



World Enduro Championship 2007, first GP, Sweden

A perfect start into the new season.

Metzeler confirmed its outstanding performance at the first World Enduro Championship.

Oestersund, Sweden. After the great Metzeler success in 2005 and 2006 winning all top positions, the WEC started this weekend at the central Swedish location with the Winter Enduro event.

There were many chances in the “Metzeler teams”. For the KTM factory team E3 title holder David Knight is now racing the GNCC in US, while Juha Salminen, seen as one of the best and professional Enduro riders in the world, returned from the US and rejoin the competition in the E1 class (125cc) together with A. Belometti. E1 World champion 2005/06 Ivan Cervantes will show his extraordinary talent onboard his 525 EXC Racing machine in the E3 class together with Marko Tarkkala. And the reigning world E2 world champion Samuli Aro on his KTM 250 EXC will try to defend his title. The Italian T. Oldrati together with the Finn Olli Turma will complete the KTM Factory team in the Junior class. Further asses in this tough competition we do have with the Honda Jolly Racing team with the strong Mika Ahola in E2 and Fabio Mossini in E1, Alessandro Botturi in E3 and two young talents in the Junior class Oscar Balletti and Paolo Bernardi.

The first raceday of the new season welcomed the riders with moderate temperature, light snow fall in the early part of the competition and a lot of mud in the afternoon. On Sunday however the riders were confronted with



continual snowfall, ideal conditions for the Scandinavian riders but unusual for the European competitors. Juha Salminen left none of his opponents in doubt about his intentions to go for the E1 title by winning both days. Tough fights in the E2 class, while beating Ahola by just 0,2 seconds on Saturday, Aro was forced to concede victory to his countryman on the second day. The best start to the season also for M. Tarkkala, who celebrated his victories on both days. His very impressive style in around 20-30 cm of fresh snow was also confirmed by his KTM team boss Fabio Farioli.

Metzeler team thanks all Metzeler riders for the perfect start and is looking forward to the next round at Lumbreras, Spain 28/29 April.




Result of the GP 1/2 Oestersund, Schweden

Day 1			Day 2		
Rider	Team	Tyre	Rider	Team	Tyre

ENDURO 1					
Salminen	KTM	METZELER	Salminen	KTM	METZELER
Gustafsson	KTM		Georgsson	KTM	
Oblucki	Husqvarna		Peltola	Suzuki	METZELER


ENDURO 2					
Aro	KTM	METZELER	Ahola	Honda	METZELER
Ahola	Honda	METZELER	Aro	KTM	METZELER
Salonen	Husaberg		Salonen	Husaberg	




ENDURO 3					
Tarkkala	KTM	METZELER	Tarkkala	KTM	METZELER
Carlsson	Husaberg		Carlsson	Husaberg	
Cervantes	KTM	METZELER	Cervantes	KTM	METZELER




ENDURO Junior					
Ljunggren	Husaberg		Ljunggren	Husaberg	
Kvarnstrom	KTM		Oldrati	KTM	METZELER 
Wressel	Husaberg	METZELER 	Turma	KTM	METZELER 




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	Rider	Nation	Team	Tyre	Pts
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ENDURO 1					
1	Juha Salminen	FIN	KTM	METZELER 	50
2	Tommi Peltola	FIN	Suzuki	METZELER 	38
3	Bartosz Oblucki	POL	Husqvarna		38
4	Fredrik Georgsson	SVE	KTM		36
5	Niklas Gustafsson	SVE	KTM		34

ENDURO 2					
1	Mika Ahola	FIN	Honda	METZELER 	47
2	Samuli Aro	FIN	KTM	METZELER 	47
3	Waltteri Salonen	FIN	Husaberg		40
4	Patrik Wicksell	SVE	KTM	METZELER 	33
5	Jari Mattila	FIN	Beta		33

ENDURO 3					
1	Marko Tarkkala	FIN	KTM	METZELER 	50
2	Bjorne Carlsson	FIN	Husaberg		44
3	Ivan Cervantes	SPA	KTM	METZELER 	40
4	Alessandro Botturi	ITA	Honda	METZELER 	34
5	Anders Eriksson	SVE	Husqvarna		34

ENDURO Junior					
1	Joakim Ljunggren	SVE	Husaberg		50
2	Olli Turma	FIN	KTM	METZELER 	36
3	Ricard Wressel	SVE	Husaberg	METZELER 	34
4	Thomas Oldrati	ITA	KTM	METZELER 	31
5	Antti Hellsten	FIN	Husqvarna		30