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[Gareth Jones finishes 2nd in dream debut in German IDM Championship at Oschersleben](#)

[Gareth Jones wins Round 3 ONK Superbike Championship and adds 7th place in FIM Superstock 1000 on Super Sunday in Assen.](#)

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ONK Standings

RIDER	POINTS
Schouten	130
Jones	127
Rea	84
Vermonden	60
vKerkhoven	54
Schalken	46
Winkel	46
VGinhoven	45

IDM Standings

RIDER	POINTS
Teuchert	141
Nebel	84
Tode	73
Daemen	70
Abdersen	47
Giuseppetti	46
Jones	31
Bauer	20



‘One armed’ Jones good enough to break lap record with ‘broken wrist’ on his way to the podium as red flag stops charge to the winning post.

14th June 2009—Assen

Gareth Jones followed up a tremendous qualifying session with a gutsy high speed performance to take 3rd place in the latest instalment of the Dutch ONK Championship at Assen despite riding only 2 weeks after breaking his wrist at Nurburgring.

After missing the OSS street race and only 14 days into a 5 week rehabilitation program normal service has been resumed as a 90% fit Gareth Jones returned to the front at today’s ONK Superbike championship round at Assen.

Jones qualified on the front row where he was joined by Ghisbert van Ginhoven, Raymond Schouten and Jorg Teuchert with Gino Rea just behind them in 5th place.

Jones took his normal approach to qualification and used race tyres to test the setup for racing today, the team also wanted to test that he could make the race distance after his recent injury sustained when he was unceremoniously shunted off the track at Nurburgring while in contention for another podium in the IDM championship.

“I was quite relaxed about the qualifying position as I know I can sustain my lap time during the race, also I am only at about 90% fitness after the wrist fracture because it is still mending and painful after the qualifiers yesterday. Riding one handed is a bit of an art form and it takes it out of you because you have to compensate for not being able to push on the steering bar” Jones said before the race.



And so to the race, Jones got to corner one first in what is becoming trade mark start but was caught by the pack and pushed back into 5th while coming to terms with fact that he couldn’t brake as late as he wanted due to his injury. Jones found himself behind IDM championship leader Jorg Teuchert for several laps before regrouping and passing the Yamaha rider in some style. Gareth now set about closing the 6 second gap the leading 3 riders had pulled out while the two Yamaha riders fought for the right to challenge. Jones, the fastest man on the track at this stage was lapping in low 1.41s and set a new track best of 1.41.2 before passing Gino Rea in third and closing in on 2nd placed Raymond Schouten’s back wheel.

With the frontrunners of the race firmly in his grasp the young Australian was dealt a cruel blow when the race was red flagged on the 9th Lap leaving a break followed by a 5 lap dash which would be “a bridge too far” after the racers injury finally caught up with him and he had to settle for a heroic 3rd place.

The race was won by Ghisbert van Ginhoven with Raymond Schouten in 2nd, Jones 3rd from Gino Rea and Jorg Teuchert some 10 secs adrift in 4th and 5th. The result means that Raymond Schouten takes a 3 point lead over Jones in the ONK Championship at the half way stage with plenty of racing to come.

A fit Gareth Jones will look forward with some relish to a double header in Oschersleben in 3 weeks on the return to grounds of his great IDM debut a month ago.

Rob Vennegoor—Team Manager

“As a team we put together a great qualifying and racing package this weekend but it was down to Gareth Jones to show the heart of a true champion here this weekend. His ability to compensate for his broken wrist in a hard race with some great riders was remarkable. The fact that he consistently beat his previous lap record by 0.5 of a second was outstanding and totally unexpected and showed real character combined with his core fitness levels and mental strength.”

We are all very proud of our rider and that will drive us on as a team for the rest of the season— he will return to UK to continue his rehabilitation and return fit and well in 3 weeks for the next round at Oschersleben.

This is important, because I can announce that due to our success this season we will compete in both the Dutch ONK championship and the last 3 German IDM championships rounds”

Gareth Jones – Rider

“First of all I have to say a big thank you to Dr Mike Hayton and my medical team at the Manchester Sports injuries clinic without whom I would not be racing today.

I gave it everything I had in the circumstances, I struggled with the bike because I had very little movement let alone strength in my left hand, so applying pressure to the left bar during cornering and heavy braking was a difficulty. I compensated by using the rest of my body to coax the bike around the corners.

I felt that if the race had gone the distance that I could have done even better but in the circumstances I am content with 3rd place.

I had to give best to Raymond today and he takes a deserved 3 pt lead into the second half of the season. However I will be heading straight back to the UK and start immediate training and will hopefully be fully recovered by the next race. After the crash at Nurburgring and having to miss OSS I am pleased that we have paid our penalty and are still in the championship..... I am looking forward to Oschersleben where I intend to make a strong charge and I am planning to make up for lost ground”