

**OSCHERSLEBEN 8 HOURS**  
**2013 FIM Endurance World Championship (EWC)**

**MICHELIN at Oschersleben:  
a record-beating performance and unfailing consistency**

**Round three of the FIM Endurance World Championship (EWC) at Oschersleben saw MICHELIN runners produce some impressive performances, both in practice and during the eight-hour race itself. In addition to a new lap record for the German venue in qualifying, the French firm claimed second and third places on Sunday in association with BMW Motorrad France Thevent and Yamaha Monster Energy YART.**

Consistency is a decisive parameter in endurance racing, yet outright performance has also become a preponderant factor in the discipline, and MICHELIN's tyres demonstrated their strength in this domain throughout the weekend.

Yamaha Monster Energy YART's Broc Parkes posted an EWC record-breaking lap of 1m26.147s in the first qualifying session before producing the fastest race lap (1m27.151s) with less than an hour of the German round remaining.

This speed combined with the unfailing consistency that enabled MICHELIN's three partner teams to record competitive lap times as they racked up the stints, with no differences of any significance as the race progressed.

Piero TARAMASSO, the manager of MICHELIN motorcycle racing programmes, was very pleased with the weekend: "We delivered all the essential ingredients for which MICHELIN tyres are renowned in endurance racing, namely high performance and consistency. Our partner teams and riders all benefited from this, including Broc Parkes who claimed the fastest race lap. Further evidence was the performance gain of our partners over last year, as well as the consistency of their lap times from the start to finish of each stint, with very little drop-off after runs of almost 40 laps at a time. Another illustration was the excellent fight-back of the GMT 94 Yamaha after it had fallen back to nearly last place. Its riders never gave up and they made the most of their MICHELIN tyres to clinch an incredible fifth place at the chequered flag!

"It is my belief that our partners just needed a little luck on their side and perhaps a bit more uniformity between their riders for one of them to have taken the win.

"Third place for Yamaha Monster Energy YART keeps us in the fight for the 2013 world title which will be settled at the final round: the 24 Heures Moto at Le Mans. Yamaha Monster Energy YART is only 13 points down on the provisional leader."

The 24 Heures Moto (September 21-22) will use the Bugatti circuit at Le Mans, France.

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