

# Motorsport News

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## Austria

### **FUCHS celebrates a double victory in Spielberg**

FUCHS rider Franky Zorn and FUCHS Application Engineer Markus Kollenz delivered an impressive performance following an exciting fight to the top in the Rupert Hollaus Memorial Race. Franky was cheered for his class victory in the Gold Race as well as coming second in the Silver Race, while Markus also successfully secured first place in his class in the Gold Race. // Page 8.

## South Africa

### **Outstanding result for the HUD Racing Team**

Two new young co-drivers joined the HUD Racing Team and its skilled driver, David Huddy, for their first off-road race. After being under continuous pressure, the team secured second position in Production and in its class as well as a great third place overall with its HUD Racing V6 Nissan Navara S14. // Page 9.



## Great Britain

### **Freddie Housley impressively takes on the Mini Max drivers**

After successful seasons in the IAME Cadet class, 11-year-old Freddie Housley decided to move to the Mini Max class of the British Karting Championships, a superior category, to compete against the 24 famous drivers of the twelve to 14 class. // Page 5.



## Germany

### Two class victories for BLACK FALCON at the Nürburgring Nordschleife

BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR celebrated two class wins during the seventh round of the Nürburgring Endurance Championship (NLS).

The two Dutchmen Paul Harkema and Niels Langeveld secured their second win of the season and their best career result with the Porsche 911GT3 MR (#350), which they were driving for the first time in the SP-PRO class.

In the SP8T class, Mustafa Mehmet Kaya, Gabriele Piana, Mike Stursberg, and Ersin Yücesan came out victorious – their fourth class win this season with the Mercedes-AMG GT4 (#140).

For the Porsche Cayman GT4 (#950) drivers, “Iceman”, Martin Meenen, and Vasilii Selivanov, the race day ended due to an accident on the first lap, despite good qualifying.

BLACK FALCON Team IDENTICA drivers, Noah Nagelsdiek, Florian Naumann, Carlos Rivas, and Hendrik von Danwitz, started in the SP7 class for the first time this season with the Porsche 911GT3 Cup MR (#57). They dominated the eight-car category during the first hours of the race and managed to build up a comfortable lead of several minutes. However, a technical defect on the drive train ended their race prematurely and unfortunately a top result was missed.

Head of Motorsport BLACK FALCON, Timo Frings, said: “After an eventful weekend, the top ten finish of the Porsche #350 in the NLS 6H Race with a non-GT3 car is definitely a real achievement. To top that, the AMG GT4’s fourth NLS class win combined with its 17th position overall is an excellent result.”





## Germany

### Experience gained at the Le Mans for BLACK FALCON LMP

BLACK FALCON delivered a good performance at the season highlight of the Michelin Le Mans Cup at the legendary Circuit des 24 Heures du Mans, even if it was ultimately not rewarded with points.

BLACK FALCON LMP regular drivers, Donar Munding and Maik Rosenberg, performed flawlessly with the Ligier JS P320 in their Le Mans race debut. Munding took charge in the first 55-minute race and was well on his way to the front in the first race laps before a safety car phase slowed him down. For tactical reasons, the team decided to change drivers early on, switching in Rosenberg, who delivered a strong second stint and crossed the finish line 17th overall out of 45 drivers.

The second 55-minute race was held on Saturday, shortly before the start of the Le Mans 24H Race. With the driver order now reversed, Rosenberg was 35th overall on the starting line in the BLACK FALCON LMP3. The veteran gained more than ten positions in his stint and drove up to the top 25 before handing over the wheel to Munding for the final offensive. But just one lap after the drivers changed, the car was stopped by a slow puncture which forced the young driver to return to the pit for a tire change. The time lost due to the additional pit stops thwarted the chance of good result.

Head of Motorsport BLACK FALCON, Timo Frings, said: “Our first appearance with an LMP car at the Le Mans was a very special experience for the whole team. We found a good set-up very quickly in the practice sessions, which, given the lack of testing opportunities on the track, speaks for good preparation and a strong team performance. Donar and Maik did a great job in their first appearance at the Le Mans and finished without any mistakes. Under normal circumstances, we definitely have the pace for the top ten, but unfortunately we’ve lacked the necessary race luck so far.”



## Great Britain

### Great performance for Team 109's new signing, Daniel Mogeda

FUCHS Silkolene-sponsored Team 109 developed its potential in France in the latest round of the FIM Supersport 300 World Championship thanks to its new signing, Daniel Mogeda.

A few days after signing the contract, the Spanish teenager delivered an impressive performance on the Circuit de Nevers Magny-Cours, a new track for him.

The #88 was in the mix in both wet and dry sessions on Friday before qualifying 13th on the grid ahead of the two fourteen-lap encounters.

Race one was outstanding. Mogeda rode confidently in the opening laps before producing one of the most impressive rides in the series for a rookie, overtaking many front runners to cross the finish line in a fantastic fifth place – giving the team its first world championship points-scoring finish and its first top five finish. The team also became the first fully independent Irish team to score points in a world championship!



Race two saw another impressive ride with Mogeda once again part of the leading group from start to finish. He ultimately finished a more than credible tenth at the flag.

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## Great Britain

### Successful British championship debut for Freddie Housley

11-year-old karting driver Freddie Housley had a great debut in the Mini Max class of the British Karting Championships against the best 24 Mini Max drivers aged twelve to 14.

The tests had been going well when he began to understand how to drive his new kart but also thanks to the day of coaching by the Haas F1 Team driver coach.

The qualifying session was satisfying for the FUCHS Silkolene driver and, after finishing sixth overall, he was in a positive mood. The heats did not go according to plan, it became chaotic and the racing hard. Although he was fast, he had a lot to learn in a very short time.

The heat results after a few bumper penalties put him 15th on the grid to start the Final. This was going to be an uphill task due both to it being 12 minutes long and to the track being very difficult physically. Freddie crossed the finish line eighth with lap times only two tenths of a second off the fastest time.

“I’m loving this new class with the older drivers. My father and I are now heading for the next round in Warden Law, which will be a new challenge for me because I’ve never run on this track.”

Freddie has been sponsored by FUCHS UK since he was six years old.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO KR2, Silkolene PRO 2, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene WASH OFF**





## Great Britain

### Iddon claims Showdown place as Brookes hits form

Ducati Team scored a trio of top six finishes on round seven of the Bennetts British Superbike Championship. Reigning champion, Josh Brookes, took fourth and sixth place to keep his Showdown hopes alive and Christian Iddon secured a strong fifth position to claim his place as a title fighter.

For the opening 16-lap race, Brookes started second, his best grid position of the season, and Iddon on the sixth row after his first-lap crash.

On his Ducati Panigale V4RR, Australian Brookes consolidated his second place for the first couple of laps but because he ran wide on a number of occasions, he dropped back down to eighth. On his side, Iddon moved up to 12th.

By lap ten, Josh was back up to fifth and a good overtaking maneuver on Gino Rea on lap 14 enabled

him to take his second fourth place of the weekend. Meanwhile, Iddon fought his way up to eleventh.

The final race was stopped on the ninth lap following a crash. Re-started over just five laps, it was a hectic race, but Iddon came out on top with a strong fifth place. Brookes had a bit more of a difficult race but, after dropping back to tenth, he fought his way back up to sixth.

Iddon remains in fourth position overall, claiming his place in the Showdown. Brookes is now up to tenth and just 13 points behind eighth place with the final four Showdown positions still to be decided in the next round at Silverstone.

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



## Tanzania

### **FUCHS announces the arrival of a new team**

FUCHS Tanzania officially kicked off its participation in Tanzanian motorsport by sponsoring champion driver Harinder Deere Singh and co-driver Aaron John to enter in the FIA African Rally Championship (ARC).

The driver of the Subaru WRX STI N10 chose to race in the ARC because it is the biggest event which welcomes drivers from all over Africa. "The level is very high, this allows me to test my performance against serious rivals and therefore progress. I've been away for two years, and I thought it would be good to restart in the NRC rallies before running in another championship. I am very happy because FUCHS provided me with the opportunity to go back to the rally scene with full support from its range of products and technical specialists."

Team Manager, Hiren Velji, said: "The ARC is a very important championship in Africa for partners, media, and spectators. Our team was featured in

the Racing Show on Azam national television, which aired in Tanzania, Republic of Uganda, Burundi, Kenya, and Democratic Republic of the Congo."

FUCHS Tanzania Managing Director, Salim Janmohamed, said: "I've known Harinder for a long time and been tracking his progress on the Tanzanian rally scene. We've discussed collaborating before and decided that with the ARC coming back to Tanzania this year, it was time to finally get it going. With his consistent podium finishes and our added support, I truly believe this can be a championship team."

Calendar: September: Monts Uluguru Rally Club; October: Arusha Motor Sports Club; November: Iringa MotorSports Club; December: Kilimanjaro Motor Sports Club

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN GT1 Flex 23 5W-30, TITAN SUPERGEAR GL-5 80W-90, RENOLIT L-LX 220 EP2, MAINTAIN DOT 4**



Markus Kollenz



Franky Zorn

## Austria

### A strategic Gold Race win for Zorn in Spielberg

The 18th International Rupert Hollaus Memorial Race welcomed a strong field of competitors in the Formula Classic of historical motorcycles up to 400 cc from 1970 to 1990. At the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg (Austria), ice speedway FUCHS rider Franky Zorn ran incredible laps and distinguished himself with first place in the Gold Race and second in the Silver Race.

When there is no ice nor snow, Franky Zorn pursues his other passion, road racing. With his Yamaha RD 350, as always carefully prepared by the man himself, he recorded the fastest time in this legendary race. He also won the qualifying session in the Silver Race against 29 competitive riders.

“My bike had a very good set-up in terms of the suspensions and a new engine with more horsepower than the old one, however it was the hardest race ever. In the Silver Race, I pushed very hard and had great battles with my compatriot Werner Reuberger. The circuit was very quick and not easy to run, especially against riders of the Yamaha 350 TZ, the powerful current racing bike which has more power. In the end, Werner won the Silver Race only by ten meters with his TZ!” said Franky. “I decided to set up

some adjustments for the most important Gold Race. I rebuilt the cooling system to stop the engine from getting too hot and to keep the power more constant when I really push the bike.”

The FUCHS rider took his revenge in the Gold Race. “It was amazing. I took the best start and led the pack over several laps until Reuberger came back. He also pushed hard, we had a heated battle and he eventually overtook me two laps before the end. I followed him and tried to stay as close as possible. In the last corner before the finish line, I passed him. He was a little bit shocked and forgot to switch to the right gear. I won with a meter between us. I was so happy, and the fans applauded a lot. It was also a great weekend for FUCHS with FUCHS Application Engineer, Markus Kollenz, winning the Gold Race in the 250 cc class.”

FUCHS Austria was the official partner of the Rupert Hollaus Memorial Race for the 18th time in a row.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 2, Silkolene PRO CHAIN LUBE, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene PRO RSF 2,5 WT**



## South Africa

### Promising young FUCHS co-drivers

The HUD Racing Team took part in the BTS Grain Mariendal 300, round five of the Inland Off Road Championship, with its experienced driver David Huddy accompanied by two new co-drivers: Michael Omand and Martin Kleer.

These rookies assisted in setting up the Nissan Navara S14 V6, but they had never done any form of off-road racing or navigating. As such, it was a great adventure for them to run the 62 km of the prologue and the two loops of 122 km through large mud holes, wet grass, and extremely twisty roads.

Sitting next to David, Michael started running the prologue and the first loop, then Martin took over for the second loop.

Thanks to a great result in the prologue against 30 teams, HUD Racing lined up tenth on the starting line of loop one and first in the S class. It was now time for the beginners to show their performance on the field. David and Michael managed to catch and pass a few competitors and finished first in Production, first in their class, and second overall. Michael did an outstanding job for his first time out.

The team lost vital minutes and one place during the co-driver swap, however. Martin and David tried to regain their position but although they could see the dust of their rivals, they could not overtake them before the finish line. The team came second in

Production, second in its class, and third overall. This is a remarkable achievement for the debut by these rookies.

“A big thank you and shout out to our sponsor FUCHS South Africa for all its technical assistance, input, and valued support of our team. Its outstanding lubricants can be pushed to the limits for hours and hours to allow us to achieve our goals with minimal wear and tear to our vehicles,” said David Huddy.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN PRO RACE 10W-60, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-140**





## Italy

### Fourth place for Kevin Rossel at the Nürburgring

Kevin Rossel was one of the contenders in race two at the Nürburgring (Germany) for the fifth round of the Lamborghini Huracán Super Trofeo. This One Make Championship is one of the most competitive in the world and the action was once again very intense throughout both 50-minute races.

For this round, Rossel was forced to race alone due his teammate's absence. Jonathan Cecotto was called by the Lamborghini Squadra Corse for the Imola round of the GT Sprint series. Cecotto will be back on board the Lamborghini 620 hp V10 for the last round of the championship.

Rossel ran an exemplary race and proved that he is among the best drivers in this competition. In race two, he lost a place and missed the third position for having served the single-driver penalty, a rule of the trophy.

His teammates, Danish Nicolai Sylvest and Italian Francesco Guerra, joined the team for the first time

and raced in the Pro class for their debut in this competition. They drove very well and recorded eleventh place in their class.

"I'm very satisfied," declared Team Manager, Andrea Grillini. "Rossel was very good and carried the weight of a race alone with excellent results. The decision to have Nicolai and Francesco in the other car was taken a few days before the race, which did not allow us to test anything. However, the drivers immediately adapted to the series and the team, and they did it very well."

The sixth and final round of the Super Trofeo will be scheduled in a few weeks at the Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli (Italy) just before the Lamborghini World Final.

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