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GMT94 Yamaha Official EWC Team



Double World Championship winning squad GMT94 Yamaha Official EWC Team are out to add a third title to their impressive score after missing out by the narrowest of margins in 2016. The French outfit won two of the four races in 2016, including the final event, the 8 Hours of Oschersleben, and only missed out on the title by a solitary point at the end of the year.

Starting out as a private team run by former rider Christophe Guyot, GMT94's impressive record includes 14 race wins and 33 podiums to go with their two world titles. The Paris based team has been Yamaha mounted since 2003, initially with the support of Yamaha Motor France, and took the title in 2014. Having finished no lower than second in the standings since 2013, they are serious contenders to take back the crown in 2017.

Taking up that challenge is a strong three rider line-up that sees loyal GMT man David Checa joined by 2008 125cc world champion Mike di Meglio and Niccolò Canepa, the former FIM Superstock 1000 champion and MotoGP rider who joined the team for their spectacular photo finish win at the 12 hour round at Portimão last season.



EWC - YZF-R1

For riders and the motorbikes, endurance is one of the toughest race categories in the world, not only because of race length, but also from the added bike weight. YZF-R1 used is heavier than short-distance race bikes because of its lights needed to ride in the dark, a bigger tank to hold more fuel and heavier bodywork for extra sturdiness.

Model:	YZF-R1	CHASSIS		DIMENSIONS	
Engine type:	Liquid-cooled, 4-stroke, DOHC, forward- inclined parallel 4-cylinder, 4-valves Displacement: 998cc	Frame:	Aluminium Deltabox	Overall length:	2,055 mm
Bore x stroke:	79.0 mm x 50.9 mm	Front suspension system:	Telescopic forks, Ø 43 mm	Overall width:	690 mm
Compression ratio:	13.0 : 1	Front travel:	120 mm	Overall height:	1,150 mm
Maximum power:	Over 210 P.S.	Caster angle:	24°	Seat height:	855 mm
Lubrication system:	Wet sump	Trail:	102 mm	Wheel base:	1,405 mm
Clutch type:	Wet, Multiple Disc	Rear suspension system:	Swingarm, (link suspension)	Minimum ground clearance:	130 mm
Fuel system:	Fuel Injection	Rear travel:	120 mm	Wet weight (including full oil and fuel tank):	172 kg
Ignition system:	YEC KIT ECU	Front brake:	Hydraulic dual disc, Ø 320 mm	Fuel tank capacity:	24 litres
Starter system:	Electric	Rear brake:	Hydraulic single disc, Ø 220 mm	Oil tank capacity:	3.9 litres
Transmission system:	Constant Mesh, 6-speed	Front tyre:	120/70 ZR17M/C (58W)		
Final transmission:	Chain	Rear tyre:	190/55 ZR17M/C (75W)		



David Checa

Spanish rider David Checa is an integral rider with GMT and has been key in delivering many of their racing successes. In 2003 he had his first experience with Yamaha, racing an YZF-R1 in the Spanish championship and winning the Oschersleben 24-hour race with the GMT94 team. The introduction of the third-generation YZF-R1 in 2004 saw him dominate the Endurance World Championship to capture the title. In 2005 he won at Le Mans and finished second at the Bol d'Or. In 2008 and 2009 he raced in the World Superbike Championship, also with GMT94. He has been part of the team for every World Endurance season contested by the GMT94 Yamaha team.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Date of birth: 20-04-1980
Place of birth: Barcelona, Spain
Nationality: Spain
Height: 178 cm
Marital state: In a relationship
Weight: 68 kg

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2016: Vice-champion FIM Endurance World Championship, GMT94 Yamaha Official EWC Team
2015: 2nd FIM Endurance World Championship
2014: World Champion Endurance, FIM Endurance World Championship
2013: 3rd FIM Endurance World Championship
2012: 3rd FIM Endurance World Championship (3rd in 8 hours of Suzuka)
2011: 3rd FIM Endurance World Championship (winner 8 hours of Doha and 5 hours of Carole (Trophée Grégory Lemarchal))
2010: 7th FIM Endurance World Championship
2009: 37th World Superbike Championship
2008: 28th Yamaha GMT94, World Superbike Championship
2007: 12th Supersport World Championship
2006: 11th World Supersport Championship, 3rd Le Mans 24 Hours
2005: Winner Le Mans 24 Hours, 2nd Bol d'Or 24 Hours
2004: World Champion Endurance, Winner of Oschersleben 24 hours and Zhuhai 6 Hours rounds
2003: 3rd World Champion Endurance
2002: 13th GP250 World Championship
2001: 17th GP250 World Championship
2000: 19th GP250 World Championship



Niccolò Canepa

Niccolò Canepa is best known as a rider in the Superbike World Championship and for his year in the MotoGP class. The Italian motorcycle road racer previously won FIM Superstock 1000 Championship in 2007 and began testing World Superbike and MotoGP machines the same year. He earned three world superbike wild card rides in the second half of 2008 before finding a MotoGP seat for 2009. After spending 2010 in the Moto2 class he returned to the Superstock 1000 FIM Cup in 2011.

What followed was a constant migration between Superbike and Superstock; after another season in the Superbike World Championship in 2012, he returned to Superstock 1000 once more in 2013 and finished runner up behind Sylvain Barrier, a result he equaled in 2014 in the world superbike class. Canepa showed his affinity with the YZF-R1 and displayed his versatility in 2016 as he substituted for injured riders in Yamaha's official world superbike and superstock teams, as well as making his debut with GMT94 in the FIM Endurance World Championship.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Date of birth: 14-05-1988
Place of birth: Genova, Italy
Nationality: Italy
Height: 181 cm
Weight: 73 kg
Marital state: Married
Hobbies: Travel, cars, extreme sports

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2016: Vice-champion FIM Endurance World Championship, GMT94 Yamaha Official EWC Team
2014: 2nd WorldSBK World Championship Evo class, 13th overall championship
2013: 2nd FIM Superstock 1000 CUP
2012: 20th WorldSBK World Championship
2009: 16th MotoGP World Championship
2007: Champion World Superstock 1000
2006: 2nd European STK Championship, Italian Under 21 Champion



Mike di Meglio

French rider Mike di Meglio joins the Yamaha GMT94 team with an impressive CV that boasts a world title in the 125cc world championship, as well as experience in the Moto2 and MotoGP classes. Born in Toulouse in 1988, Di Meglio made his 125cc world championship debut as a 15 year old in 2003. In 2005 he took his first win in the class, at the Turkish Grand Prix, and in 2008 became 125cc world champion, taking four race victories and a further five podiums on his way to a convincing title win. Rather than defend his title, Di Meglio moved up to the 250cc class, where he scored two podium finishes. He stayed with the intermediate class as it moved to four-stroke Moto2 rules for 2010, spending four seasons in the championship before moving to MotoGP for two seasons with an independent team. Following a 2016 season spent as a test rider, Mike returns to race action and his first season in the FIM Endurance World Championship with the top rated Yamaha GMT94 team.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Date of birth: 17-01-1988
 Place of birth: Toulouse, France
 Nationality: France
 Height: 171 cm
 Marital state: Married
 Weight: 70 kg

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2016: MotoGP, test rider
2015: 24th MotoGP World Championship
2014: 25th MotoGP World Championship
2013: 20th Moto2 World Championship
2012: 22nd Moto2 World Championship
2011: 23rd Moto2 World Championship
2010: 20th Moto2 World Championship
2009: 8th 250 cc World Championship
2008: World Champion 125 cc World Championship
2007: 17th 125 cc World Championship
2006: 25th 125 cc World Championship
2005: 11th 125 cc World Championship
2004: 18th 125 cc World Championship
2003: 28th 125 cc World Championship