

Road Race
Newsflash

Team Kawasaki SRC wins 76th Bol d'Or World Endurance race

After 22 hours of strenuous racing, the French Team Kawasaki SRC has won the prestigious Bol d'Or World Endurance race in Magny-Cours. The factory Suzuki team was beaten after an intense battle.

Under difficult race conditions and with really cold temperatures, the Kawasaki SRC riders raced their way to victory in the 76th Bol d'Or World Endurance Race. Riders Julien Da Costa, Grégory Leblanc and Olivier Four rode the wheels off their Ninja ZX-10R to clinch the first Kawasaki victory since the Bol d'Or race takes place in Magny-Cours, which is 12 years now.

Team manager Gilles Stafler talks proudly about this important result for Kawasaki and the blisteringly quick Ninja ZX-10R. 'We fought with an incredible pace during most of the race, despite the really poor conditions. I would like to thank all the team for this fantastic result, not only the riders, because today it's the victory of the whole team.

Of course Julien Da Costa, Grégory Leblanc and Olivier Four have done an incredible job. It was a really tough race and we were ready for the difficult conditions, but I think that the biggest contributor to our success has been that we didn't make any mistake during the race.'

Julien Da Costa: 'It's my second victory here at the Bol d'Or, but maybe the most difficult one. I'm really tired now, but it's a really good feeling to share this victory with the team.'

Grégory Leblanc: 'It's a really great moment in my career. Last year we were on the second spot of the podium and to be on the top stage today is a really sweet feeling. I'm sure we will be having a big party tonight to celebrate this victory!'

Olivier Four: 'Under dry conditions I was lacking a little bit of race, but when I saw that the weather conditions turned to be very tricky I understood that it would be a perfect race for me. I'm really pleased to share my third victory in the Bol d'Or race with the Kawasaki SRC team.'

After today's victory, Team Kawasaki SRC team is leading the World Endurance Championship standings.

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