



World Enduro Championship 2006, 3/4 GP, Portugal

Great success for Metzeler teams.

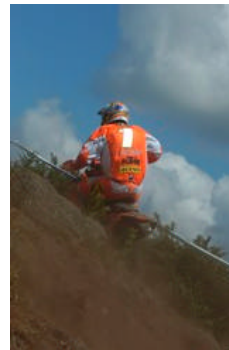
Metzeler is celebrating victories with Honda and KTM and is leading the World Championship in all three classes.

Guimaraes, Portugal. After the great success of the Sweden Grand Prix, the Enduro caravan went south-west. With clear and sunny skies and dry and very dusty special tests, the conditions in northern Portugal were in complete contrast to the season opener. Different, but again very demanding to the riders.

In particular the special test was hard to ride, due to slippery rocks and extreme steep ascent/descent. This was clearly the hardest part of the event and it played a big part in deciding the result. Paddock Comment: "...you can't win much, but it's easy to lose everything".

But all Metzeler riders managed very well. In E1 we achieved "Full house" at the podium both days. An even in the "strongest" competition in the class E2 we still lead the Championship standing. And David Knight was able to continue his winning ways having topped the Enduro Class E3 on both days. At one special test he placed one minute and 18 seconds ahead of his team-mate M. Tarkkala, which shows his strength and why he was the fastest overall rider during the weekend.

David Knight in the Extreme Test.



Mika Ahola /Honda is our 2nd weapon in the fight for the E2 title.



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

Demanding race for all riders.

We are all looking forward to the 5/6 GP, NEXT weekend 13/14 May in Gernika/Spain, where there is a big chance of wet and muddy conditions. The Metzeler 6Days Extreme already showed his great performance, therefore watch out...



ENDURO 1

Day 1			Day 2		
Rider	Team	Tyre	Rider	Team	Tyre
Albergoni	HONDA	METZELER	Cervantes	KTM	METZELER
Cervantes	KTM	METZELER	Albergoni	HONDA	METZELER
Belometti	KTM	METZELER	Belometti	KTM	METZELER

ENDURO 2

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

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 	94
2	Simone Albergoni	ITA	Honda	METZELER 	83
3	Petri Pohjamo	FIN	TM	Mi	73
4	Alessandro Belometti	ITA	KTM	METZELER 	68
8	Mike Hartmann	GER	KTM	METZELER 	46

ENDURO 2

	Rider	Nation	Team	Tyre	Pts
1	Samuli Aro	FIN	KTM	METZELER 	88
2	Mika Ahola	FIN	Honda	METZELER 	88
3	Jonny Aubert	FRA	Yamaha	MI	83
4	Merriman Stefan	AUS	Yamaha	MI	76
5	Fabien Planet	FRA	KTM	MI	62

ENDURO 3

	Rider	Nation	Team	Tyre	Pts
1	David Knight	GBR	KTM	METZELER 	100
2	Marko Tarkkala	FIN	KTM	METZELER 	88
3	Bjorne Carlsson	SWE	Husaberg	MI	80
4	S. Guillaume	FRA	Gas-Gas	MI	69
5	Markus Kehr	GER	KTM	METZELER 	57