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After the opening race back in September, the Bol d'Or at Le Castellet (FRA), the iconic 24-hour race at Le Mans (FRA) marked the second round of the FIM Endurance World Championship (FIM EWC) 2018/19 season during the Easter weekend.

The race weekend started with a bang: a double pole position for the BMW #s1000rr. Team ERC-BMW Motorrad Endurance took first place on the grid for the endurance classic with the #6 RR and riders Kenny Foray, Julien da Costa and Mathieu Gines (all FRA). In addition, GERT56 by GS YUASA's team, with the #56 RR and riders Julian Puffe (GER), Pepijn Bijsterbosch (NED) and Lucy Glöckner (GER), took pole position in the Superstock class, the FIM Endurance World Cup. In the race, however, both teams had bad luck. Team ERC-BMW Motorrad Endurance retired during the night, when the bike was badly damaged in a crash on an oily track. Shortly thereafter GERT56 by GS YUASA had to give up because of an electronics issue. The highest placed BMW team in the final standings was Fany Gastro #bmwmotorrad by MERCURY #racing in 8th place (8th place EWC class). The #21 BMW #s1000rr was ridden by Karel Hanika (CZE), Ondřej Ježek (CZE) and Ilya Mikhalchik (UKR). The #90 RR of Team LRP Poland reached the finish in 25th position (12th in the EWC class), the squad of Arnaud Friedrich (GER), Bartłomiej Lewandowski (POL) and Dominik Vincon (GER) taking turns to ride.

British Superbike Championship: Superstock victory at the Silverstone season-opener.

The British Superbike Championship (BSB) kicked the 2019 season off over the Easter weekend at Silverstone (GBR). In the Superbike class (BSB SBK), the Tyco #bmwmotorrad and Smiths #racing teams entered the new BMW #s1000rr for the first time. Both teams used the weekend to develop the brand new RR under race conditions for use in the #BSB. In the first race on Sunday, Christian Iddon (GBR / Tyco BMW Motorrad) was the highest placed BMW rider in 11th place. Peter Hickman (GBR / Smiths Racing) finished 14th and Keith Farmer (GBR / Tyco BMW Motorrad) scored a point as well by crossing the line in 15th. In race two, Farmer took the chequered flag in 12th place while Hickman was again ranked 14th. Iddon finished race two in 17th place.

In the Superstock class (BSB STK), BMW riders clinched a win and several podium finishes. Race one on Saturday was held as a marathon race in two parts. In the first part, Taylor Mackenzie (GBR / Bathams Racing) took second place with his RR while Alex Olsen (GBR / Team IMR) finished third. After a short break, part two was started, and Mackenzie and Olsen again finished in second and third place. In the race on Sunday, Olsen then stepped onto the

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top step of the rostrum as the winner while Mackenzie again secured second place on the podium.

All Japan Road Race Championship: Season's round two in Suzuka.

At Japanese Suzuka, the second round of the 2019 All Japan Road Race Championship (JP SBK) was held. The #Event also served as preparation for the 8-hour endurance race in July with a total of five BMW riders entered. Kokoro Atsumi (JPN / TONE RT SYNCEDGE 4413) was the highest-placed BMW #s1000rr rider, finishing the two races in 17th and 16th position.