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SHANE BYRNE GETS PODIUM FINISH IN MISANO

June 22, 2009 – Farmingdale, NJ –Team Sterilgarda / BRC Racing returned to the podium on June 21st at the 8th Round of the World Superbike Championships in Misano, San Marino. Byrne came in to the round with a lot of confidence and started putting out very fast qualifying times. At the end of the superpole, Byrne qualified in the 5th position.



The constantly changing weather for the race made tire selection critical to get a good start and stay up front. In Race #1, Byrne and his crew chose a tire setup that allowed him to put on a great performance on a surface which was wet at first but then dried out during the 24 laps of the race. The English rider coped well with the water and built an advantage but with 5 laps left he got back to the pits to change to slick tires. When he returned on the track, Ben Spies had already taken the top spot which forced Byrne to take the checkered flag in second place.

In Race #2, Byrne found himself with a great start which had him battling in 5th place for most of the race. The track at this time was completely dry

which made for a fast pace race. Byrne unfortunately made a small mistake which dropped him back to 6th place, but he was able to set the fastest lap of the day on his last lap, proving that he gets faster as the day continues.

"I'm very happy with my first podium position with Sterilgarda," says Byrne. "After a difficult season start, I improved progressively and today I managed to score a great result on my team's home ground. I had a good feeling with the track when it was still wet and built a pretty good advantage. Once I changed tires it took me a few laps to get back in rhythm and Spies overtook me. Getting back on the podium gives you a great feeling and boosts your confidence. I'm still happy with my performance because I set the fastest time in the last lap. I'm really in good form and the Donington round couldn't have come in a better moment."

Byrne will look for another podium finish next weekend, June 28th, 2009 as Round #9 visits his homeland in the United Kingdom at the Donington Motorsports Park. Bel-Ray is the official lubricant sponsor of BRC Racing and congratulates Shane "Shakey" Byrne on his 2nd place finish in Race #1 in Misano.

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