

# Motorsport News

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### A fantastic performance from Steve Brown at Pembrey

FUCHS driver Steve Brown succeeded with a double podium in the BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross event. Thanks to this race, he gained further knowledge of this challenging circuit which will welcome the fourth of the seven rounds of the British Rallycross Championship 5 Nations Trophy in a few weeks. // Page 4.



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### A rising star at FUCHS

For his debut in the world motorsport scene, Norbert Zsigovits of the Enduro Team Hungary won two third places in Italy, two second positions in Estonia, and first place in Sweden in the 2021 FIM Enduro GP World Championship. He now holds second position overall with rounds still left in the season. // Page 7.

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### A podium for the NOVAMARINE GSM Team at Spa-Francochamps

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## Great Britain

### A new victory for Iddon at Brands Hatch

Christian Iddon and the FUCHS Silkolene backed VisionTrack Ducati Team returned to winning ways in the Bennetts British Superbike Championship at Brands Hatch. Indeed, the rider took the victory in a hectic seven-lap event which, together with fifth place earlier in the day, consolidated his lead in the title standings against 30 riders.

There was additional joy for Paul Bird's Team when Josh Brookes, Iddon's teammate and reigning champion, took fifth place in the second race to record his best result of the season so far. He looked on course to join Iddon on the podium when he took third on the fourth lap but unfortunately a tough move by Jason O'Halloran saw him pushed wide and lose ground. In the end, he was still able to take an honorable fifth place to further boost his confidence.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS 10W-50, Silkolene PRO 4 0W-20, Silkolene PRO CHAIN**



## Great Britain

### Kyle Smith obtains win number two for Dynavolt Triumph

Dynavolt Triumph's Kyle Smith delivered a second victory in difficult conditions in the shortened Quattro Group British Supersport feature race at the Thruxton circuit.

The FUCHS Silkolene sponsored rider took the lead as the race got underway in wet conditions after a huge rain shower drenched the track. Only Australian Ben Currie could keep up with him as they battled for the top step of the podium, a full 14 seconds ahead of the chasing pack. Smith's win moves him up to third place in a now wide-open championship.

Kyle Smith said: "It was a fantastic weekend for the Dynavolt Triumph crew with another win. I'm really

happy with the way the season is progressing, and how the bike is developing. Every time I go out it feels a little bit better, and I am more comfortable on the bike. So we'll keep working and see if we can stay on top in the next races."

Teammate Brandon Paasch took a confidence boost, arriving fourth in the Supersport class, his best finish of the year to date, with a stunning last lap overtake. Paasch adds 13 points to his tally and moves up to seventh in the championship standings.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 10W-40 XP, Silkolene PRO RG2, Silkolene PRO WASH, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene PRO PREP**



## Great Britain

### **Brown celebrates double podium at Pembrey**

British Rallycross Championship 5 Nations Trophy contender Steve Brown aims to hit the ground running in the next round of the series, after securing a double podium at the non-championship BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross event at Pembrey in Wales.

Contesting in the Super Modified category, Brown enjoyed a strong practice session and, despite the changing weather, was third fastest MINI in the opening heat of the weekend. Going quicker still in the second heat saw him qualify for the competitive A-Final which took place under largely dry conditions.

After a difficult mixed final, where the MINI contingent went head-to-head with the more powerful Super Modified machinery, Brown knuckled down to scoop third place and an impressive podium result on day one.

Sunday was a much drier affair, but Brown suffered a slower than usual start to the opening two heats of the day. Thankfully, he recovered in the third and final heat, secured the fastest MINI time and once again made the coveted A-Final. He repeated Saturday's effort throughout and secured yet another podium position.

Steve Brown said: "It's nice to be able to come to another series and still be competitive even when you aren't chasing championship points. It allows you to relax a little. The idea was simply to get seat time ahead of the next British outing due to the enforced gap, so from that point of view it has been a successful weekend. The main focus now is to be ready for the next British round when we return to this track in a few days."

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE SYN 5, TITAN RACE PRO S 5W-40, TITAN RACE PRO S 5W-30**



## Great Britain

### James McManus races to career best WorldSSP300 result

FUCHS Silkolene backed Team 109 and its rider James McManus were back in action in the latest round of the 2021 FIM Supersport World Championship, held at the famous TT Circuit Assen in the Netherlands. They recorded their best ever result in the series.

Another new circuit for the teenager who spent Friday learning his way around the iconic track. James improved further on Saturday morning's grid ahead of the two races.

Race one saw the #14 Kawasaki rider fighting for the full race duration, narrowly missing out on 20th place at the flag. Sunday's second race saw another 14-lap battle, with James eventually classifying 35th.

The team is satisfied with the performance of its sole WorldSSP300 rider, who continues to learn and adapt to racing on the world stage for the first time.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 10W-40 XP, Silkolene PRO RG2 Grease, Silkolene PRO WASH, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene PRO PREP, Silkolene SILKOPEN, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene CONTACT CLEANER**





## Great Britain

### Great start for Tor in the FIA European Truck Championship opener

The FUCHS sponsored Apollo Tyres Tor Truck Racing Team made its debut in the FIA European Truck Racing Championship in the opening round at the Hungaroring in Hungary.

Driver Shane Brereton has experience of Chrome class racing, being awarded the 2018 Grammar Cup title, the forerunner to the newly titled Goodyear Cup.

A lack of track time saw the team only record twelfth fastest time in qualifying, thus missing out on the competition's Superpole session for the top ten. Despite this, a solid drive from Shane helped him secure tenth in race one. Race two was abandoned due to an earlier incident on the circuit.

The next day had more qualifying sessions and the Apollo truck earned seventh as well as entry into the Superpole. With double points available, Shane battled with reigning champion Jochen Hahn for most of race three, eventually finishing fifth.

Race four saw a reverse grid scenario with the team entry lining up third on the grid, this quickly became second when Brereton went past Teo Calvet at the start of the second lap. Eventually Shane was caught up with and finished the race fourth, just 4.173-seconds behind the winner.

The result ensured a good weekend for the up-and-coming team as it recorded a second-class victory and another appearance on the top step of the podium for the Goodyear Cup, finishing the opening round of the championship on 16 points and leading the Goodyear Cup standings by four points.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN ATF 5500, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN, TITAN CYTRAC MAT 75W-80, TITAN SUPERGEAR MC 80W-140, TITAN RACE WB GREASE**



## Hungary

### A new partnership for FUCHS

FUCHS Hungary enters a new commitment with Enduro Team Hungary – a team established by the MOTAM agency – and sponsors two of its riders for the 2021 season. Both competitors, Norbert Zsigovits (22), the first Hungarian rider to win a European Cup race in a domestic event, and former national motocross rider Márk Szőke (26), will be competing in the 2021 FIM Enduro GP World Championship.

MOTAM, a new motorsport talent management company, was created in June. This independent organization provides services in the fields of sponsorship, sports management, physical and mental preparation, communication, and legal support to sponsored drivers. Athletes can thus rely on the help of professionals in all aspects of their careers to achieve their best performance.

The motorcycle sport program will be represented by Enduro Team Hungary, a new racing team led by Ádám Hadobás, the promoter of the previously highly successful SuperEnduro GP at the Papp László Budapest SportAréna.

FUCHS Hungary Online Marketing Specialist, Ádám Nyakacska, said: “We’re extremely excited that the riders have the opportunity to represent their country and FUCHS Hungary in a very competitive international championship. We hope that we can further support them in the future. We truly believe that they are the best riders in Hungary, and they will become more and more successful as the season develops.”

The first of the five rounds of the FIM Enduro GP World Championship started in June in Portugal and will end at the Langeac circuit in October (FR).

FUCHS lubricants used by the riders:

**Norbert Zsigovits:** Silkolene PRO SRG 75, Silkolene RSF 5, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene FOAM FILTER OIL, Silkolene PRO 2, Silkolene PRO 4 10W-50 XP, Silkolene COMP 2 PLUS

**Márk Szőke:** Silkolene PRO 4 10W-40 XP, Silkolene FOAM FILTER OIL, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene COMP 2 PLUS



## Hungary

### First victory and podiums for the Enduro Team Hungary

Riders Norbert Zsigovits and Márk Szőke of the Enduro Team Hungary scored very good results for the first world races of their careers.

They took part in the second round of the 2021 FIM Enduro GP World Championship which was held at the Edolo racetrack (Italy). Norbert Zsigovits claimed two third places in the Open 4S class while his teammate, Márk Szőke, secured two fourth places in the Open 2 class.

The third round took place in Saaremaa (Estonia). The conditions were different to those in Italy: the extreme test was longer than usual with a rocky surface, unlike the Enduro test which was on a sandy and winding track. The

rhythm was very intense. Norbert managed to get back on the podium for his second world race. He won two second places in his class with a KTM EXC and moved up to third overall.

Eight days later, Norbert went to Sweden for the fourth round. The extreme test took place on a ski slope. After a great battle, Norbert celebrated his first win in the world championship series and secured second place overall before the last two rounds of the season. It was an unprecedented success for Hungarian motorsports.

“I was happy to hear the national anthem played for me. I’ve wanted this for a long time,” said Norbert. “The race went very well. I was able to stay focused and ride

without making any mistakes. There was a small technical problem when the chain fell off, but luckily I was able to fix it quickly. The other tests went fantastically well. We are still far from the top of the overall field, but we are getting better and better, and maybe we will get there one day.”

Unfortunately, Márk Szőke has not completely recovered from the injury he sustained during the earlier part of the season, so he had to withdraw from the Estonian and Swedish rounds.

The next two rounds will be held in Germany and France, in October.

The team uses a wide range of FUCHS lubricants, see the list on page 7.





## Italy

### **Cecotto and Rossel on the podium in race one at Spa-Francochamps**

Jonathan Cecotto and Kevin Rossel of the NOVAMARINE GSM Team claimed second place in race one of the fourth round of the Lamborghini Huracán Super Trofeo Europe. After starting in pole position, the two young drivers of the Lamborghini #7 ran a wonderful race. They almost always maintained the lead on the track and also recorded the fastest lap. "I'm very satisfied with this result," said Team Manager, Andrea Grillini. "The mechanics did a great job and the duo Cecotto/Rossel was really strong and deserving of a podium position."

Their teammates, JM Littman and Lorenzo Veglia, also performed well and secured fifth place in the Pro-Am class.

The second race ended with a bit of disappointment for Cecotto and Rossel as they came in ninth.

With nine minutes left on the clock and the safety car on the track, Cecotto decided to stop for dry tires due to uncertain weather. A decision that ultimately paid off, as it allowed the team to gain one point in the standings.

JM Littman and Lorenzo Veglia confirmed fifth place in the Pro-Am class as they did in race one.

The fifth of the six rounds of the Super Trofeo will take place at the Nürburgring in September.

Races are always streamed live on the Lamborghini Squadra Corse YouTube channel.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S 10W-60, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-90, MAINTAIN DOT 4 HT, MAINTAIN BRAKE CLEANER**



## South Africa

### Marc Ansley continues his winning streak at the Terra Topia Circuit

Once again, Marc Ansley of the MA18 Racing Team left his mark in the legendary Inland Motocross Championship with his KTM 450 SX-F. The FUCHS rider distinguished himself in the two heats with a double victory and confirmed his first position overall in the MX3 Masters class.

The sixth of the eleven rounds took place at the Terra Topia Motocross Circuit in August after long weeks on hold due to the country-wide lockdown and restrictions. This round was a combined event with the Inter Provincial Motocross Championship and points would count towards both. The circuit was prepared to perfection, but it was an icy day with a cold front hitting in Gauteng.

“The practice went well with no mud for a change, and I qualified second in my class. In heat one,

the conditions were freezing, and it was difficult to keep warm on the starting line. When the gates dropped, I got off to a great start, settled into the lead of the Masters class, and ran some good laps. I pulled away by the end of the race and crossed the finish line with a convincing lead to take the win,” explained Marc. “Heat two was also good for me. I was in second place on the starting line, but I overtook the leader before the end of the first lap. After leading the pack, I focused on delivering perfect laps and taking another victory.” Both wins allowed him to claim first overall in his class for the day.

The next race will take place at the Erora Motocross track in Gauteng in a few weeks.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 R 10W-60, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene BRAKE CLEANER, Silkolene FOAM FILTER CLEANER, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE**



Sparky Bright



## South Africa

### Bright's Motorsport on the top of the podiums

Bright's Motorsport Team has, once again, maintained its podium dominance in the AMSC Endurance Racing Championship with its drivers finishing on the podium in their respective classes at the Aldo Scribante Race Circuit.

With his Golf Mk1, Daniel Bright claimed second overall in the D class of the Regional Modified class. After that, he focused on the 45-minute Endurance Race and showed a remarkable and consistent pace from start to finish, allowing him to achieve first overall and in the Index of Performance. "Thanks to FUCHS lubricants, the engine performed at its peak the entire race."

Greg Forward settled into his new BMW E36, immediately making an impression and finishing second in his class. Unfortunately, during the endurance race, he suffered from a gearbox issue and had to retire.

Andrew Boshoff dominated the race and won first overall in the E class. In the 45-minute race, he secured third overall and in the Index of Performance.

Xolela Njumbuxa excelled, once again, showing determination, and battled for the lead of the regional championship. He won second overall in his class. The endurance race saw Xolela focus on smooth and consistent laps. He secured fourth overall and second in the Index of Performance.

Bright's Motorsport is extremely proud of achieving the Index of Performance podium and an overall victory in the endurance race. Manager and head mechanic of the team, Sparky Bright, said: "I would like to congratulate all our drivers for their achievements and, more importantly, FUCHS South Africa and our other partners for their continued support. Without them, these results would not be possible."

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO 10W-60, TITAN CITRAC SL 75W-90**



## South Africa

### **Caden scored second overall in his class at Wetherd MX Park**

Caden Weise was very excited to take the start of the fourth round of the MX Nationals South Africa in Port Elizabeth. At the end of the two heats, the 12-year-old rider claimed third place overall for the day in the 85cc class. In heat one, after managing a great start and securing pole position, the promising young FUCHS rider had a hard fall and finished fourth. Caden delivered an impressive performance in heat two and crossed the finish line in third place.

“FUCHS is always an important part of my pre- and post-race preparation. I wash all my filters with FUCHS Silkolene FOAM FILTER CLEANER. I really like this product because it helps me prepare my bike more easily.”

A few days later, Caden ran in the 85cc and C-Stream classes in the very competitive round at Wetherd MX Park. “A lot of riders were on the starting line. I was very impressed!”

After an incident in the first heat in the C-Stream, Caden fought his way back. “The highlight of the day was the race against my dad. I finished with a second overall in the 85cc class and fourth in the C-Stream. I am extremely happy with these results.”

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene FOAM FILTER CLEANER, Silkolene PRO 2, Silkolene COMP GEAR, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene CHAIN LUBE, Silkolene WASH OFF**



## Japan

### **Strict controls to preserve the environment in the Japanese motorbike championship**

Rider Eisuke Samura of Tripoint & Factory Hiro FUCHS Silkolene Team is concerned with minimizing his impact on the environment and strictly follows the rules of the Suzuka Circuit. Manager, rider, and mechanics are also actively involved in sustainability initiatives.

“All the waste produced by the team is either stored in our workshop or disposed of separately in waste containers around the circuit. Used oils and radiator fluid are taken to a dedicated area set up by the organizers. To prevent oil leakage, we use environmental mats in the pit and in our workshop,” said Eisuke.

The technical manager verifies the conformity of the sound level of the bikes before the race because the checks are very strict. “4-stroke engines are limited to 105 dbA, measured at a piston speed of 11 m/s. Sound levels are measured at the end of each exhaust pipe. The ambient sound level will be limited to 90 dbA within a five-meter radius of the motorcycle,” explained FUCHS Japan Automotive Manager,

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**“We’re committed to continuing our actions to reduce our impact in the pit and workshop.”**

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Takashi Fujitsu. “If this limit is exceeded, the bikes will not allowed to participate in the competitions.”

Eisuke added: “Each team can either take used tires to the manufacturer and pay for their destruction or ask a private disposal company. We decided to ask the motorbike shop to dispose of the used tires. We also used FUCHS Lube Cube. We will continue to work in accordance with the regulations of the circuit.”

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 10W-50 XP, Silkolene RSF 5, Silkolene PRO RG2, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene PRO CCA Ultra, Silkolene PRO R 0W-20