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## European Women's Motorcycle Cup Preview - April 2nd

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### European Women's Cup

*Vallelunga (Rome, Italy) - Sunday, April the 2<sup>nd</sup>*

23 women racers have already joined the European Women's Cup, and we're expecting even more at the next races!

They come from Italy, France, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands, Slovenia, Norway, and they all are ready for the first round of the 2006 European Women's Cup that will take place in Vallelunga (Rome, Italy) next Sunday, April the 2<sup>nd</sup>

This Cup - sponsored by the UEM (European Motorcycle Union) - is at its second edition after it made a surprising debut last year.

The outgoing champions, **Samuela De Nardi** in the Over Class and **Alessia Polita** in the 600 Class, will try to defend their titles against old and new opponents.

Among the front runners, together with the above mentioned defenders, there are:

*in the Over Class:* **Paola Cazzola** (2005 Italian Champion), **Fabienne Migout** (second place at the 2005 EWC) **Nina Prinz** (winner of the 2005 Schleiz race and official MVAgusta rider on a F4, this year), **Alessia Polita** (the 2005 European Champion in the 600 Class last year, she will switch to the Over Class on a Suzuki GSXR1000 this year). Also **Letizia Marchetti** is a racer to be feared of (she's the 2005 Italian Champion in the 600 Class), she's also switching to the Over Class on a Suzuki GSXR1000, but she will only attend the home race in Vallelunga.

*in the 600 Class:* there are many riders in this Class, the expected favourites being **Lidya Jean** (second place in the 2005 EWC, 600 c.c.), **Petra Sovejarto** (third last year), **Simona Zaccardi** (second in the Italian Cup in 2005), **Chiara Valentini** (third in the Italian Cup, in 2005), **Iris Ten Katen** (who raced last year only at Schleiz achieving an excellent second place).

There are also new names in this Cup, like the Norwegian **Camilla Brathen** (one of the strongest racers in her Country), the French **Charlin Dieu**, the Italian rookie **Raffaella Ghirarduzzi** and Simona Zaccardi (who didn't take part to the European competition last year), and we will meet again many of the last year's competitors: **Silvia Carletto**, **Roberta Dello Siesto**, **Eliana Pezzilli** (among the

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favourites in the 600 Class, but she's likely to race only one round),  
**Samantha Palmucci, Fiorella Camilli, Manuela La Licata, Sharon Mermet, Urska Turnsek, Cristiana Toria.**

Several manufacturers will be present with their official racing teams, this year: **DUCATI** Y2K with 2 racers, Paola Cazzola and Chiara Valentini, **MVAGUSTA** with Nina Prinz, **APRILIA** with Samuela De Nardi, **SUZUKI** with Alessia Polita.

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