



WorldSBK Dutch Round – Qualifying and Race1

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Bulega wins Race1 with Pirelli's new supersoft rear tyre

Bulega wins Race1 at Assen using the new development rear in E0126 specification, as did almost all the riders at the start; Bendsneyder wins the WorldSSP

QUALIFYING				RACE1				
	16° C		19° C		21° C		33° C	
	LOWES S. (DUCATI)				BULEGA N. (DUCATI)			
POLEMAN	1'32.596 - New All-Time Lap Record			WINNER				
								
FRONT			REAR	FRONT			REAR	

- A winning debut for the new **Pirelli E0126 rear tyre with the supersoft development compound** which, in combination with the **standard SC1 medium front**, led **Nicolò Bulega (Ducati) to victory in Race1** at the **Pirelli Dutch Round** at Assen, Holland. This tyre combination proved to be the most popular in the race, having also been chosen by Andrea Locatelli (Yamaha) and Danilo Petrucci (Ducati), second and third respectively. At the rear, only Garrett Gerloff (Kawasaki) opted for the **standard SCX**. Four riders chose the **hard SC2 front tyre**: poleman Sam Lowes (Ducati), Toprak Razgatlioglu (BMW), Tito Rabat (Ducati) and Zaqhwan Zaidi (Honda).
- The **extrasoft SCQ rear tyre** also made its first appearance of the season, and in combination with the **SC1 front tyre** allowed **Sam Lowes (Ducati)** to take his first **pole position** in WorldSBK, also recording a **new all-time lap record** with a time of 1'32.596 and improving by more than three tenths on the previous one set by Toprak Razgatlioglu in 2022.
- In **WorldSSP**, the **SC1 front and SCX rear combination** proved to be the best performing at Assen: it was the most popular choice on the grid and allowed **Bo Bendsneyder (MV Agusta) to win Race1**. The same combination led **Can Öncü (Yamaha)** to take **pole position** yesterday with a time of 1:36.184, a **new track record lap** for the category.



The new development supersoft has shown good potential

"The mild weather in Assen during these first two days has allowed us to see the new development rear in E0126 specification in action, and the results are very promising. This specification was chosen almost unanimously for the start of Race1: a very encouraging result, in line with what was already observed two weeks ago in Portimão, where the development soft in E0125 specification, equipped with the same structure, obtained equally positive feedback. The unusually high temperatures put a strain on the front tyres, both the SC1 and SC2, which showed higher levels of wear than expected. The extrasoft SCQ used in Superpole paid off, with Sam Lowes setting a new track record."