

Dear IHRO Friends,

Our first meeting of the year was taking place at 5-6 May at the beautiful Varsseling street circuit at Hengelo {GLD} in Holland. It was our first IHRO event ever at this track. The weather was very good, sunny, dry and around 24 degrees.



The starting grid was filled with 35 competitors from 4 different countries. The organizer was pleased with it. After the riders briefing at Saturday morning 8:00 am there was a extra free practice for all the 11 newcomers. Directly after it there was the first time and qualifying practice. Some drivers came in the first minutes to the pitlane with some kind of troubles. Among others: Lex van Dijk, Jack Scrivener, Hans de Wit, had an leak and Luke Notton with brake problems. Fastest man was Luke Notton, second Ernst Hagen and third Jan Frank Bakker. Fastest 350 rider was Mike van Aken on a Bultaco.

The second time qualifying practice was at 12:50 pm. After one round Guust v. Gool was coming true the pitlane with the same problems. Also problems were there again for Hans de Wit, Lex v. Dijk, Jack Scrivener and Sietze Douma on his old Jawa. Many drivers don't drive the whole session because the race later this afternoon. Fastest overall over 2 practices was Luke Notton, 2nd Jan Frank Bakker, 3rd Enst Hagen. Fastest 350 overall was Mike van Aken.

16:50 pm. Ready to race. The race is about 7 rounds. Lex v. Dijk, Hans de Wit, Luke Notton, Tom van Wearbeke, Renate Häpe, and Guust van Gool can't take part of the race with mechanical problems.

The start is going well for Jan Frank, after him are Ernst and Ton Groot fighting for the second place, but Ernst was crashing in the hairpin but he could continue his way. Jan Frank and Ton are very fast and run out for around a few seconds. In the midfield there some nice battles. Dropouts are also there: Leo Poot, Sietze Douma, Jaap Jan de Boer and Alex Siertsema. Jan Frank is taken more and more distance and is winning the race and is also IHRO 1 winner. Ton is 2nd and also in the IHRO 1. Third overall is Geoffrey Vreughdenhill, but because he is not an IHRO member, the trophy for the third place was going to Reinhard Neumair. Gerard v/d Brom wins the IHRO 2 race, 2nd is Roel Pasop and third Rob v. Teulingen. The IHRO 350 race was won by Mike v. Aken, 2nd was Andre Huijgen and third Oldrich Wisniowski.



In the evening at 20:00 there was the social and prize ceremony of the first race. It was nice to see and hear everybody was so happy with this new event. It therefore remained cozy for a long time.

Sunday 12:55 pm. was race 2 with 9 rounds. We still had 29 riders left. The start was a going well again for Jan Frank, but 300 meters before crossing the line for the first time it is over for him with electrical problems and was parking his bike in the pitlane. First was then Ernst, second Ton and third again Geoffrey. The dropouts are this time: Oldrich Wisniowski, and again Sietze Douma, David



Webber was crashing in the second corner, Guust, Gert Boon and Rob van Teulingen with a broken exhaust. In the midfield there were some nice battles again and the spectators giving them a big applause. Ernst was the winner, by 6 seconds ahead of Ton, Geoffrey was also third again overall. Ernst was also winner of the IHRO 2 class. First in the IHRO 1 was Ton Groot, 2nd Reinhard Neumair and third Steve Parrot. Second in the IHRO 2 class was Gerard v/d Brom and third was Roel Pasop. The IHRO 350 was won again by Mike, 2nd again Andre and third this time Belgian youngster Bram Laveyne.

So everybody gets ready for the Ducati club race in 3 weeks at the lovely TT grand prix circuit at Assen. Hoping that we have the same weather as last year.

See you,
Kind regards
Jos.