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Press Release

ITALIAN SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP
MUGELLO – 6th Round

MV AGUSTA AND LUCA SCASSA ARE ITALIAN SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONS

In 1973 Giacomo Agostini won the last Italian Championship on a MV Agusta 500, thirty five years later Luca Scassa brings the Varese (Italy) based company back on the top step of the podium of the premiere class in the drivers' championship as well as the constructors overall standings. As in the 2006 Super Stock championship, the Tuscan rider brought his F4 1000 R on top of the podium. Scassa dominated the entire weekend: pole position, fastest lap and race win by almost six seconds over second place, Riccardo Chiarello on Suzuki.

"I am extremely happy, this title is the result of the passion of Claudio Castiglioni and Massimo Tamburini, and the perseverance of a small group of people that I wish to thank one by one because we created a fantastic team: Cesare Fani my engineer and my friend, a person that dedicated himself entirely to this project; Giorgio Balotta and Roberto Ceriani that spent long nights setting-up the bike; Mauro Marelli for his engine mapping without which we would have never made it; Maci for being our living encyclopaedia and Federico Toti that has been following me from the beginning. Obviously I would also like to thank everyone that has worked hard on this project: from the people at CRC, Team Gimotorsports, Union Bike, Pirelli and all those that in one way or another have helped me. I'd like to thank my guys and my fan club, they have been spectacular! I'd also like to compliment myself for having ridden so well today, two laps in 1min53s and the rest of the race in the low 54s is something that only few people can obtain..... and today I was the only one to manage it! Next year I hope I'll be racing in the World Championship, we will probably go separate ways at the end of this year, but I'll bring this moment with me in my heart for the rest of my life."

Unfortunately after a promising fourth place in qualifying Maurizio Prattichizzo had a technical problem on the starting grid and had to retire.

Ilario Dionisi finished the Superstock race in tenth position while fighting tyre wear.

SBK FINISHING ORDER:

1. L. Scassa (MV Agusta); 2. R. Chiarello (Suzuki); 3. M. Borciani (Ducati); 4. A. Gramigni (Yamaha); 5. T. Bridwell (Suzuki); 6. C. Corti (Yamaha)..... 12. A. Mazzali (MV Agusta)

SBK OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS:

1. L. Scassa (MV Agusta) 110; 2. C. Corti (Yamaha) 87; 3. L. Conforti (Honda) 81; 4. N. Brignola (Honda) 77; 5. L. Mauri (Ducati) 62; 6. R. Chiarello (Suzuki) 47; **7 M. Prattichizzo (MV Agusta) 46**

MANUFACTURERS CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS:

1. MV Agusta 123; 2. Honda 108; 3. Yamaha 77