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JONATHAN REA THANKS ARAI AFTER IMOLA CRASH

Jonathan Rea's win at the WSBK round at Assen has seen him rise to sixth in the overall standings, 37 points off the championship lead. Nursing his damaged finger, Rea chose full slicks on a track that remained wet due to the poor weather conditions, a smart decision and a home win for the Dutch based Ten Kate Team. This victory is even more remarkable considering Jonathan's huge accident at Imola. Rea admitted afterwards that he was fortunate to escape, relatively, unharmed. He suffered a frightening high-side on his Honda during Superpole qualifying and was airborne high into the air before smashing heavily on the tarmac.

Jonathan's head smashed violently on the track upon impact. After the race he praised his safety equipment, which undoubtedly saved him from serious injury.

Jonathan Rea: "There's a reason Arai helmets cost what they do and that's because of their quality. I'm just happy that I've got the best helmet in the world and I can't thank Arai enough."



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