



# ALPINESTARS WEEKENDER

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## **MotoGP: Stoner steals the show in Spain**

Ducati's **Casey Stoner** showed that while form is temporary, class is permanent with a fantastic win of the season at Aragon on Sunday.

Having qualified on pole position, Stoner worked his way to the front with only Honda's **Dani Pedrosa** able to keep up, though the Spaniard could not ultimately match the Ducati's pace and had to settle for 2<sup>nd</sup>. Stoner's victory moves him up to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the championship standings.

Meanwhile, **Nicky Hayden** made a brilliant move on Yamaha's Jorge Lorenzo on the last lap to snatch 3<sup>rd</sup> place and give Ducati their first double podium in three years. Yamaha's **Ben Spies** finished 5<sup>th</sup> after enjoying an entertaining battle with Honda's **Andrea Dovizioso**.

In Moto2, **Toni Elias** finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place and enjoys a 76 point lead in the championship standings, while **Thomas Luthi** holds onto 4<sup>th</sup> place on the leaderboard after finishing 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Jonas Folger** had another rewarding day out in the 125's, coming home in 8<sup>th</sup> - his 5<sup>th</sup> top-ten finish of the year.

## **NASCAR: Hamlin leads the Chase**

**Denny Hamlin** made a massive comeback at Loudon to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> and maintain his lead in the Chase for the Sprint Cup.

Hamlin at one stage was as far back as 22<sup>nd</sup> after a knock from a competitor caused him to spin, but his perseverance paid off as a number of his Chase rivals succumbed to crashes and mechanical failures.

**Jeff Gordon** also managed to miss most of the carnage in his Chevrolet, his 6<sup>th</sup> place in the race good enough to move him up three places in the Chase standings to 5<sup>th</sup>, 23 points behind **Kyle Busch** in 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Supermoto: Van Den Bosch holds steady at Pleven**

Four time Supermoto world champion **Thierry van den Bosch** (4-5-6) was 5<sup>th</sup> overall at the Grand Prix of Bulgaria.

The good haul of points means VDB holds on to 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the S1 Supermoto classification, with the Aprilia pilot looking to close in on the championship lead at the next round in Salou on November 21.

Honda's **Giovanni Bussei** (7-9-8) was 8<sup>th</sup> overall after a productive round of racing, as he leapfrogs fellow Italian Elia Sammartin into 9<sup>th</sup> place in the championship standings.

## **WTCC: Monteiro victorious in Valencia**

Behind the wheel of his SEAT Leon, **Tiago Monteiro** won race two of the WTCC round at Valencia.

Starting from third on the grid, Monteiro worked his way to the front of the pack and then showed the rest of the field a clean pair of heels - setting the fastest lap in the process - and went on to take the checkered flag.

Monteiro has a great record on the Iberian Peninsula, having already taken a race win at Estoril earlier this year.

Tiago has moved up to two places to 5<sup>th</sup> in the WTCC Drivers' Championship after his successful weekend and will be looking to continue his good form at Okayama, Japan from the 29<sup>th</sup> of October.

