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Grand finale of ADAC Northern Europe Cup in Assen

- Two races under banner of British Superbike Championship
- Six potential champions in Standard Class
- GP Class: Ernst Dubbink and Jason Dupasquier with best chance of success

Munich/Assen: Just one week after the sixth meeting of the ADAC Northern Europe Cup was held at the Hockenheimring, Assen in the Netherlands is to now be the venue for this weekend's big showdown (September 30th to October 2nd). The Standard and GP class riders will contest the last two races of the season at the British Superbike Championship to decide the championship in both categories.

The race weekend will kick off on Friday with free practice at 9:00 am in advance of the first 25-minute qualifying session at 1:55 pm. On Saturday, from 12:00 to 12:25 pm, the ADAC NEC riders will then take part in a second qualifying to determine the starting grid for both races. The first ten-lap race will begin at 5:00 pm, while the second race will be staged over twelve laps on Sunday at 2:45 pm.

Geiger and Jespersen are the ones to beat

Dirk Geiger (14, GER) on 133 points leads the overall standings ahead of the finale, in which 50 points can be secured. The ADAC Sports Foundation protégé, who finished third last time out at the Hockenheimring but had a fight on his hands on the Friday and Saturday told us: "I really like the track layout in Assen and enjoy riding there immensely. I definitely intend to go on the offensive."

Geiger set out his aims and objectives: "In view of the fact that things didn't go quite as well as I'd hoped at Hockenheim, I'm now aiming to score mega points in both races at the grand finale." At the same time, he also realises the need to keep his cool. "However, I'm going to take a relaxed approach to the weekend, as if it were the first race of the season, so as not to put myself under pressure in the title fight."

Simon Jespersen (15, DEN) could certainly exert a great deal of pressure on him. With 129 points to his name, he is right behind Geiger in the standings in second place. Jespersen told us: "Assen is not necessarily one of my most favourite tracks. "I've never been really strong there but will train as hard as I can and hope for the best. My goal is to finish ahead of Dirk in both races and secure more points than him."

Apart from Geiger and Jespersen, their rivals also still have a good chance of lifting the title in theory. In the run-up to the finale, Oliver König (14, CZE) on 104 points is in third place, followed by Philipp Freitag (19, GER) with 99 points. Kevin Orgis (16, GER) is also still well placed in fifth position with 96 points, as is Matthias Meggle (16, GER) in P6 overall with 94 points.

GP Class: Dubbink or Dupasquier?

In the GP class, Ernst Dubbink (27, NED) has the best chance of taking victory, not least because the local rider can call on all his experience of the Assen circuit. Ahead of the finale, Dubbink on 103 points leads the overall standings from Tim Georgi (16, GER). However, Georgi will not be able to add to his 100 points total, because he will have to give Assen a miss. He will be contesting the Junior World Championship in Spain at the weekend.



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Still, that leaves the door wide open for Jason Dupasquier (15, SUI). After a second place at the Hockenheimring and a total of 97 points, the Swiss rider is already really looking forward to the Netherlands and to securing top-notch results: "I really like the track and did well there on a Moto3 bike at the start of the season. I hope to put up a good fight and end up on the podium again. I will do my best, for sure!"

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