

## Fantastic French Superbike success

Following its successful debut in the French Superbike championship opening round at Lédénon in the south of France earlier this month, the BMW Motorrad France team riders Erwan Nigon and Sébastien Gimbert travelled to Nogaro in the south west of the country for round two and achieved the best results imaginable on the BMW S 1000 RR.



BMW Motorrad France's team riders were hoping to improve on their podium finishes in the first round of this prestigious 14-race series and they did so in some style, with a double victory achieved for 27-year-old Erwan Nigon on the #7 BMW S 1000 RR, and two second places for team-mate Sébastien Gimbert.

These impressive results mean that after four rounds of the 2010 series, the two BMW riders are first and second in the championship, with Nigon on 87 points (out of a possible 100) and Gimbert on 71. Furthermore, the potential of the S 1000 RR was really in evidence, as the lap record at the Nogaro circuit was improved by a second thanks to Nigon, who also set the pole position best qualifying time. Against a field of riders on a variety of motorcycles from Ducati, Kawasaki, Suzuki, Yamaha and Honda, the two BMW team-mates were head and shoulders above the opposition throughout the weekend's racing at Nogaro, with a 9.5-second gap to the third placed podium finisher Julien Da Costa on the Kawasaki ZX-10R in race two.

For BMW Motorrad France's Marketing Manager Sébastien Lorentz, it promises to be a great season ahead with the S 1000 RR showing such great potential in this year's French Superbike championship, which also includes three privateer BMW S 1000 RR entries, as well as the official BMW Motorrad team.

“We’re delighted to celebrate our first victories on French racetracks with the BMW S 1000 RR and to be occupying the top two spots in the championship after the first four races. Even though we’re enjoying these victories, it’s clear to the team’s technicians that there are still a lot of improvements possible with the bikes, so we’re hoping to continue to develop these bikes and get better with each of the remaining 10 races.



“I’d like to thank the Michelin Racing Service and all our technical partners for their support especially UP Racing and PFP Racing / Öhlins France, as well as BMW Motorrad Motorsport – and especially Kurt and Marc – for their support in helping us to achieve these results with lots of good advice and ECU programming! The team will next be in action at the Le Vigean race track on 15th and 16th May, where we will again be aiming to show sports bike riders and racing enthusiasts what BMW Motorrad’s S 1000 RR is capable of. Le Vigean is one of the favourite tracks of our rider Erwan Nigon...”

For more information on the Michelin BMW team, please follow the link to its website (<http://www.bmw-motorrad-fsbk.com/>) and for more information about the French Superbike Championship, please visit [www.fsbk.fr](http://www.fsbk.fr)