DENMARK

Rider 1	Michael Jepsen Jensen (captain)
DOB	February 18, 1992
Age	34
Place of Birth	Esbjerg, Denmark
Clubs	Grudziadz (Denmark), Slangerup (Denmark)
Major Honours	FIM Speedway World Cup - 2012
	World U21 champion - 2012

Headlines

Jepsen Jensen goes into the SWC in good form, having reached four Speedway GP finals in seven rounds so far this season. He is currently 4th in the Speedway GP standings on 80 points

MJJ was part of Denmark's 2012 SWC-winning side in Malilla - the same year he also won the World U21 Championship and the 2012 FIM Nordic Speedway GP in Vojens

He races his first SWC event since 2017 Semi-Final 2 in Vastervik, when Denmark was dumped out of the competition by Latvia in a run-off for 3rd and Race Off qualification

Rider 2	Leon Madsen
DOB	September 5, 1988
Age	37
Place of Birth	Vejle, Denmark
Clubs	Zielona Gora (Poland)
Major Honours	European champion - 2018, 2022
	Danish champion - 2026

Headlines

Madsen was part of Denmark's 2012 SWC-winning squad, but lost his place in the team for the Final in Malilla

He was part of the Denmark's three SON bronze medal-winning teams in 2020, 2021 and 2025

He won Speedway GP R2 in Prague. He is now 6th overall on 65 points, having scored 10 in each of the last three rounds

Rider 3	Anders Thomsen
DOB	January 1, 1994
Age	32
Place of Birth	Odense, Denmark
Clubs	Gorzow (Poland), Vojens (Denmark)
Major Honours	Danish champion - 2020, 2021, 2024
	FIM Gorzow SGP winner - 2022

Headlines

Thomsen raced to victory at the 2026 BST FIM Speedway GP of Sweden - Malilla on July 11, celebrating with his trademark laps in his underwear

After scoring four points at R7 in Lodz, he is 10th in the Speedway GP standings on 54 points - 10 short of the top-seven finish needed to qualify for 2026

He helped Denmark to 3rd place in the 2023 SWC Final in Wroclaw. He also won SON bronze in Lublin in 2020

Country Notes

Denmark is a four-time SWC winner, lifting the Ove Fundin trophy in 2006 (Reading), 2008 (Vojens), 2012 (Malilla) and 2014 (Bydgoszcz)

They finished 3rd in the 2025 FIM Speedway of Nations - losing out to Poland in the Grand Final Qualifier

Their last encounter against the Latvians in the SWC didn't end well. They lost a run-off for 3rd at SF2 in Vastervik, making an early exit before the Race Off

Team Manager Nicki Pedersen

Pedersen takes charge of the Danish national side for the fourth straight season after replacing Hans Nielsen ahead of 2023

Country Honours/Best Finishes	
SON	3rd (2020, 2021, 2025)
SWC	1st (2006, 2008, 2012, 2014)
World Team Cup	1st (11 times)
World Pairs	1st (8 times)
Total Team Titles	23



Rider 4	Mikkel Michelsen
DOB	August 19, 1994
Age	31
Place of Birth	Nykobing Falster, Denmark
Clubs	Torun (Poland), Slangerup (Denmark), Rospiggarna (Sweden)
Major Honours	European champion - 2019, 2021, 2023
	Danish champion - 2023

Headlines

Michelsen lost his Speedway GP spot at the end of 2025, but it was still a season that saw him win Polish PGE Ekstraliga gold with Torun and the Danish Speedwayligaen with Slangerup

He's a record triple Speedway European Championship winner, and he's on 11 points after R1 in Zielona Gora on July 18. The SEC winner qualifies for Speedway GP for 2027

Michelsen was part of Denmark SWC bronze medal team in 2023. He also helped his country to SON bronze in 2021 and 2025. He was a non-riding reserve in last year's final

Rider 5	Frederik Jakobsen
DOB	May 1, 1998
Age	28
Place of Birth	Ejby, Denmark
Clubs	Fjelsted (Denmark), Vargarna (Sweden), Ostrow (Polish 2. Ekstraliga)
Major Honours	European Pairs champ - 2024
	Danish Champs 2nd - 2026

Headlines

Jakobsen hopes to make his first national team appearance since he raced as Denmark's U21 rider in the 2018 and 2019 FIM Speedway of Nations tournaments

He finished 2nd to Leon Madsen at the Danish Championship, securing the wild card for the Deluxe Homeart FIM Speedway GP of Denmark - Vojens on September 12

Jakobsen could be a Speedway GP rider for 2027 after finishing 7th at the FIM SGP Challenge in Terenzano - if three of Lambert, Woryna, Jepsen Jensen and Lebedevs reach the SGP top seven



SWEDEN

Rider 1	Fredrik Lindgren (captain)
DOB	September 15, 1985
Age	40
Place of Birth	Orebro, Sweden
Clubs	Lublin (Poland), Region Varde (Denmark)
Major Honours	Speedway World Cup - 2015
	Swedish champ - 18, 21, 23, 24, 25

Headlines

Lindgren makes his FIM Speedway comeback after sitting out the last six Speedway GP rounds due to an ankle injury sustained in a Polish PGE Ekstraliga meeting in Leszno on May

His absence has left him 18th in the Speedway GP standings and realistically out of 2027 qualification contention. A wild card from the SGP Commission is his only hope of returning

Lindgren was part of Sweden's 2015 SWC-winning side in Vojens alongside team manager Linus Sundstrom. He won SON bronze in both 2022 and 2024 with his country

Country Notes

Sweden last won a world team title when they lifted the 2015 FIM Speedway World Cup at Vojens. They also won the trophy at Vojens in 2003 and Poole in 2004

Captain Fredrik Lindgren and boss Linus Sundstrom joined forces to win the trophy in 2015

Since then, they have won 2016 SWC bronze, 2017 SWC silver and SON bronze in 2022 and 2024

Rider 2	Timo Lahti
DOB	July 16, 1992
Age	34
Place of Birth	Kuusankoski, Finland
Clubs	Gdansk (Polish National League), Dackarna (Sweden), Solkatterna (Swedish Allsvenskan), Brovst
Major Honours	Finnish champion - 7 times
	Pardubice Golden Helmet - 2023

Headlines

Lahti lines up for Sweden after leading Finland into the last SWC competition in 2023 - he is a dual national

He is a seven-time Finnish champion, but has represented Sweden on the world stage since 2024

He was part of the Swedish team which finished 4th at last year's FIM Speedway of Nations in Torun, but he did not take a ride

Team Manager Linus Sundstrom

2015 FIM Speedway World Cup winner Sundstrom manages in the SWC for the first time, having debuted as national coach at the 2025 SON in Torun

Rider 3	Jacob Thorssell
DOB	July 24, 1993
Age	33
Place of Birth	Atvidaberg, Sweden
Clubs	Vastervik (Sweden), Gdansk (Polish National League), Holsted (Denmark)
Major Honours	Swedish champion - 2019, 2020

Headlines

Thorssell was part of Sweden's FIM Speedway of Nations bronze medal winning team in Manchester in 2024

He is a two-time Swedish national champion, winning the title in both 2019 and 2020

Thorssell helped Swedish club Vastervik to Bauhaus Elitserien glory in 2025

Country Honours/Best Finishes	
SON	3rd (2022, 2024)
SWC	1st (2003, 2004, 2015)
World Team Cup	1st (8 times)
World Pairs	1st (5 times)
Total Team Titles	16



Rider 4	Oliver Berntzon
DOB	August 2, 1993
Age	33
Place of Birth	Anderstorp, Sweden
Clubs	Indianerna (Swedish Elitserien), Ornarna (Swedish Allsvenskan), Lodz (Polish 2. Ekstraliga), Slangerup (Denmark)
Major Honours	FIM GP Challenge runner-up - 2020
	Swedish champion - 2022

Headlines

Berntzon played a pivotal role in Sweden winning FIM Speedway of Nations bronze in the 2022 tournament in Vojens - finishing as the week's highest scoring rider of all 15 nations on 40

He served as a Speedway GP rider in 2021, finishing 15th in the final World Championship standings

He was part of Sweden's SWC team that finished 5th in Wroclaw in 2023 and was also a non-riding reserve when they won bronze in the 2024 SON in Manchester

Rider 5	Kim Nilsson
DOB	February 4, 1990
Age	36
Place of Birth	Stockholm, Sweden
Clubs	Smederna (Swedish Elitserien), Masarna (Swedish Allsvenskan), Landshut (German club in Polish National League)
Major Honours	FIM GP Challenge winner - 2022
	Swedish champion - 2026

Headlines

Nilsson is a Speedway GP rider for 2027 after finishing 4th at the FIM SGP Challenge in Terenzano on July 25. He last raced full-time in the series in 2023

SGP qualification was the latest big moment in what's shaping up to be a good season after Nilsson also won his first Swedish Championship

He scored nine championship points, reaching the LCQs, as the sole Swedish rider at the BST FIM Swedish Speedway GP in Malilla on July 11



LATVIA

Rider 1	Daniils Kolodinskis
DOB	November 20, 2000
Age	25
Place of Birth	Daugavpils, Latvia
Clubs	Daugavpils (Latvian team in Polish National League), Piraterna (Sweden), Vojens (Denmark)
Major Honours	Latvian Champs 2nd - 2024

Headlines

It's set to be a busy weekend for Kolodinskis, who also races as DEWALT FIM Speedway GP of Latvia - Riga wild card on Saturday

He was part of the Latvian squad, which reached the 2024 and 2025 FIM Speedway of Nations Finals

As well as racing for Latvian club Daugavpils in Poland's National League, he is also gaining rides with Swedish Bauhaus Elitserien club Piraterna and Danish team Vojens (SES)

Rider 2	Andzejs Lebedevs (captain)
DOB	November 4, 1994
Age	31
Place of Birth	Daugavpils, Latvia
Clubs	Zielona Gora (Poland), Smederna (Sweden), Vojens (Denmark)
Major Honours	European champion - 2017, 2024 Latvian champion - 13, 19, 23, 24, 25

Headlines

Lebedevs is the country's national speedway hero and has gone from just being a local celebrity in home city Daugavpils to being one of the country's leading sportsmen

The double European champion achieved a career-best 6th place in the 2025 Speedway GP World Championship, finishing 3rd at the rounds in Landshut and Riga along the way

Lebedevs famously won the run-off with Niels Kristian Iversen at 2017 SWC Semi-Final 2, which dumped Denmark out of the tournament before the Race Off

Rider 3	Jevgenijs Kostigovs
DOB	April 1, 1996
Age	30
Place of Birth	Daugavpils, Latvia
Clubs	Daugavpils (Latvian team in Polish National League), Vojens (Denmark)
Major Honours	Latvian champion - 2018

Headlines

Kostigovs has emerged as one of Latvia's leading internationals and was part of their 2024 and 2025 FIM Speedway of Nations Final teams

He also raced as 2025 FIM Latvian Speedway GP wild card in Riga, scoring a respectable five championship points

He races with Kolodinskis for Daugavpils and Vojens - Lebedevs is also in the Vojens squad

Country Notes

Latvia is seeking to reach its first FIM Speedway World Cup Final since the country split from the Soviet Union

They reached their first world team final at the FIM Speedway of Nations in Manchester in 2021, and followed that up by making the 2024 and 2025 Finals

All five members of the Latvian team have appeaered in at least one SON Final. But victory here would be arguably the biggest team triumph in the country's

Team Manager Vladimirs Vagels

Vagels is part of the Lokomotiv Daugavpils club and seems to share the role of Latvian national team manager with club boss Vladimirs Ribnikovs, who is on this weekend's FIM Jury

Country Honours/Best Finishes	
SON	6th (2021, 2025)
SWC	6th (2013, 2017)
World Team Cup	N/A
World Pairs	N/A
Total Team Titles	0



Rider 4	Francis Gusts
DOB	January 2, 2003
Age	23
Place of Birth	Riga, Latvia
Clubs	Rzeszow (Polish 2. Ekstraliga), Holsted (Denmark),
Major Honours	European U19 champ - 2021

Rider 5	Olegs Mihailovs
DOB	August 23, 1999
Age	26
Place of Birth	Daugavpils, Latvia
Clubs	Daugavpils (Latvian team in Polish National League), Solkatterna (Swedish Allsvenskan)
Major Honours	World U21 bronze - 2020
	Latvian Champs 2nd - 2020

Headlines

Gusts was a regular fixture in the FIM Speedway U21 World Championship from 2021-2024, finishing a career-best 6th in 2021

He was part of the Latvian U21 team that won 2023 FIM Speedway of Nations - SON2 bronze in Riga. It was Latvia's first speedway world team medal of any colour

Gusts is the only Riga-born rider in the side and started his career at the training school held here at Bikernieki

Headlines

Mihailovs is no stranger to representing his country, having been part of their first-ever FIM Speedway of Nations Final team in 2021

He finished 3rd at the one-day FIM Speedway U21 World Championship staged during the pandemic in 2020

This is his first appearance for his national side since the 2022 SON in Vojens



NORWAY

Rider 1	Mathias Pollestad
DOB	November 21, 2004
Age	21
Place of Birth	Orre, Norway
Clubs	Gorzow (Poland), Grindsted (Denmark), Smederna (Sweden)
Major Honours	Norwegian champion - 2020
	European U19 runner-up - 2022

Headlines

Pollestad is the undisputed No.1 and leader of the Norwegian side. He scored 19 of their 26 points at 2025 SON Semi-Final 1 in Torun to fire them into their first SWC Semi-Final

He had a very promising SGP2 career, culminating in him winning a bronze medal in the 2024 FIM Speedway U21 World Championship

Pollestad is listed as Speedway GP fourth substitute for 2026. With so many injuries this season, it's possible he will get his SGP debut in one of the final three rounds

Country Notes

Norway makes its first appearance in the FIM Speedway World Cup Semi-Finals

They earned their spot in Riga by finishing 5th at Semi-Final 1 of the 2025 FIM Speedway of Nations in Torun

While Norway are rank outsiders to win on Friday, Pollestad is more than good enough to act as a spoiler - taking points from those in the running for Final

Rider 2	Lasse Fredriksen
DOB	June 8, 1997
Age	29
Place of Birth	Varhaug, Norway
Clubs	Berwick (British Championship)
Major Honours	Norwegian champ - 18, 21

Headlines

Fredriksen is one of the more experienced stars in the Norwegian squad, having been a regular in Britain's Cab Direct Championship for a number of years

He is currently competing for Berwick, but has also represented teams including Edinburgh (2022-2024) and Plymouth (2025)

He is a two-time Norwegian champion - topping the podium in 2018 and 2021

Team Manager Kenneth Klipper Smith

Smith is a rider who raced in his homeland and took part in a tour to Poland in 2019, winning an amateur event in Bydgoszcz

Rider 3	Glenn Moi
DOB	September 27, 1996
Age	29
Place of Birth	Varhaug, Norway
Clubs	Ornarna (Swedish Allsvenskan)
Major Honours	Norwegian champ - 16, 17, 19, 23

Headlines

Moi has established himself as one of Norway's top riders, as a four-time national champion - winning gold in 2016, 2017, 2019 and 2023

Outside of his homeland, he competes for Ornarna in Sweden's second tier - the Allsvenskan League

He has been named in Norway's squad for the past three FIM Speedway of Nations tournaments. But he did not take a ride at the 2025 edition in Torun

Country Honours	
SON	5th Semi-Final 1 (2025)
SWC	Semi-Final (2026)
World Team Cup	N/A
World Pairs	3rd (1968, 1991)
Total Team Titles	0



Rider 4	Truls Kamhaug (captain)
DOB	January 7, 1999
Age	27
Place of Birth	Sarpsborg, Norway
Clubs	Solkatterna (Swedish Allsvenskan)
Major Honours	Norwegian champion - 2024

Rider 5	Magnus Klipper
DOB	November 8, 2006
Age	19
Place of Birth	Kristiansand, Norway
Clubs	
Major Honours	Norwegian Champs 3rd - 2024

Headlines

Kamhaug has been named as Norway's captain for their first-ever SWC adventure

He was crowned Norwegian champion in 2024

Outside of Norway, he represents Solkatterna in Sweden's Allsvenskan League

Headlines

Klipper makes his international debut for Norway

Son of team manager Kenneth Klipper Smith, he hopes to race in the biggest meeting of his career to date

He finished 3rd in the 2024 Norwegian Championships

