

**International signal**

**MARCH HIGHLIGHTS**



**FIA WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP**

The **FIA World Rally Championship continues on Motors TV** and, after the opening round in Sweden in February, the only snow-based event on the calendar, the drivers face a radical change with the tricky, dusty roads of **Rally Mexico** where altitude will be a challenge as engines can lose up to 20% of their power. Victory in the last two editions went to seven-time world champion

Sébastien Loeb and the event seems to suit the Citroën C4 WRC, which swept the podium in 2010.

Three weeks later the series returns to Europe for **Rally Portugal** with its alternating fast and technical special stages and abrasive roads where tyre management is crucial for victory. For the first time this year, the competitors will start from Lisbon, the city hosting both the shakedown and the first special stage, before heading to the roads of the Algarve as usual.

Rally Portugal is one of two events won by Loeb's new Citroën Racing team-mate, Sébastien Ogier, in 2010. The French team will also lease customer cars to talented privateers, 2003 WRC champion Petter Solberg and 2007 F1 World Champion Kimi Raikkonen, who has already confirmed his presence on 10 of the 2011 season's 13 rounds. Pending the arrival of Mini, Citroën's closest rival is sure to be Ford with its Finnish drivers Jari-Matti Latvala and Mikko Hirvonen.

Motors TV's WRC coverage again gives viewers five un-missable programmes for each event of the 2011 season.

**Round 2, Mexico:**

***Because of the time difference, the daily highlights from Rally Mexico will be screened the day after each leg.***

***Preview (52'): Thursday 3 March at 19:05 and 22:30.***

***Leg 1 (52' highlights): Saturday 5 March at 8:45, 12:10, 22:30.***

***Leg 2 (52' highlights): Sunday 6 March at 8:45, 12:10, 22:30.***

***Leg 3 (52' highlights): Monday 7 March at 8:45, 12:10, 22:30.***

***Full event review (52'): Friday 11 March at 22:30.***

**Round 3, Portugal:**

***Preview (52'): Thursday 24 March at 19:05 and 22:30.***

***Leg 1 (52' highlights): Friday 25 March at 22:30.***

***Leg 2 (52' highlights): Saturday 26 March at 22:30.***

***Leg 3 (52' highlights): Sunday 27 March at 22:30.***

***Full event review (52'): Friday 1 April at 22:30.***



**FIM NIGHT OF THE JUMPS – LIVE**

Somersaults and acrobatics 10m in the air, each trick proving more spectacular than the last: the riders of the **Freestyle MX World Championship** provide a breathtaking spectacle. **LIVE** on Motors TV!

***Round 2, Berlin – LIVE, Saturday 5 March at 21:30 and Sunday 6 March at 16:30.***



## **BRITISH RALLYCROSS – LIVE**

With the European Championship, **British Championship** and French Championship, Motors TV boasts coverage of the world's three major rallycross series.

The **British Rallycross Championship** begins its 2011 season first and, for the opening round, the 'High Speed Television' channel brings viewers four hours of **live and**

**exclusive** action from Lydden Hill.

The race format in rallycross is totally different from any other car racing competition, providing a fast-paced event at each round that is ideal for television. With hundreds of 2-3 minute races each weekend on a mixed asphalt/gravel track, the action is always fast and frenetic!

***Round 1, Lydden Hill – LIVE, Sunday 27 March starting from 14:00.***

## **AMA SUPERBIKE**

The competition in the **American (AMA) Superbike Championship** is of such a high standard that some of the greatest names in motorbike racing, such as Troy Corser and Ben Spies, began their careers there before going on to become stars of Moto GP and the World Superbike Championship. It begins its new season with the iconic Daytona 200 – a race that takes place on the famous speedway, using part of the iconic oval, that is guaranteed to be spectacular.

Motors TV bring 2-hour highlights of the two races from the first round of the year.

***Round 1, Daytona 200 – Thursday 24 March from 21:15.***

## **INSIDE GRAND PRIX**

The **2011 Formula 1 World Championship** begins on 13 March in Bahrain and Motors TV marks the occasion with the return of a new season of Inside GP, a 26' programme screening on the Monday prior to each Grand Prix. Including a complete preview of the circuit using state-of-the-art 3D modelling, driver interviews, behind-the-scenes access with the teams, technical info, latest news and archive footage, the show provides an in-depth analysis of the most prestigious championship of them all.

A must for all lovers of Formula 1!

***Bahrain (Sakhir) GP Special – Monday 7 March at 21:15.***

***Australian (Melbourne) GP Special – Monday 21 March at 21:15.***

## **GP2 ASIA SERIES**

**GP2 Asia** is the winter version of the **GP2 Series**, which supports each European F1 Grands Prix, and includes many of the same teams and drivers.

GP2 really is the final step on the ladder to Formula 1 with a number of its drivers having distinguished themselves at the top level. They include, amongst others, Nico Rosberg, Heikki Kovalainen, Timo Glock and 2008 F1 World Champion Lewis Hamilton. The championship consists of three rounds, one in Abu Dhabi and two in Bahrain, the second of which will support the opening round of the F1 World Championship. Not to be missed!

***Round 1, Abu Dhabi – Saturday 5 March at 13:55.***

***Round 2, Bahrain – Saturday 12 March at 13:55.***

***Round 3, Bahrain – Saturday 19 March at 13:55.***

## **BATHURST 12 HOURS**

**Bathurst** is renowned as one of the most spectacular circuits in the world and is famous for hosting the biggest race of the V8 Supercar Championship season. But each year during the Australian summer, the track is also the venue of a 12-hour endurance race reserved for GT and touring cars. An exciting date for the diary on Motors TV!

***Saturday 12 March at 15:35.***

### **LEGEND BOUCLES DE SPA**

The reputation of the **Legend Boucles de Spa**, a rally reserved for cars built before 1986, has grown steadily since its creation. The reasons for this success are an endless list of competitors, including major names from the sport (Marku Alen, Ari Vatanen, Bjorn Waldegaard, Stig Blomqvist, François Chatriot, Marc Duez, François Duval, François Delecour...), increasingly impressive cars and an impressive number of spectators along the famous Ardennes route. The sixth edition must be followed on Motors TV.

**Friday 11 March at 21:15.**

### **AMA SUPERCROSS**

With its bumps, jumps and whoops, Supercross is a spectacular discipline. The predominance of American riders is explained by the importance of the **AMA Supercross Championship** which, each year, plays out to packed stadiums.

Motors TV brings two-hour highlights from the Lites and Open categories, giving viewers the chance to see the world's best riders.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8, 22 and 29 March from 19:05.**

### **BRITISH SUPERCROSS**

Highlights of the spectacular British Supercross Championship which sees riders tackling the specially-laid jumps and whoops in the UK's biggest indoor venues including the O2 Arena in London the Belfast Odyssey Arena and the Liverpool Echo Arena.

**Tuesday 15 March at 19:05.**

### **ANDROS TROPHY**

After two years away, the drivers of the **Andros Trophy** return to the Stade de France this year. It's a prestigious setting for the final round of the season and sees the likes of Alain Prost, Olivier Panis, Jacques Villeneuve, Jean-Philippe Dayraut and Franck Lagorce racing against each other on ice! Also on the bill in Paris are the cars of the Andros Trophy Electric category. Not-to-be-missed entertainment!

**Super Finale: Stade de France – Thursday 10 March from 19:55.**

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