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Superbike with a Super Cast

You are worldwide at the front with: Mirko Celestino, Karl Platt, Thomas Dietsch and Kathrin Schwing. Not only is it confirmed that there are mountain bikers at the front but the line-up will include racing bike professionals such as Gilberto Simoni and Dario Cioni at the 15th Südtirol Superbike.

On Sunday when about 3500 bikers line up for the start, it will be decided soon enough who will take pole position: whether it's MTB- Marathon Italian Champion Mirko Celestino who remains at the front or a winner from a previous year like Mario Deho (Superbike victor 2005) or Thomas Dietsch (2003). The Alsatian Dietsch from the 1974 age class will be riding his 5th Superbike together with his colleague Karl Platt from Team Bulls who is classed at number 5 in the UCI-Ranking. Platt will go into the race with the starting number 1, both having already covered the long distance the end of May. "I tackled this race in 2006 at the World Cup and last year at the World Championships." The Dolomiti Superbike has an insane appeal and is highly demanding on your stamina. Although the technical requirements are not so major, the race always offers a breathtaking Panorama." says Platt.

Johann Pallhuber, presently at number 10 in the UCI- Rankings, has found the new uphill stretch on the Helm extremely steep: "There are three trying hurdles along the race track which goes 30 percent partly upwards. This will be a huge challenge for the mountain bikers." Mike Felderer, lying 15th in the UCI-Rankings will be there too. In June, the South Tyrolean won the Black Forest Ultra Bike Marathon over 116 Kilometres at an altitude of 3150m. One of the favourites for the race is the newly crowned Italian Mountainbike-Marathon Champion Mirko Celestino who two weeks ago in Montebelluna managed to beat Mike Felderer narrowly by two seconds.

Traditionally the day before the Superbike Race, the Junior Superbike (16:00) and since last year the Special Superbike for the physically disabled, will take place at 14.00. The Registration for these events is open until midday Saturday and can be made by telephoning +39 - 0474 - 745551

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