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Italy

Talented Alessandro Gabrielli

At the wheel of his Alfa Romeo Picchio 4C, Alessandro Gabrielli is dominating the Italian Mountain Speed Championship, Group E2SH. The FUCHS driver made headlines with his victories. // Page 9.



Great Britain

Great Britain Speedway team stands out from the game

The Final of the FIM Team Speedway Under-21 World Championship took place at the National Speedway Stadium in Manchester. The silver medal was taken by the Great Britain team, supported by FUCHS UK, thanks to the great performance of its captain Robert Lambert and the Heat 14 victory of local favorite Dan Bewley. // Page 8.

Germany

BLACK FALCON leaves its mark at the Nürburgring 24h Race

BLACK FALCON finished 2nd overall with its Mercedes-AMG GT3 #3 in the 24h Race. The team also triumphed with a double victory in the V6 class with the Porsche 991 Carrera #133 as well as 2nd place with #132. The team achieved 1st place in the SP10 class with the Mercedes-AMG GT4 #70 and also took 3rd place in the SP7 class. // Page 2.





Germany

Victories and podiums for the BLACK FALCON in the 24h Race

The biggest motor race in the world took place in June at the 25.378 km long Nürburgring. Up to 200,000 fans came for the 24h marathon, creating a party atmosphere around the circuit. The race was broadcast live for 25 hours on the TV Station RTL Nitro and around the clock on the internet.

At the end BLACK FALCON was classed 2nd overall in this 47th edition of the 24h Race. Maximilian Buhk, Hubert Haupt, Thomas Jäger and Luca Stolz finished 3rd overall with their Mercedes-AMG GT3 in an action-packed race. But the result was subsequently repealed by the organizing ADAC in favor of BLACK FALCON, disqualifying Porsche #911, which had been 2nd up to then.

In the SP10 class, Marek Böckmann, Yannick Mettler, Tobias Müller and Tristan Viidas won with the Mercedes-AMG GT4 #70. The quartet fought an exciting duel for the class lead for almost the entire duration of the race.

BLACK FALCON celebrated a double victory in the V6 class for production cars. Alexander Akimenkov, Ronny Lethmate, Carlos Rivas and Vasilii Selivanov won with their Porsche 991 Carrera #133. Their teammates Christoph Hoffmann, Carsten Palluth, Tobias Wahl and Robert Woodside crossed the finish line in sister car #132 in 2nd place. In the SP7 class, Peter Ludwig, Maik Rosenberg, Takis and Dennis Trebing took 3rd place. The AMG GT4 #46 of Stefan Karg, Mustafa Mehmet Kaya, Reinhold Renger and Mike Stursberg finished 6th in the SP8T class after a long repair break resulting from a collision that was no fault of their own. The two Mercedes-AMG GT3s #2 and #6 were eliminated prematurely due to accidents.





Germany

BLACK FALCON defends its championship lead in Misano

BLACK FALCON achieved two top-5 results in the second round of the Blancpain GT World Challenge Europe event in Misano, Italy. On Saturday, the Mercedes-AMG GT3 #4 of German drivers Maro Engel and Luca Stolz crossed the finish line in 3rd place and on Sunday in 4th place. At the end of the second of five race weekends, BLACK FALCON leads the team ranking of the Blancpain GT World Challenge Europe. Engel and Stolz also claim the championship lead in the drivers' standings with these good results.

On Saturday, Stolz started in 6th place. He completed a strong first stint and handed the car over to his teammate Engel in 3rd position. The two leaders were already a few seconds ahead at this point, so Maro Engel was able to bring the AMG home in 3rd position.

On Sunday, the drivers exchanged positions with Maro Engel entering the race from position 11 and fighting some intense battles in a dense midfield. With a perfectly timed pit stop directly after a safety car phase, the team made up several places. Luca Stolz returned to the track in 5th place and began a hunt to close the gap. After a lap-long fight for 4th position he finally succeeded and took the lead. He set the fastest lap of the race and closed the gap to 3rd place lap by lap, being only a few hundredths of a second short a 4th podium.

Team Principal Sean Paul Breslin said: "We experienced a mixed weekend with an impressive performance in qualifying and a strong performance in both races. The team worked very well and quickly found a suitable set-up on a circuit that was new for us."



Zimbabwe

Manu Bako on the podium at Dirt Bronco

FUCHS riders Manu Bako, Tristan Grainger, Jayden Ashwell and Regan Wasmuth participated in the 3rd round of the South African Motor X National Championship which took place at the Dirt Bronco Motocross track in Johannesburg.

Zimbabwean Manu Bako on his 85cc KTM FUCHS Silkolene bike realized a good performance, winning 4th place in Heat 1 and 1st in Heat 2 for an overall 2nd place. Manu is now 2nd in the championship, only 17 points from 1st place, with three Nationals to go.

In the 125cc class, Tristan Grainger, with his FUCHS Silkolene KTM bike, had a credible 6th place overall for the weekend.

In the MX1 class, Jayden Ashwell, on his 450cc FUCHS Silkolene KTM bike, rode his first national championship race of the year. He was fastest for qualifying but only managed 4th for the day, hampered by lack of race fitness, but there's no doubt he has the speed.

In the MX2 class, Regan Wasmuth placed a disappointing 9th overall. Regan is also coming to grips with fitness levels. He is top rookie in the MX2 class, getting good experience for next year.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 SAE 15W-50, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene WASH-OFF



Great Britain

First race win for Danny Buchan and FS-3 Racing

Danny Buchan, backed by FUCHS Silkolene, and FS-3 Racing Kawasaki celebrated their first victory in the British Superbike Championship at Knockhill as he became the fifth different race winner of the season after a faultless performance to lead at the chequered flag by 6.232 seconds.

Buchan said: "It's not sunk in yet and I'm pretty overwhelmed by it, it was such a long race. Credit to the FS-3 team for all their hard work that they have put in, to pick up my first win and the team's first BSB win, it has been a long time coming."

Great Britain

Two more top-ten finishes for Irwin at Knockhill

Glenn Irwin was back in action at Knockhill with FUCHS Silkolene backed Quattro Plant JG Speedfit Kawasaki in round 5 of the British Superbike Championship.

Irwin equalled his best result of the season so far, coming away with two more top-ten finishes.



Great Britain

Webster tops BHRC in the Red Kite stages

Simon Webster and Jez Rogers scored their first championship win in the FUCHS LUBRICANTS Motorsport UK British Historic Rally Championship. Their hugely popular success in the round 4 Red Kite stages came after an exceptional day-long contest in the forests of South Wales.





Pictured: James Hillier



Pictured: Dean Harrison



Great Britain

Four race wins and eleven podiums for FUCHS Silkolene backed riders at IOMTT

2019 saw yet another sensational meeting for FUCHS Silkolene backed riders, including five podium wins from TT legend Peter Hickman, four podiums from Dean Harrison of Silicone Engineering Kawasaki and two podiums from James Hillier of Quattro Plant Kawasaki.



Great Britain

Scott Redding BSB Championship lead

FUCHS Silkolene ambassador Scott Redding moved into the lead of the British Superbike Championship following round 5 of the series held at Knockhill with a victory and runner-up place at the Scottish track, his debut performance at the circuit.

The four-time GP winner's victory was the eighth win in the last nine races for Paul Bird's Penrith-based team at the halfway point of the season.



Great Britain

Brown and Bellerby Motorsport win 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in Wales

The latest round of the British Rallycross Championship at Pembrey provided a collection of fine results for FUCHS ambassadors Steve Brown and Drew Bellerby, competing in the BMW Mini Championship and Paige Bellerby in the Supernational Rallycross Championship.

Drew Bellerby had a great day in the qualifying heats against her closest rival David Bell, earning 2nd position on the grid for the Final. This initiating a second battle between the pair, this time with Drew coming out on top, claiming the win.

Steve Brown, still going well in his first season in his BMW Mini, saw his times improve as he came to grips with yet another new circuit. His reward was a maiden win in the heats and an even better result in the Final, crossing the line in 3rd to add to his ever-increasing haul of championship points.

Despite being forced to retire during the Day 1 Final of the Supernational Rallycross Championship due to the car's sustaining damage, FUCHS-backed Paige Bellerby's team worked all thorough the night to ensure she was back out fighting for Day 2. The team was rewarded as Paige drove a brilliant Rally, gaining 2nd position on the podium.



Great Britain

Silver medal for FIM Team Speedway in U21 World Championship

There were tears and cheers for the FUCHS Silkolene supported GB Under-21 squad as they landed an outstanding Silver medal in Manchester. The promising quintet finished with an excellent 33 points, just eight behind World Champions Poland, as they picked up their sixth successive team Gold. Team Boss Neil Vatcher was in tears as Robert Lambert won the Final race to secure Silver for the boys in red, white and blue.

Neil Vatcher said: "I'm very emotional. This is my tenth year with the youth team, and we are really starting to see that efforts pay off. It's been a tough journey at times, but I believe in these boys. Three of them here tonight are 17 or under and they got within eight points of a sensational Polish side. I'm very proud."





Italy

Four victories for Alessandro Gabrielli

For the second season in a row, FUCHS Italy signed a partnership with the Mec Sport team and its driver Alessandro Gabrielli.

The FUCHS driver triumphed with 1st place in the official ranking of the Italian Mountain Speed Championship 2019, Group E2SH, after four victories. At the wheel of his Alfa Romeo Picchio 4C, the driver from Ascoli also won the 58th Coppa Paolino Teodori at the teams' home circuit. This race counts for the International Hill Climb Cup, the CIVM and the TIVM tricolor championships. Alessandro Gabrielli received the honors and great visibility in the local and national media.

Afterwards, the 7th round of the Italian Mountain Speed Championship took place at Trento-Bondone. With a distance of 17km, it is the oldest and longest uphill race in Italy. On Saturday, Alessandro's car was damaged in the evening but promptly repaired by a team of efficient mechanics. Unfortunately, the Alfa Romeo Picchio 4C broke down on Sunday due to an electronic problem.

However, despite these forced stops, Alessandro Gabrielli is still leading his category in the championship by a wide margin. The next race will take place in Rieti.

FUCHS lubricant: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60





Italy

New perspectives for Michele Magnoni

30-year-old Michele Magnoni from Cagliari of the TMF Racing team joined the FUCHS Silkolene family in 2019. As soon as the partnership agreement had been signed, the rider, after an exciting race at Imola, won by only 87 thousandths of a second ahead of the internationally renowned rider Emanuele Puscetdu.

"Our new FUCHS rider is at the top of the National Trophy Supersport Championship. For us, he has already been the star in a video on our "Silkolene Riding Days" event held in June at the Cremona circuit, which got 259,217 views!" explained Cristina Delmastro from FUCHS.

In 2010, Magnoni ranked 3rd in the Superstock 1000 World Championship taking several podiums in this sporting event. After a bad accident, he became test driver for the Honda Superbike World Championship.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO R SAE 0W-20, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, LUBE, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene PRO PREP



Italy

Great triumph for Silkolene Riding Days

Silkolene Riding Days confirmed their fantastic reputation in 2019 over two weekends, at the Vallengunga and Cremona circuits. This year, the event registered a record number of around 800 riders from both Switzerland and France. FUCHS Italy organized the event with the utmost care to ensure the safety and enjoyment of everyone at the event. "We've received over 100 enthusiastic testimonies by Facebook and e-mail, congratulations, thanks and recommendations from the participants," said Cristina Delmastro.

Among the myriad of testimonies, Alex Scarlatt said, "I came with some friends. We were surprised by the perfect organization of the Silkolene Riding Days. Many other organizers should learn from you. Everything was perfect and your products are really high quality."



Benelux

A series of adventures for the Norma team at Spa-Francorchamps

The third round of the Belcar Endurance Trophy 2019 took place at the Spa-Francorchamps circuit, in Belgium. Kris Cools, François Bouillon and Koen de Wit of the Norma Benelux team started among 38 teams, most of them fighting for the prestigious victory.

On Friday, the FUCHS team with the Norma M20 FCT #2 achieved 5th place in the qualification. "On Saturday, during the pre-program of the 25 hours of the Fun Cup, we drove the three-hour race of the Belcar Endurance Championship," explained Vincent Desschans of Norma Benelux.

Kris Cools drove the first stint of the trophy on Saturday in front of around 25,000 spectators. Immediately, he had a collision and damaged the left front light of the car. This cost the team four places from the leading Norma and Lamborghini cars. "Because changing the front bumper would have taken too much time, we decided not to do it." A few laps later, the team was involved in another crash with the Lamborghini of Independent Motorsport. This collision damaged the exhaust pipe. In spite of these troubles, and after one hour and twenty-five minutes, Kris Cools had managed 3rd place overall before passing the wheel to François Bouillon. A few laps later the exhaust pipe broke completely. "We could not repair it, so we decided to continue the race. Of course, we lost power and our lap times went down." Koen De Wit drove the last stint. The mechanics profited from changing drivers, fitted new tires and fixed the exhaust pipe a bit. Thanks to his perfect and constant driving of the Norma with one hundred percent power, the team crossed the finish line in 6th place overall and 5th place in his class. He is now in 20th place overall of the Belcar Endurance Championship and 5th in the Belcar 1.

The next race, the 24 hours at Zolder, will take place in August.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-90, TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60, TITAN RACE BRAKE CLEANER