



World Enduro Championship 2005 – 6th round France

The Heat is on in Digne! Metzeler is still leading all classes with only 3 races left.

Dignes les Bains, 23/24 July 2005 –. The picturesque alpine scenery located in the Provence certainly masked the true character of the opening day of the AMV French Grand Prix as riders and equipment tackled an arduous, demanding and technical track in baking heat of over 30°C and very dusty conditions. Despite the complete change of scenery from last muddy race Czech Grand Prix, the Top riders and the Metzeler 6 Days proved that they can ride fast over any terrain.

On both days not only the temperatures were hot, also the action. The fights between the favorite riders for the overall victories are getting tougher and tougher. Only for Manxman David Knight the whole paddock is sharing the same opinion. He is the new king of Enduro, unbeatable by setting e.g. standards of winning margin of 1 min 28 secs. Metzeler is proud to fit his bike, as well as for all other Factory riders, as you can find them all under the TOP 6.

The next round will take place in Heinola, Finland 27/28 August and will become surely very interesting to see how our Finnish riders will do in their home country.



Above: David Knight in the Xtreme test peppered by the spectator crowd.

Below: Italian S. Albergoni from the Honda HM Zanardo team in the Enduro test.





Race result: Digne les Bains

| Race 11/18: 23 rd . July 2005 | | | | Race 12/18: 24 th . July 2005 | | |
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| Pos | Rider | Team | Tyre | Rider | Team | Tyre |

ENDURO 1

| | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------|------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Cervantes | KTM | METZELER | Cervantes | KTM | METZELER |
| 2 | Germain | Yamaha | MI | Germain | Yamaha | MI |
| 3 | Belometti | KTM | METZELER | Albergoni | Honda | METZELER |

ENDURO 2









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|---|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Merriman | Yahama | MI | Merriman | Yahama | MI |
| 2 | Aro | KTM | METZELER | Aro | KTM | METZELER |
| 3 | Botturi | KTM | METZELER | Botturi | KTM | METZELER |

ENDURO 3

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|---|---------------|---------|-----------------|---------------|---------|-----------------|
| 1 | Knight | KTM | METZELER | Knight | KTM | METZELER |
| 2 | Tarkkala | KTM | METZELER | Tarkkala | KTM | METZELER |
| 3 | Guillaume | Gas-Gas | MI | Guillaume | Gas-Gas | MI |



World Enduro Championship 2005 overall standings after race 12/18

| Pos. | Rider | Nation | Team | Tyre | Pts |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------|---|-----|
| ENDURO 1 | | | | | |
| 1 | Ivan Cervantes | SPA | KTM | METZELER  | 292 |
| 2 | Marc Germain | FRA | Yamaha | Mi | 234 |
| 3 | Simone Albergoni | ITA | Honda | METZELER  | 209 |
| 4 | Alessandro Belometti | ITA | KTM | METZELER  | 209 |
| 5 | Paul Edmondson | GBR | Honda | Mi | 200 |
| ENDURO 2 | | | | | |
| 1 | Aro Samuli | FIN | KTM | METZELER  | 270 |
| 2 | Stefan Merriman | GBR | Yamaha | Mi | 219 |
| 3 | Fabien Planet | FRA | KTM | Mi | 209 |
| 4 | Allessandro Botturi | ITA | KTM | METZELER  | 203 |
| 5 | Anders Erikson | SWE | Husqvarna | Mi | 203 |
| ENDURO 3 | | | | | |
| 1 | David Knight | GBR | KTM | METZELER  | 300 |
| 2 | Marko Tarkkala | FIN | KTM | METZELER  | 247 |
| 3 | S. Guillaume | FRA | Gas-Gas | Mi | 221 |
| 4 | Alex Zanni | ITA | Honda | METZELER  | 194 |
| 5 | Mika Ahola | FIN | Husqvarna | Mi | 186 |