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Wilvo Yamaha Official MXGP Team



The Wilvo Yamaha Official MXGP Team has stepped up from the MX2 class to the FIM MXGP World Championship. After a management reshuffle and under the keen eye and willingness of Louis Vosters, the Wilvo Yamaha Official MXGP Team has been reformed and is set to shake things up this year in the world's premier motocross series MXGP.

Wilvo has signed two of the most flamboyant riders in the world, Shaun Simpson, who claimed his first ever Grand Prix win onboard a Yamaha back in 2013, and Arnaud Tonus, a former MX2 grand prix winner

who is making his highly anticipated return to the FIM Motocross World Championship after spending the last two years mixing it up in the AMA Motocross and Supercross Championships in America.



MXGP - YZ450F

After ten seasons the MX1 class, the premier division of the FIM Motocross World Championship was converted to 'MXGP' in 2014 but essentially the technical regulations remain the same. The 2015 YZ450F'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. Thanks to the collected data from previous seasons, the Yamaha premier class teams come back even stronger this year.

Model:	YZ450F	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	Fuel tank capacity:	7,5 litres
Starter system:	Kickstarter	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		



Shaun Simpson

As one of the most down-to-earth and friendly riders in the paddock, there is an army of fans hoping this likeable Scot will rattle some cages in MXGP this year. For those that don't know a lot about him, he won the very last FIM Motocross MX1 Grand Prix in 2013 on a YZ450F in the sand of Lierop, The Netherlands. He comes from a *true blue* motocross family, his father Willie Simpson is a former Grand Prix rider, while his brother Stefan is often spotted on the tools as his mechanic. Family is an essential piece to Shaun's puzzle, and with their full support, he has become one of Great Britain's finest as a multi-time British champion, and a guy that can challenge for grand prix wins.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Date of Birth: 13-03-1988
Place of Birth: Dundee, Scotland
Nationality: British
Height: 179cm
Weight: 77kg
Marital state: Married to Rachel
Hobbies: Trials, Swimming, Squash, Running, MTB, Cycling, BMX

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2016: 10th FIM Motocross World Championship MXGP
2015: 4th FIM Motocross World Championship MXGP
2014: 7th FIM Motocross World Championship MXGP, 1st ACU British Motocross Championship
2013: 9th FIM Motocross World Championship MX1
2012: 11th FIM Motocross World Championship MXGP, 2nd ACU British Motocross Championship
2011: 15th FIM Motocross World Championship MX1, 1st BMB Belgian Motocross Championship
2010: 8th FIM Motocross World Championship MX2



Arnaud Tonus

Arnaud Tonus is renowned for his speed and style. The twenty-five-year-old Swiss native hotly contested the 2014 FIM MX2 World Championship onboard a YZ250F before a shoulder injury took a huge pin to his balloon and deflated his hopes of a world title. After spending a couple of years racing in the United States of America, Tonus has returned to Europe and 'home' to the blue family where he could be the cat among the pigeons in the 2017 FIM MXGP World Championship onboard his YZ450F.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Date of Birth: 17-06-1991
Place of Birth: Geneva, Switzerland
Nationality: Swiss
Height: 181 cm
Weight: 73 kg
Marital state: In a relationship
Hobbies: Mountain biking, jet ski, ice hockey

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2016: 9th 250 class AMA Motocross Championship
2015: 30th 250 class AMA Motocross Championship
2014: 6th FIM Motocross World Championship MX2
2013: 29th FIM Motocross World Championship MX2
2012: 12th FIM Motocross World Championship MX2
2011: 5th FIM Motocross World Championship MX2, 1st BMB Belgian Motocross Championship MX2
2010: 7th FIM Motocross World Championship MX2
2009: 16th FIM Motocross World Championship MX2