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Monster Energy Yamaha Factory MXGP Team



The Michele Rinaldi-led Monster Energy Yamaha Factory MXGP Team have been the custodians of Yamaha's cutting edge motocross FIM Motocross World Championship effort for a quarter of a century, which was celebrated at the end of last year, and have toasted success with a host of different athletes and personalities. Riders such as Donny Schmit, Bob Moore, Andrea Bartolini, Stefan Everts and David Philippaerts are among those, without counting the many who have tasted Grand Prix victory or podium champagne on YZ and YZ-F technology, for the Italian set-up located just south of Parma.

In 2015 they dominated the field, securing the world title with the youngest rider in the class and new rookie-sensation Romain Febvre, and with some fantastic results from his teammate Jeremy Van Horebeek they claimed the coveted Manufacturer's title as well. Both riders remained on the Monster Energy Yamaha Factory MXGP Team in 2016, where

injury spoiled Febvre's title defense although he still managed to finish the season in fourth overall, and Van Horebeek wound up sixth. This year, Febvre sets out to duplicate the performance which saw him crowned world champion in 2015, while Van Horebeek will be gunning for his first ever MXGP crown.



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MXGP - YZ450FM

After ten seasons in the MX1 class, the premier division of the FIM Motocross World Championship was converted to 'MXGP' in 2014 but essentially the technical regulations remained the same. The 2017 YZ450FM's predecessor was a completely revised fifth generation of Yamaha's flagship fuel-injected off-road motorcycle and the bike was one of the main protagonists in the nineteen round series that visits fifteen different countries. Thanks to the collected data from last season, the Yamaha premier class teams can come back even stronger this year.

Model:	YZ450FM (YZ450 Factory Machine)	CHASSIS		DIMENSIONS	
Engine type:	Liquid-cooled, 4-stroke, DOHC, 4-valves	Frame:	Semi double cradle	Overall length:	2,170 mm
Displacement:	449,7cc	Front suspension system:	Upside-down telescop KYB Factory spring front fork	Overall width:	825 mm
Bore x stroke:	97.0 mm x 60.8 mm	Front travel:	310 mm	Overall height:	1,280 mm
Compression ratio:	13.8 : 1	Caster angle:	26° 50'	Seat height:	965 mm
Lubrication system:	Wet sump Hydraulic clutch	Trail:	118 mm	Wheel base:	1,475 mm
Clutch type:	Wet, Multiple Disc	Rear suspension system:	Swingarm, (link suspension) KYB factory rear shock	Minimum ground clearance:	330 mm
Fuel system:	Fuel Injection	Rear travel:	315 mm	Wet weight (including full oil):	104 kg
Ignition system:	TCI	Front brake:	Hydraulic single disc, Ø 270 mm for Febvre / 280 mm for Van Horebeek	Fuel tank capacity:	7 litres
Starter system:	Electric	Rear brake:	Hydraulic single disc, Ø 220 mm	Oil capacity:	0.9 litres
Transmission system:	Constant Mesh, 4-speed	Front tyre:	80/100-21		
Final transmission:	Chain	Rear tyre:	110/90-19		



Jeremy Van Horebeek

Spotted and hyped as a teenager Jeremy Van Horebeek celebrated his first Grand Prix success just three seasons into his career. In 2012, his speed, fitness and experience came together for his most consistent GP term to-date where he finished in the top three in over twenty of the thirty-two motos run that year. In 2013 'JVH' jumped up to the premier class, MXGP, where in his second season, 2014, he was the glistening dark horse onboard a YZ450FM. Twelve podiums, eleven of which in a row with a landmark first MXGP win in the Czech Republic made 'Jerre' the 2014 vice World Champion.

A few minor hiccups dropped him back to fifth in '15, and sixth last season, although before the curtains drew, 'the Jerre' demonstrated some new found speed and aggression as a result of training on a YZ250F in preparation for the Motocross of Nations where he rode the wheels off of the smaller bike to win his class on the day. That emphatic performance at the Motocross of Nations gave JVH the boost he needed to breathe new life into his training program and off-season preparation for the 2017 MXGP season.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Date of birth:	28-11-1989
Place of birth:	Eigenbrakel, Belgium
Nationality:	Belgian
Height:	180 cm
Weight:	84 kg
Marital state:	In a relationship
Hobbies:	Jet ski, ice hockey, snowboarding

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2016:** 6th FIM Motocross World Championship MXGP, Monster Energy Yamaha Factory Racing
- 2015:** 5th FIM Motocross World Championship MXGP, Yamaha Factory Racing Yamalube
- 2014:** 2nd FIM Motocross World Championship MXGP, Yamaha Factory Racing, 2nd MX of Nations (Team Belgium)
- 2013:** 7th FIM Motocross World Championship MX1, 1st MX of Nations (Team Belgium)
- 2012:** 3rd FIM Motocross World Championship MX2, 2nd MX of Nations (Team Belgium)
- 2011:** 17th FIM Motocross World Championship MX2
- 2010:** 9th FIM Motocross World Championship MX2, 3rd MX of Nations (Team Belgium)
- 2009:** 11th FIM Motocross World Championship MX2
- 2008:** 8th FIM Motocross World Championship MX2, 3rd MX of Nations (Team Belgium)
- 2007:** 16th FIM Motocross World Championship MX2, 3rd MX of Nations (Team Belgium)



Romain Febvre

Romain Febvre had been on the radar for many works teams since coming back to motocross at the beginning of the decade. The 25-year-old had originally swapped knobbly tyres for Supermoto treads in a career change as a teenager but decided that off-road is where his true talents lay and demonstrated as much by winning the 2011 European Championship; the traditional feeder series into Grand Prix. In 2012, 'RF461' was promoted to MX2 where in his second season, 2013, he managed to land on the podium for the first time. In 2014, he was a solid fixture inside the top five, scoring two pole positions, three podium finishes and his maiden Grand Prix win at the MXGP of Brazil.

In 2015, the French rider entered the premier class on a YZ450FM. His first moto-win came at the British GP and it opened the floodgates for more success. Having found his speed and groove, he made sure to make his bravery, aggression and resilience count for the rest of the season and scored eight GP victories, fifteen moto-wins and thirteen consecutive podium finishes to clinch the FIM MXGP World Championship crown on his first attempt. In 2016, despite obtaining the Red Plate as the championship leader early on in the season, Febvre's title defense was spoiled by an injury which saw him miss two rounds of racing. After a month of recovery, he made a solid return to the championship where his seven race wins, three GP wins, and nine podium finishes saw him finish fourth overall. He also led Team France to victory onboard his YZ450FM at the most prestigious motocross event of the year, the Monster Energy FIM Motocross of Nations.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Date of birth: 31-12-1991
Place of birth: Epinal
Nationality: French
Height: 174 cm
Weight: 73 kg
Marital state: In a relationship
Hobbies: BMX, Supermoto

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2016: 4th FIM Motocross World Championship MXGP, Monster Energy Yamaha Factory MXGP Team, 1st MXoN (Team France)
2015: 1st FIM Motocross World Championship MXGP, Yamaha Factory Racing Yamalube Team, 1st MXoN (Team France)
2014: 3rd FIM Motocross World Championship MX2
2013: 12th FIM Motocross World Championship MX2
2012: 13th FIM Motocross World Championship MX2
2011: 1st European Championship EMX250