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METZELER INTERACTS AND ATTACKS AT THE ISLE OF MAN TT WITH TOP LEVEL LINE-UP!

Metzeler returns to the Isle of Man TT races to showcase their new Racetec Interact tyres, supporting a strong line-up of riders in the ultra-competitive Supersport and Superstock classes.

The new Racetec with Interact™ technology tyre was launched earlier this year prior to the opening round of the ViSK British Superbike Championship at Brands Hatch. The patented technology and engineering behind the tyre is the result of a sustained Metzeler research project aimed for maximum grip and stability. The tyre provides pure performance without compromising tyre life, the perfect traits needed to become a winner on the longest and most demanding of road races in the world, the Isle of Man TT races.

Using this new innovative tyre around the 37.73 mile course will be a strong line-up of riders all keen to take Metzeler to the top step of the TT podium. Both the Superstock and Supersport classes are reckoned to have the most closely related tyres to standard road use, with the raceday Metzeler's sharing tread pattern and characteristics with those bought from dealerships.

Metzeler technicians believe the recent North West 200 road races were an effective barometer of form with the brand seeing great strength in depth and encouraging results.

In the Superstock class for 1000cc road based machines, the TAS by Relentless Suzuki trio of Alastair Seeley, Cameron Donald and Bruce Anstey chalked up the first three positions in NW qualifying with Seeley winning the race itself at near Superbike pace. Seeley does not ride the Isle of Man as he is concentrating on the Metzeler National Superstock Championship but his team-mates are and will be looking to claim team leader status!

In the Supersport 600cc category Bruce Anstey narrowly missed out on NW200 Supersport honours with a host of other Metzeler runners in the mix. Island favourite, Anstey, will be looking to go one better than last year and secure a Supersport class double, which would also be a TT first. Now a highly regarded 'roads' rider with seven TT wins in the bag, he has long surpassed his original ambition to "just finish a race". Bruce will be aiming to collect even

more impressive trophies in the Relentless Supersport and Royal London 360 Superstock classes, so keep an eye on the ever-smiling Kiwi with the big number 5!

Team rivalry couldn't get any closer with Anstey sharing the same stable as his Antipodean team-mate and Island ace Cameron Donald. Cameron could well spoil Bruce's party. He will definitely be stiff competition not only to Anstey but to all the established stars, especially in the Superstock class.

Hydrex Honda's Guy Martin has been getting to grips with his Supersport CBR600RR machine at British Superbike meetings. The Kirmington rider is surely due a change of luck and that elusive first TT win. Guy starts from number 8 in all the Supersport and Superstock races in his lurid yellow paint-scheme.

Local talent Connor Cummins looks like he could have all the ingredients needed for a successful TT. His Metzeler shod McAdoo Kawasaki ZX-10R and ZX-6R machines proved to be extremely competitive at the recent North West 200. Combine that with Connor's local knowledge and natural road racing talent and this relative newcomer should continue his rapid progress onto the podium for the first time.

Metzeler are supporting riders throughout the two classes and believe their commitment to both short circuit and 'road' racing throughout the UK gives riders the confidence to put their faith in the tyres and extensive technical back-up.

Gianmarco Spigolon, Director of Metzeler, commented, *"As one of the leaders in tyre technology, Metzeler has always been focused on finding technical solutions for their riders needs. The new Racetec answers these demands with the ultimate tyre to satisfy the most demanding riders and racers, assuring outstanding levels of performance, reliability, and confidence. We are very excited to bring this tyre to the Isle of Man with such a strong line-up of top riders and we look forward to some fast and safe TT racing."*

The new RACETEC with INTERACT™ Technology is available now from stockists in three compounds (K0, K1, K2) for professional racing and the K3 for the road rider.

For more information on Metzeler's new RACETEC Interact™ structure and compound technology, please visit our website at: www.metzelermoto.co.uk

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- **Metzeler** race activities help develop cutting edge road tyres
- **Metzeler** create tyres for every segment of motorcycling including supersport, sport touring, adventure, off-road and scooter products
- **Metzeler** factory riders have been consistently winning many championships, as well as setting new world records
- For more information on **Metzeler** products and activities visit www.metzelmoto.co.uk
- **Racetec with interact technology** specification tyres can be bought by any racer, track day rider or performance road rider from top tyre dealerships