



FIM MOTOCROSS GRAND PRIX OF REPUBLIC OF IRELAND-LATEST INFO

FAIRYHOUSE (IRELAND), 29 August 2008 – After hosting lots of horse racing meetings Fairyhouse Racecourse is now ready to play host to round 13 of the FIM Motocross World series.

With 36 points dividing MX1 Championship leader David Philippaerts and fifth placed Ken de Dycker this is going to be an extremely challenging season finale, continuing next weekend in Lierop, The Netherlands, and ending the weekend after in Faenza, Italy.

On the other hand the MX2 class is a battle for two riders as Championship leader Tyla Rattray has already an 87 point advantage over fourth placed Shaun Simpson. Runner up Tommy Searle is 20 points away while third placed Tony Cairoli ended his season already in South Africa due to an injury.

MX1

A very exciting MX1 Championship is very much due to end only in the final round in Faenza on September 14 as the top five riders are spread in just 36 points.

With victory at the Czech GP David Philippaerts of Yamaha Monster Motocross has taken the red plate back while Teka Suzuki WMX1's Steve Ramon dropped down to second.

Yamaha Monster Motocross' Joshua Coppins is currently third and aims at moving up in the standings; though the Kiwi also has to look back as Jonathan Barragan and Ken de Dycker are just one point away.

AXO KTM Silver Action's Barragan is on a four podium roll which includes three consecutive wins from Sweden to Belgium while Teka Suzuki WMX1's De Dycker has been riding strong in the latest meetings and showed he is ready for a solid season's finale.

Sebastien Pourcel, to ride with the fuel injection KX450F, and Max Nagl round off the top seven.

Alessio Chiodi is due to miss this GP and Lierop due to an arm problem; Cedric Melotte injured his right ankle in Lommel and after an unsuccessful try to race in Loket he will sit out of Fairyhouse.

Steve Boniface is also missing this GP as he and the CAS Honda squad ended their relation.

On the other hand Gordon Crockard will return to action this weekend in Ireland.



Sebastien Pourcel looks forward to bringing the fuel injection KX450F to its GP debut this weekend

MX2

Red Bull KTM Factory Racing team mates Tyla Rattray and Tommy Searle starred an extremely battled Czech Grand Prix as they showed how much hard fought is this year's MX2 Championship.

Searle was the eventual winner though his gap from series leader Rattray, second overall in Loket, remained 20 points.

Other KTM fellow riders Rui Goncalves (Red Bull KTM Factory Racing) and Shaun Simpson (KTM UK) have been performing well this season; Simpson is actually an extremely popular rider in Ireland as he rides with the Northern Ireland based team KTM UK. Shaun injured his shoulder in Loket and had to miss that GP but he will be on fire this weekend and looking for his third season's podium.

Goncalves, Simpson and Ricci Racing Yamaha's Nicolas Aubin aim at moving up in the standings by at least one position as third placed rider Tony Cairoli ended his season already in Nelspruit with a knee injury.

A handful of riders are coming back to racing this weekend; first of all Gareth Swanepoel, to ride his first GP of 2008 after a wrist injury blocked him until now. Matteo Bonini and Pascal Leuret are also coming back after injuries.



This is like a home GP for Shaun Simpson riding for Northern Ireland based team KTM UK

FAIRYHOUSE RACE COURSE AND DUBLIN

The motocross course in Dublin is realized on the already existing horse racing facility and actually the circuit itself crosses the horse racing course. The very challenging layout covers any racing situation on a soft terrain; there is a lay of woodchips on top of the current ground to make it resistant to the rainy conditions affecting the area very often.



An overall view of the beautiful Fairyhouse Racetrack

Ireland's capital city Dublin is the most populated city in the country and hosts 1.1 million inhabitants in the entire area of its county. Lots of attractions such as castles, museums and art galleries make Dublin an extremely interesting and lively city which can be easily navigated on foot. The Temple Bar area is a nice one to stop by in between one tour and the next one. Dublin is not just land, it is also sea with the spectacular Dublin Bay standing in front of the city. Other than English the Dubliners speak also the Irish (or Gaelic) language which is the original native language of the country. Place names and signage are usually in both languages. The city is also famous for having inspired local writer James Joyce in writing the book Dubliners; this 15 story collection is all about life in the surroundings of this beautiful city in the early 19th century.

THE EVENT'S SCHEDULE

Saturday August 30: MX2 Free Practice at 10:00 am; MX1 Free Practice 1 at 11:00 am; MX2 Pre-Qualifying Practice at 12:00 am; MX1 Free Practice 2 at 2:00 pm; MX2 Qualifying Race 1 at 3:00 pm; MX2 Qualifying Race 2 at 3:45 pm; MX1 Time Practice at 4:30 pm; MX2 Last Chance Qualifying Practice at 5:15 pm (local time).

Sunday August 31: MX2 Warm-up at 9:00 am; MX1 Warm-up at 9:30 am; MX2 Grand Prix Race 1 at 12:10 am; MX1 Grand Prix Race 1 at 1:10 pm; MX2 Grand Prix Race 2 at 3:03 pm; MX1 Grand Prix Race 2 at 4:03 pm (local time).

The Grand Prix will be **broadcast live** on:

- **EUROSPORT 2 (Pan Europe)** : MX1 Race 2 at 17:00 CET
- **MOTORS TV (Pan Europe)**: MX2 Race 1 at 13:00 and Race 2 at 16:00 CET
- **SPORT ITALIA (Italy)**: MX2 Race 1 at 13:00 CET
- **VRT (Belgium)**: MX1 Race 1 at 14:00 and Race 2 at 17:00 CET
- **GALAXIE SPORT (Czech Republic)**: MX2 Race 1 at 13:00 and Race 2 at 16:00 CET
- **ART (Pan Middle East)**: MX1 Race 2 at 17:00 CET
- **SPORT TV (Slovenia)**: MX2 Race 1 at 13:00 and Race 2 at 16:00 CET
- **EUROSPORT WORLD (PAN ASIA)**: MX1 Race 2 at 15:30 GMT
- **RED BULL TV (Austria)**: MX2 Race 1 at 13:00 and Race 2 at 16:00; MX1 Race 1 at 14:00 and Race 2 at 17:00 CET
- **MEDIAZONE (Worldwide)**: MX2 Race 1 at 13:00 and Race 2 at 16:00; MX1 Race 1 at 14:00 and Race 2 at 17:00 CET
- **TRANS 7 (Indonesia)**: MX2 Race 1 at 13:00 and Race 2 at 16:00; MX1 Race 1 at 14:00 and Race 2 at 17:00 CET

The Grand Prix will be **broadcast delayed** on:

- **EUROSPORT 2 (Pan Europe)**: Sunday August 31; MX1 Race 1 at 18:00 and Race 2 at 22:00 CET
- **MOTORS TV (Pan Europe)**: Sunday August 31; MX2 Race 1 at 21:00 and Race 2 at 21:55. Monday September 1; MX 2 Race 1 at 05:00 and Race 2 at 05:50. Tuesday September 2; MX1 Race 1 at 21:00 and Race 2 at 21:55 CET
- **SPORT ITALIA (Italy)**: Sunday August 31; MX2 Race 2 at 17:30 and MX1 Race 1 at 23:30. Monday September 1; MX1 Race 2 at 00:30 CET
- **EUROSPORT WORLD (Pan Asia)**: Sunday August 31; MX1 Race 1 at 16:00 and Race 2 at 23:30. Monday September 1; MX1 Race 1 at 00:15, 08:45 and Race 2 at 08:00; MX2 Class at 17:00. Tuesday September 2; MX1 Race 2 at 03:15 and at 21:00; MX1 Race 1 at 04:00 and at 21:45; MX2 Class at 12:00. Wednesday September 3; MX2 Class at 9:00, 15:30 and at 20:30. Thursday September 4; MX2 Class at 04:00. Friday September 5; MX2 Class at 05:00 GMT
- **AMERICA ONE SPORTS (USA)**: Second Tuesday after the GP; MX2 Race 2 at 21:00; MX1 Race 2 at 22:00 USA Eastern Time
- **GAORA (Japan)**: MX2 Race 1 and Race 2; MX1 Race 1 and Race 2 N/A CET