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European Women's Championship



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Summary:

In the last race of the Female European Championship at Oschersleben: Victory for Iris Ten Katen followed by Nina Prinz and Tina Katrasnik.

Article:

European Champions 2007
 NINA PRINZ (GER)
 Superstock 1000
 IRIS TEN KATEN (NED)
 Superstock 600



In the magnificent setting of the 24h World Endurance at Oschersleben, with 40000 onlookers crowding the paddock, pit lane and stands of this wonderful kermesse enjoying parties, music and games during all the three days of the event, it has taken place the last leg of the 2007 Female European Championship which has crowned the new European Champions.

Outstanding victory for the Dutch Iris Ten Katen, who has passed the finishing line of the Oschersleben's circuit before everybody else riding the Honda Cbr 600 of the Ten Kate team and gaining in the same time victory, fastest lap of the race and the title of 2007 European Champion for the Superstock 600 class. She was followed by the German Nina Prinz of the Ducati Y2K Team, who got the first place for the Superstock 1000 class and the European title for the same class. Also Nina scored the female record of the racetrack, riding Friday in dry condition at the fantastic time of 1.31.1.

After tuesday's free practices and friday morning qualification in dry condition, the riders had friday's afternoon session, warm-up and race on a wet track.

It has been an hard fought competition amongst the Superstock 600 competitors following Ten Katen. The Slovenian Tina Katrasnik, the English Susie Grayson (Feisty Racing team) and the Italian Sharon Mermet (Skr team) engaged a close battle until few laps to the end, when Mermet slips and the Slovenian Katrasnik resist to the return of an amazing Grayson. This is not enough to take away the final second place in the Championship from the Italian Romana Fede hands (Ducati Y2K Team), but awards the young Katrasnik with an important second place in the race and with the third in the Championship.

Good performance on the wet track for the other English rider Deb Cartwright of the Feisty Racing team who catches the fourth place in the race as in the Championship. After a weekend characterized by several problems on the bike, Romana Fede (Ducati Y2K team) manages to finish the race despite of a gearbox break just during the final lap, going all over the last part of the track in third gear.

No luck for the German Susan Korner, she was not able to ride due to a fall during the warm-up: it's a pity for the good German rider, at her first race experience, who had scored a good time of 1.41.3.

In the 1000 class Nina Prinz leaps in first position straight away, showing to the opponent that the home circuit will not let her down. The Italian Paola Cazzola (Yamaha Piellamoto team) can just control the situation, having her closest adversary Alessia Polita well far behind, to achieve the title of vice-champion for this class.

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Good result under wet condition for Samuela De Nardi, returned to the competitions after the Assen defection because of health problems. In spite of a bad fall during the friday's free practices, the Aprilia rider reach the third place, the fourth is for Polita, fifth place for Letizia Marchetti (Ducati Y2K team), who run into a glide along the tarmac durind the qualification session.

Big final celebration at the official UEM prize-giving for an European Championship that, just after three years, is gathering an increasing interest and participation from public and media, and it's becoming one of the most important events of the sport motorcycling.

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