu at the flag. His string of second places in this track stretches back to his European Superstock 600 years, as he was 2nd in 2012 behind Riccardo Russo.



HONDA Lorenzo GABELLINI
Nationality Italian Rimini
Born 08/09/1999 Age 20 Starts 6

Team MIE Racing Althea Honda Team
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[This will be the first racing weekend for Lorenzo Gabellini in Aragon.]



YAMAHA Federico CARICASULO
Nationality Italian Ravenna
Born 06/04/1996 Age 24 Starts 9

Points 12
Team GRT Yamaha WorldSBK
Championship: P17 Pts.: 12

Caricasulo has raced four times in WorldSSP at Aragon from 2016 to last year, scoring two podiums in his last two races: he was second behind Sandro Cortese in 2018 and third behind Randy Krummenacher and Raffaele de Rosa last year. In the latter, he missed the win by only 0.158 seconds.



BMW Tom SYKES
Nationality British Huddersfield
Born 19/08/1985 Age 35 Starts 305
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 3,475.5

Team BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team
Championship: P10 Pts.: 47 Poles 1

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 19 Wins 2 Podiums 7 Poles 4 Best race: 1 Best grid: 1
Seven podium finishes for Tom Sykes at Aragon, the last one in 2017, Race 1 (third). Last year, he qualified in 3rd and was fifth in Race 1 and in the Superpole Race, then 12th in Race 2.
> Sykes won the 2014 races from pole, leading all the race laps that weekend.
> Tom is the undisputed Superpole leader at Aragon with four Superpoles (2012 to 2014 and 2016), and he has always qualified in the top five.
> His Superpoles record here will remain unbeaten at least until 2023, as the active riders which scored pole here have recorded it only once (Haslam, Davies, Bautista).
> His eight front rows in Superpole are more than the double of his next competitor, who is Chaz Davies at three.
> In his career, Tom Sykes has recorded the Superpole seven times at Misano and Donington, an absolute record of Superpoles in a single track in the Championship history: Aragon, Assen and Magny Cours follow at 4.
> Qualified only in odd spots here: 4 times on pole, 4 times in third, once in 5th (2011).
> Was always third in Superpole from 2017 onwards, taking BMW's first front row since returning to WorldSBK last year.



YAMAHA Loris BAZ
Nationality French Sallanches
Born 01/02/1993 Age 27 Starts 118
Wins 2 Last win: 2013, Silverstone/2
Podiums 15 Last podium: 2020, Algarve/2
Poles 2 Last pole: 2014, Jerez
Front Rows 5 Fastest laps 2 Points 942

Team Ten Kate Racing - Yamaha
Championship: P8 Pts.: 54 Pod. 1

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 8 Podiums 2 Best race: 2 Best grid: 2
Loris Baz scored two podiums out of eight WorldSBK races in Aragon as he was twice second from the second grid spot in 2014. He scored two top ten finishes the year before, when he was 5th and 6th.

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Kawasaki Maximilian SCHEIB

Nationality Chilean Santiago de Chile
Born 24/07/1995 **Age** 25 **Starts** 12

Maximilian Scheib raced three times in STK1000 at Aragon: he was 9th in 2016, retired in 2017 and finished 4th in 2018.

Points 13

Team Orelac Racing VerdNatura
Championship: P18 Pts.: 10



HONDA Leon HASLAM

Nationality British Derby (London)
Born 31/05/1983 **Age** 37 **Starts** 263
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** 2,255

WorldSBK scorecard here: Races 13 Podiums 1 Poles 1 Best race: 3 Best grid: 1

Leon Haslam has always finished his thirteen WorldSBK races at Aragon between 3rd and 9th: last year, he was respectively 9th, 7th and 4th.
> The 2015 weekend was his best one at Aragon as he recorded the Superpole, was 4th in Race 1 and 3rd in Race 2.
> Recorded all of his top nine finishes here despite starting only five times from the top ten: the aforementioned pole spots in 2015; a 4th in both races in 2012 (at the time the reverse grids for Race 2 hadn't been introduced yet); a 7th in Race 2 last year.
> Was 9th six times at Aragon: he is the only rider in history with six ninth places on a given track.

Team Team HRC
Championship: P11 Pts.: 36