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YOUNG WA SPORTSMEN TO COMPETE IN INTERNATIONAL MOTORBIKE ENDURO

A Wellard-sponsored Race team will contest this year's International Six Day Enduro (ISDE) in Chile, South America.

The Wellard Yamaha team consisting of three young WA racers will travel to La Serena, Chile, to ride in the event, which is regarded as "the Olympics" of off-road motorcycle racing. The event attracts the world's best Enduro riders along with all the major motorcycle manufacturers.

Wellard principal Mauro Balzarini said the creation of the team was just part of Wellard's ongoing commitment to the community.

"We believe sport helps to develop personal skills and confidence and helps train young boys and girls for the future challenges in life," Mr Balzarini said.

"Wellard is proud to sponsor the ISDE Team and to offer the chance to three young WA sportsmen to show their talent in the most important motorcycle enduro race in the world."

Mr Balzarini has a personal interest in the sport. He has ridden in five ISDE races, was an Italian and World Champion and rode professionally for five years.

Each rider had to meet certain criteria to be selected for the Wellard Yamaha team. They had to be young, Western Australian, passionate, dedicated, and most of all....fast.

Mr Balzarini said the team's Yamaha WR250F motorcycles were both light and powerful, an ideal combination for the ISDE, and he was expecting each rider to be very competitive.

The riders will cover 1200-1500 kilometres throughout the six days of competition, spending 5-6 hours a day on their bikes.

All of Wellard's motorbikes, used in the company's livestock export operations, are Yamaha two wheeled motorcycles or four wheel all terrain vehicles.

Mr Balzarini said Yamaha bikes were chosen by Wellard as they were functional, reliable and offered superior performance.

Wellard is expanding its support of young sportsmen by also sponsoring Yamaha's WA Junior Development Motocross program to produce a powerful alliance between Wellard and Yamaha for the future.

Wellard Yamaha ISDE Team Riders:

- Carl Pickersgill
- Sean Blakely
- Matt Gangell
- Ben Lawton (reserve)

For more information about the Wellard Yamaha team, go to www.wellardgroup.com.au/isde2007

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