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Pata Yamaha Official WorldSBK Team



2017 sees Yamaha Motor Europe continue to partner Crescent Racing as the Pata Yamaha Official WorldSBK Team after the Japanese marque made its highly anticipated return to the championship in 2016 after an absence of four years. Yamaha Motor Europe's strategy is clear - to make full use of the all-new YZF-R1 to challenge for victory in the premier production Superbike series. Yamaha's impressive history in the championship - which includes its title-winning and record-breaking year with Ben Spies in 2009 - combined with the stunning base specification of the YZF-R1, offers an unrivalled opportunity to campaign for victory honours.

Based in Dorset, on the South Coast of England, Crescent Racing has been competing in WorldSBK since 2012; with the previous 15 years spent in the British Championship - at Superbike, Supersport and Superstock levels. The team's manager, Paul Denning - once a racer himself - also spent seven years managing a MotoGP team in the sport's premier class championship. Highlights from the past 20 seasons include a spectacular year in 2004 - winning the British Superbike title with John Reynolds, as teammate Yukio Kagayama secured third in the championship - with two vice-championships and five other national titles claimed. Crescent has amassed 47 wins and 109

podiums in BSB alone, with a further 2 wins, 4 pole positions and 20 podiums on the world stage in MotoGP and WorldSBK competition so far. Yamaha Motor Europe will continue to retain full responsibility over racing strategy and technical development for 2017's collaboration, with Crescent's hugely experienced and dedicated, technical racing personnel running the team's operation at each of the championship rounds.

The Pata Yamaha Official WorldSBK YZF-R1's will be piloted in 2017 by continuing talent Alex Lowes alongside former Supersport World Champion Michael van der Mark.



WorldSBK – YZF-R1

Launched in 2015 to global press acclaim, the Yamaha YZF-R1 proved itself on and off the track from its debut, dominantly claiming the British Superbike Championship Title, two EWC manufacturer titles, two European Superbike titles, the IDM Superbike and STK1000 championship alongside consecutive victories in the Suzuka 8-hour endurance race and MotoAmerica Championship for the past two years.

Replicating the production motorcycle, the WorldSBK-Spec YZF-R1 is adapted for World Championship competition by removing road-safety aspects such as headlights and wing-mirrors, replacing bodywork with racing items and allowing modifications to engine management, exhaust systems, suspension, brakes and a number of engine parts. Current regulations stipulate the bike must weight a minimum of 168kg, with engine capacity ranging between 750cc and 1200cc, depending on the number of cylinders the engine contains, while the tuning of race machines is now subject to more limitations than in previous years due to the restriction of technical modifications.

Model:	YZF-R1, Based on a standard road-going Yamaha YZF-R1	CHASSIS		DIMENSIONS	
Engine type:	Liquid-cooled, 4-stroke, DOHC, forward-inclined parallel 4-cylinder, 4-valves	Frame:	Aluminium Deltabox	Overall length:	2,055 mm
Displacement:	998cc	Front suspension system:	Öhlins Ø 42 mm	Overall width:	690 mm
Bore and Stroke:	79.0mm x 50.9mm	Front travel:	130 mm	Overall height:	1,150 mm
Maximum power:	over 220 P.S.	Caster angle:	24° (+/- 1°)	Seat height:	855 mm
Lubrication system:	Wet sump	Rear suspension system:	Swingarm, (link suspension)	Wheel base:	1,450 mm (+/- 15)
Clutch type:	Wet, Multiple Disc	Rear travel:	120 mm	Minimum ground clearance:	130 mm
Fuel system:	Fuel Injection	Front brake:	Hydraulic dual disc, Ø 336mm Brembo	Wet weight:	168 kg
Ignition system:	Marelli MLE	Rear brake:	Hydraulic single disc, Ø 218 mm Brembo	Fuel tank capacity:	24 litres
Starter system:	Electric	Front tyre:	120/70 17" Pirelli	Oil tank capacity:	3.9 litres
Transmission system:	Constant Mesh, 6-speed	Rear tyre:	200/50 17" Pirelli		
Final transmission:	Chain				



Alex Lowes

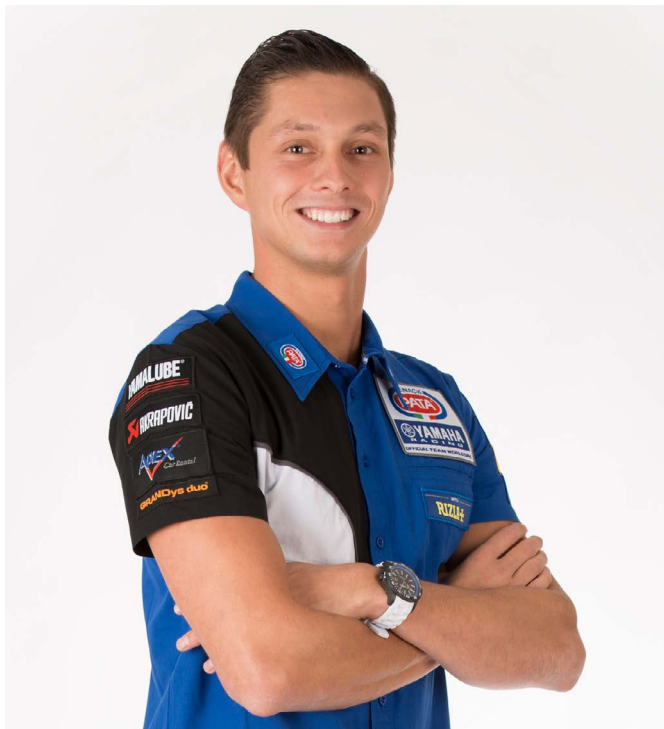
2016 ushered in a stellar year for Englishman Alex Lowes. With his raw speed, talent and determination clear to see, he was chosen to partner Yamaha to debut and develop the YZF-R1 in its WorldSBK comeback season, claiming front row qualifications and top-five race finishes by mid-season. Joining the Yamaha Factory Racing Team for the 39th Suzuka 8 Hours Endurance Race, alongside Katsuyuki Nakasuga and Pol Espargaro, Lowes piloted the YZF-R1 across the line with a dominant lead claiming a second consecutive victory for the Japanese manufacturer. The 26-year-old racer was also drafted in to assist the Yamaha Tech3 MotoGP Team, claiming a points-scoring finish in his home-race debut aboard the YZR-M1 at Silverstone. Lowes remains with Pata Yamaha Official WorldSBK Team for 2017 with his eyes firmly set on a WorldSBK Championship challenge.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Date of birth: 14-09-1990
Place of birth: Lincoln, United Kingdom
Nationality: British
Height: 172 cm
Weight: 68 kg
Marital state: Engaged
Hobbies: Golf, Motocross, Movies

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2016: 12th World Superbike Championship, Pata Yamaha Official WorldSBK Team
2015: 10th World Superbike Championship
2014: 11th World Superbike Championship
2013: Champion British Superbike Championship
2012: 4th British Superbike Championship
2011: 20th British Superbike Championship
2010: 35th British Supersport championship / Selected BSB rounds
2009: European Superstock Championship
2008: European Superstock Championship
2007: British Supersport Championship
2006: British 125GP Championship
2005: British 125GP Championship
2004: Various club races
2003: Aprilia Superteen Series
2002: JRA Championship



Michael van der Mark

24-year-old Michael van der Mark has been a revelation in the Superbike World Championship since his full-time introduction in 2011. Placing 3rd in the European Superstock 600 Championship in his debut year, the talented Dutchman became Champion in his second season. A pattern he repeated as his career progressed, 2014 saw him become FIM Supersport World Champion alongside claiming his second consecutive victory at the prestigious Suzuka 8Hours. Van der Mark moves to Yamaha for his third year in the premier production class with nine podiums and one pole position to his name so far. His natural pace and determination to win creates the series' youngest and most aggressive rider pairing alongside Alex Lowes, as together with their YZF-R1's they strive to secure top results.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Date of birth: 26-10-1992
Place of birth: Gouda, The Netherlands
Nationality: Dutch
Height: 180 cm
Weight: 69 kg
Marital state: In a relationship
Hobbies: Jet ski, motocross

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2016: 4th Superbike World Championship
2015: 7th Superbike World Championship
2014: World Champion Supersport World Championship / Winner Suzuka 8-hours
2013: 4th Supersport World Championship / Winner Suzuka 8-hours
2012: Champion European Superstock 600
2011: 3rd European STK600 Championship / Wildcard - Moto2 GP, Assen
2010: 125cc Grands Prix / European Superstock 600 Championship
2009: ONK Dutch 125cc Champion / 18th Dutch 125cc GP
2008: ONK Dutch 125cc Champion / Selected CEV Spanish Championship / 26th Dutch 125cc GP
2007: 2nd ONK Dutch 125cc Championship
2006: 2nd Dutch Junior Cup
2005: 4th Dutch Junior Cup