



WorldSBK Estoril Round – Qualifying and Race1

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Razgatlioglu dominates in Estoril with Pirelli development tyres

The BMW rider set a new all-time lap record in qualifying using the extrasoft E0479 development and went on to win Race1 with a E0672 front - E0126 rear combo. Second career WorldSSP win for Debise

QUALIFYING		RACE1	
	24° C		26° C
	30° C		42° C
	RAZGATLIOGLU T. (BMW)		RAZGATLIOGLU T. (BMW)
POLEMAN		WINNER	
	SC2		E0672
FRONT		FRONT	
	E0479		E0126
REAR		REAR	

- **Toprak Razgatlioglu (BMW)** dominated the Saturday of the Estoril Round, claiming both **pole position** and **victory in Race1**. In qualifying, the Turkish rider made the most of the new **extra-soft rear E0479 development**, paired with the **SC2 front**, setting a **new all-time lap record** of **1'34.203**, and improving the previous benchmark set by Jonathan Rea back in 2022 by over one second.
- In **Race1**, Razgatlioglu started out with an **SC2 front tyre** and a **supersoft E0126 development rear tyre**, but after the **red flag** on lap one, he switched to the new **E0672 development SC1 front option** and kept the same rear. He went on to win with this combo, ahead of Ducati riders Nicolò Bulega and Álvaro Bautista, setting also the **new race lap record**, nearly **half a second faster** than Bulega's 2023 best. What's more, the Turkish rider also improved the **average race pace by 1.5 seconds** compared to last year's.
- As for the rest of the grid, the **unanimous choice** was the **supersoft E0126 development rear tyre**. While for the front, all the options available were employed, with the **E0672 development SC1** chosen by **10 riders** (including the top three), the **standard SC1** by **9 riders** (with the best-ranking **Alex Lowes**, fifth on Bimota), while **Michael van der Mark (BMW)** and **Garrett Gerloff (Kawasaki)** opted for the **hard SC2**.
- The **WorldSSP Race1** saw a **uniform tyre choice** across the grid, with all riders going for the **medium SC1 front** and **supersoft SCX rear tyres**. **Can Oncu (Yamaha)** was fastest in qualifying and started from pole, but **Valentin Debise (Ducati)** came out on top in the race, securing his **second career victory** in the category, after a close battle with **Stefano Manzi** (second) and **Oncu** (third), both on Yamaha. The race was especially fast, with the **total race time improving by six and a half seconds** and an **average lap gain of three and a half tenths** compared to 2024. The **race lap record** was also broken on lap

three, by **Roberto Garcia (Yamaha)** clocking at **1'39.847**, two tenths faster than **Isaac Viñales'** previous 2020 record.



New record-setting rear tyres, and the new front option becoming an immediate standout

"The key innovation in this round was the introduction of the new medium front development tyre, which delivered promising initial feedback. As is often the case, even though front tyres take longer to assess and be fully understood than rears, we're pleased that this one was positively received right from the outset, giving riders a strong sense of confidence, so much so that it was chosen by the top four ranking in the race. Even Razgatlioglu, who initially opted for the SC2 – one of his favourite compounds - decided to switch to the E0672 when resuming the race after the red flag. We're also very satisfied with the performance of the new extrasoft E0479 development rear tyre, which helped Razgatlioglu smash the previous track record in qualifying by more than a second. With the right conditions, the performance up-step this tyre offers over the already excellent supersoft is truly significant on a flying lap. Speaking of supersofts, the E0126 development SCX once again proved to be the unanimous choice for the race, and the clear improvement in average race pace compared to last year's confirms its consistency and stability characteristics over race distance."