



World Enduro Championship 2006, 1st GP, Sweden

METZELER perfect start in the snow.

Oestersund, Sweden - Metzeler is leading the World Championship in all three classes after the first GP.

Last weekend the Great Enduro family meet again after the long winter break. Not anymore waiting for spring, the first winter Enduro event in Oestersund, Sweden kicked off the new, intense racing season. Metzeler and his riders of the KTM and Honda factory teams had been testing all winter long to find the best combination of Metzeler tyre and spikes from Sweden/Italy/Finland, to prepare themselves perfectly for the "unknown" ice and snow desert.

But the Saturday competition surprised everybody with really moderate temperatures. The snow melted slowly, and so did the advantage from the Nordic riders. The race was a mixture from ice and snows in the shadow parts of the track and mud and frozen terrain in the sunny parts, which made obviously the race very demanding for the riders and the material. Metzeler's UNICROSS in the front and MC5 in the rear together with our great riders skills allowed us to catch 6 podium places out of 9. But everybody was "hot" for the race on Sunday, as the weather forecast announced minus 20 degrees and snowfall.

We could start a real winter competition on Sunday and the final result that all the winter efforts for the good preparation had been a good investment. Or quoting E3 World Champion David Knight: "I'll try to pack 20 year experience into one training week...".

Aro and Cervantes in the snow and ice.





Metzeler congratulates his riders to all 3 first and all 3 second places at the 2nd day.

Thanks to these result, all top spots of the World Championship standings are occupied by Metzeler's riders.

We are all looking forward to the 2nd GP, during the weekend of 6/7 May in Guimaraes/Portugal, where we hope to keep on going as successful as we did be now, with our strong teams and the Metzeler 6Days Extreme.



Looking for the best technical solution

ENDURO 1

Day 1			Day 2		
Rider	Team	Tyre	Rider	Team	Tyre
Pohjamo	TM	MI	Cervantes	KTM	METZELER
Cervantes	KTM	METZELER	Bergvall	Suzuki	METZELER
Albergoni	HONDA	METZELER	Oblucki	Husqvarna	MI

ENDURO 2

Day 1			Day 2		
Rider	Team	Tyre	Rider	Team	Tyre
Aro	KTM	METZELER	Aro	KTM	METZELER
Ahola	HONDA	METZELER	Ahola	Honda	METZELER
Aubert	YAMAHA	MI	Aubert	Yamaha	MI




ENDURO 3

Day 1			Day 2		
Rider	Team	Tyre	Rider	Team	Tyre
Knight	KTM	METZELER	Knight	KTM	METZELER
Tarkkala	KTM	METZELER	Tarkkala	KTM	METZELER
Carlsson	Husaberg	MI	Carlsson	Husaberg	MI





World Enduro Championship 2006 standing



ENDURO 1

	Rider	Nation	Team	Tyre	Pts
1	Ivan Cervantes	SPA	KTM	METZELER 	47
2	Petri Pohjamo	FIN	TM	Mi	43
3	Peter Bergvall	SWE	Suzuki	METZELER 	40
4	Bartosz Oblucki	POL	Husqvarna	MI	36
4	Simone Albergoni	ITA	Honda	METZELER 	36

ENDURO 2

	Rider	Nation	Team	Tyre	Pts
1	Samuli Aro	FIN	KTM	METZELER 	50
2	Mika Ahola	FIN	Honda	METZELER 	44
3	Jonny Aubert	FRA	Yamaha	MI	40
4	Valtteri Salonen	FIN	Husqvarna	MI	34
5	Fabien Planet	FRA	KTM	MI	33

ENDURO 3

	Rider	Nation	Team	Tyre	Pts
1	David Knight	GBR	KTM	METZELER 	50
2	Marko Tarkkala	FIN	KTM	METZELER 	44
3	Bjorne Carlsson	SWE	Husaberg	MI	31
4	Heikki Timonen	FIN	KTM	Trelleborg	31
5	S. Guillaume	FRA	Gas-Gas	MI	30