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"Stoner is definitely again the one to beat in MotoGP this year and has gelled with the Honda straight away. I believe the riding style needed to get the best from the Ducati and the Honda is fairly similar. And looking at the riders at the sharp end, they all have similar styles on the bike, especially Stoner and Pedrosa. I'm sure the move to Honda will be good, and he will be on the pace, as he has already shown in the winter tests."

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"The first round of any race series is always exciting, whether it's BSB, MotoGP or WSBK. Watching that first race at WSBK this year, I just found myself paying more attention to the Yamahas of Laverty and Melandri - because I'm riding one this year! Again at Philip Island the so-called 'old and slow' Ducati proved itself again, with Checa doing a great job. It was good to see Haslam up on the podium as well, as I know he was having a few little issues in testing. Over the next few weeks, I'm sure Kawasaki will be hard at work. In the last few years testing has gone well but it's been harder for them in the races. The bike seems to work well for a few laps, it's just the need for overall consistency, lap after lap. I'm sure Sykes will be at the sharp end at Donington, for that first home round."



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