

# Motorsport News

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## Romania

### Incredible champion!

Vlad Neaga triumphed in the MotoRC, Superbike, and Supermoto championships with VN Motorsport Team in 2020. The talented 21-year-old professional rider has succeeded with a multitude of podiums and victories since his debut in this motorsport ten years ago. // Page 5.



## South Africa

### Fighting for 2021 titles

The HUD Racing Team won first place in its class in the second of the eight rounds of the Inland Off Road Championship with its 4.0l V6 HUD Racing Nissan Navara. A good omen for the 2021 season. // Page 4.

## Germany

### An exciting new challenge for the BLACK FALCON Team

As the season progresses, four BLACK FALCON drivers will enter the Michelin Le Mans Cup with LMP 3 prototypes from French sports car manufacturer Ligier. The seven prestigious international car rounds are organized by the French "Automobile Club de l'Ouest" (Western Automobile Club). // Page 7.



**The UK CA1 Sport Team aims to minimize its impact on the environment and follows the overarching Green Policy of Motorsport UK. // Page 10.**



## Austria

### Zorn's bike at the Red Bull World of Racing exhibition

Since their Mythos Alfa Romeo exhibition was met with huge enthusiasm by visitors, the organizers of the Technik Museum Sinsheim (Germany) have chosen to feature Red Bull this time. This brand has been a part of motor racing and shaped it for years. "Over an area of 3,000 m<sup>2</sup>, we are showcasing selected exhibits in different racing worlds and guide our visitors through the Red Bull World of Racing," said the organizers.

Whether in the desert, the snow, or on the road, there is plenty to discover and admire, such as exhibits by Manuel Lettenbichler, Nasser Al-Attiyah, or Sebastian Vettel. A racing simulator enables visitors to experience racing action on virtual Grand Prix circuits. Seated in a real cockpit, they compete against Formula 1 superstar Max Verstappen!

Visitors will be happy to see FUCHS rider Franky Zorn's corner, the best central European ice speedway racer.

Franky has polished his current GP bike to a high gloss in a perfect set-up for the exhibition. "I dismantled, revised, and then reassembled everything," said the FUCHS rider, who recently claimed a remarkable fifth place in the FIM Ice Speedway Gladiators Championship behind four dominant Russians in Togliatti (Russia).

The bike is being shown in the Red Bull World of Racing exhibition until January 2022 at the Technik Museum Sinsheim. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the museum has been temporarily closed. More information will be published as soon as possible.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene CASTORENE R40S, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene PRO PREP**



## Italy

### **FUCHS Italy, silver sponsor of Politecnico di Torino Racing Team**

FUCHS Italy joined the Squadra Corse Politecnico di Torino Racing Team as silver sponsor, supporting the team made up entirely of students from the prestigious Politecnico di Torino university.

During this program, the students follow the entire process of making racing prototypes, from design, construction, and tests, to assistance during races. The team is made up of nine divisions that each deal with a different component of the car competing in Formula SAE. These competitions are organized by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) with the goal of inspiring students to design a single-seater prototype and make it race against other universities' teams. Formula SAE takes place all over the world on the most well-known circuits.

FUCHS supplies the team with low viscosity, remarkably high efficiency, and experimental lubricants, specifically

optimized for the electric prototype (four-wheel drive) gear transmission, developed by the team. These lubricants will allow the car to achieve maximum performance.

The team will also benefit from technical advice from the FUCHS experts, who will guide them in choosing the best product for the different application needs, for instance high-quality greases for the steering rack.

The prototype from Squadra Corse Politecnico di Torino will compete in the Formula SAE in Italy and Spain in the coming summer months.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN ATF 9134 FE, TITAN SINTOFLUID FE 75 W, RENOLIT PU-MA 2, RENOLIT AS**



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Buks Carolin

## South Africa

### HUD Racing Team victorious in its class

Dave Huddy and his co-driver, Buks Carolin, of the HUD Racing Team are competing in the eight rounds of the 2021 TIORC – Inland Off Road Championship, a South African motorsport launched in 2019 – across three provinces.

The famous Feeler Barberspan 300, second round of the TIORC, took place in March with 39 cars taking to the field to battle it out. The organizer, Barberspan Motorklub, had prepared a new route to challenge the competitors. The prologue of 103 km determined the starting line of the drivers for the main race, which consisted of 207 km.

Dave and Buks, having not raced for 14 months, were quite nervous on the starting line of the prologue. But three kilometers in, they settled into the race and felt the need for speed in their 4.0l V6 HUD Racing Nissan Navara car. In the end, they claimed sixth place in class S.

Unfortunately, in the main race, a tire change early on saw them lose ten places and drop to 16th. However, the team's experience and skill allowed them to overtake a few competitors and finish the race in a well-deserved first place in class S and tenth overall.

The team has been sponsored by FUCHS for four seasons.

FUCHS South Africa Marketing/ Advertising Administrator, Janet Kerr, said: "We've chosen the HUD Racing Team because it's a dynamic racing team passionate about motorsport and life."

Next races: April: Weiveld; May: Mareetsane 300; July: Kameel 300

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



## Romania

### An impressive team

FUCHS Romania joined the motorsport arena together with the Oem Pro Team, one of the oldest distributors of FUCHS Silkolene, signing a partnership with VN Motorsport – the most outstanding motorcycling team in Romania.

VN Motorsport celebrated a year of unrivalled success in 2020, winning all the titles in MotoRC, Superbike, and Supermoto championships with its rider Vlad Neaga. This talented competitor will be joined by superbike vice-champion, Adrian Rus, to tackle the teams title in 2021. Other promising racers such as Diana Sturza (Stock 300), Robertino Dumitru (Stock 600), Cristian Cioranu (1000-MotoRC), and Dacian Daus (MX2-FIM Motocross Championship) will complete the team.

From the age of ten, Vlad Neaga won vice-champion titles in the Supermoto Juniors Championship (2010, 2011, and 2012), then in the National Supermoto Championship SOpen, and later in the European and Eastern European Supermoto Championship M3 250 cc (2013). The following seasons confirmed the great potential of this rider, who collected champion titles in the National and Balkanic Championship Formula 600 (2018) and in the National Supermoto

Championship SOpen (2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020). In 2020, the then 20-year-old professional rider excelled in all the competitions he raced, winning three championship titles\* and achieving the best lap record on the MotorPark Romania circuit.

In 2021, following training sessions in Romania, Hungary, and Greece, Vlad will race the six rounds of the MotoRC. He intends to participate in the National Speed Championship as well as the Alpe Adria International Championship, but no official schedule is available yet.

Vlad is extremely popular and was mentioned in 720k posts on Facebook and 291k times on Instagram in 2020. All the Stock classes were broadcast live on the LookSport TV channel as well as on the championship's Facebook page.

\*MotoRC Stock 1000 Championship, National Superbike Championship, Multiple National Supermoto SOpen Championship

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS 10W-50, Silkolene PRO RG2, Silkolene FOAM FILTER OIL**



Shane Parkes



Caitlin Parkes



Scott Heygate

## Zambia

### Much anticipated comeback of motocross races!

Motocross is an up-and-coming sport in Zambia with some big names of the South African scene visiting from time to time. The pandemic had stopped all sporting events throughout the countryside. In March 2021, Zambia Motor Sports Association (ZMSA) approved the first official motocross event for 15 months.

Great enthusiasm followed. All the circuits around the country were cleaned up. While the bikes received regular maintenance throughout the pandemic period, the riders needed to start training again. The 2021 season opened with the 3.5H Enduro Race in Mkushi, followed by a round at Ndola, and the Lusaka-Leopards Hill in April.

"We are back into the regular season. There is a slight possibility that Mkushi will welcome the next FIM Motocross Race in August. It's currently being held by hosts Uganda, pending travel restrictions being lifted," said the organizers.

"FUCHS Zambia contributes prizes such as FUCHS Silkolene lubricants for these events. Furthermore, we've sponsored the ambulance to be present at every event, as without a medical team on site the events cannot go ahead. Our aim is to make sure the events happen, competitors ride, and hopefully someday a star may rise," explained FUCHS Zambia Managing Director Alasdair Watson.

#### FUCHS riders

*Women's class:* Leah Heygate (250 cc); Caitlin Parkes (85 cc); Hannah Watson (250 cc); Kaylee Price (250 cc)

*MX1-MX2 classes:* Scott Heygate (450 cc); Shane Parkes (125 cc); Rory Donaldson (125 cc); Dustin Fussel (450 cc); Craig Eastcroft (125 cc Veterans); Stefan Vidmar (125 cc). Michael Struik rides on the South African circuit and is currently training in Florida (USA).

**FUCHS lubricants:** Silkolene PRO 4 15W-50, Silkolene PRO 2 SX, Silkolene CARB CLEANER, Silkolene FOAM FILTER OIL, Silkolene PRO COOL



## Germany

### **BLACK FALCON enters a new era with Le Mans prototypes**

BLACK FALCON is expanding its extensive customer sports program for the 2021 racing season with a new flagship project: competing in the Michelin Le Mans Cup. The team's drivers are racing with LMP 3 prototypes manufactured by the French sports car company Ligier. After ten successful years in GT3 racing, the team is now entering onto the prestigious scene of international car races, which are held by ACO, the 24H Le Mans organizer. Throughout the beginning of the season, Maik Rosenberg and Donar Munding will take turns at the wheel of the first Ligier JS-P320 entered by the team. From the second half of the year onward, two further JS-P320s will be running both in guest starts in the Le Mans Cup and as part of an extensive test program.

BLACK FALCON has been able to acquire professional racing driver and TV presenter Lance David Arnold as both project manager for the LMP program and coach.

The team has signed for the first time with the talented young driver Donar Munding (2020 runner-up

title in the German Porsche Super Sports Cup) accompanied by Maik Rosenberg, who has been with the team for a decade in various racing series. Long-time BLACK FALCON drivers Mustafa Mehmet Kaya and Gabriele Piana will also be racing in the Cup as the season progresses.

Managing Director and founder of BLACK FALCON, Alexander Böhm, said: "After more than ten years in GT3 racing, we deliberately looked for a new challenge and found it in the form of the Le Mans Prototypes. The LMP scene is booming at the moment! It's particularly attractive for our customers who want to pursue endurance racing at a high international level. After a test phase last winter, we are more than convinced of the LMP concept and have therefore decided on a long-term commitment that will spearhead our customer sports program for the foreseeable future."

**Calendar:** April: Barcelona (ES); June: Le Castellet (F); July: Monza (I); August: Le Mans (F) – two rounds; September: Spa-Francorchamps (BE); October: Portimao (PT)



## Great Britain

### New sponsorship deal for British Army Motorsport

FUCHS UK has agreed to a new product sponsorship for 2021 with the British Army Motorsport Endurance Team. The team is managed by Sergeant Will Ashmore, a serving soldier and driver for the Army Sports Cars Racing Endurance Team. He is focused on providing both serving and veteran soldiers with the opportunity to get involved in motorsport.

Competing in the 750 Motor Club: “Club Endurance Championship”, the team’s flagship Holden Commodore V8 Supercar made its debut in the 2020 championship.

Dedicated race engineers and pit crew ensure the car remains competitive against better funded competitors, fighting for places at the front of the field with podium finishes to their record.

“We wish them all the best for their 2021 campaign and trust our FUCHS products can give them the edge against the competition,” said John Mosley from FUCHS UK.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S 5W-30, TITAN RACE SYN 5 75W-90, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-140**





## Great Britain

### Hudson Motorsport Team hit the brakes in order to speed progress

The FUCHS team is once again racing in the Super 4 British 250 Championship in 2021.

Due to COVID-19, only the driver, two technicians – David Clark and Stuart Merrey –, and Marcus' dad Raymond will be allowed in the paddock. The restrictions also mean that there will only be five rounds this season, two at Fulbeck in Lincolnshire, two at Sherington in Oxfordshire, and one at Kimbolton in Cambridgeshire.

The team has been preparing for the championship. One big change includes adding a new braking system, which means a completely new front end on the kart and changes to the rear as well.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 2, Silkolene PRO CHAIN**



## Great Britain

### Team 109 continues its world SSP300 preparation

Most of the riders who are competing in the FIM Supersport 300 World Championship in 2021 hit the "Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya" for testing. This led to two days of action and allowed teams to analyze times and set-up the bikes.

Following their successful test, Team 109 and its rider James McManus moved to MotorLand Aragon Circuit, the scene of round one of the championship, for a further test. It was the opportunity for James to discover a new circuit. He rode competently, listening to the team, and ultimately closed the gap to the front.

James said: "It was another very productive test. The bike is working well, and I am confident after the training in Aragon for the opening round. It really feels like my bike now and I have a great feeling with the team. The track is amazing, I have to learn but the times came down nicely and, in the end, we weren't a million miles away. I'll keep chipping away and hopefully we'll be even closer at round one!"

Team 109 is now looking to add at least one further test ahead of championship beginning at the end of May.

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





## Great Britain

### **Aiding the environment, an international team's takes on its environmental policy**

CA1 Sport Team owner, Martin Wilkinson, has long subscribed to the overarching Green Policy of Motorsport UK – that all forms of motorsport should, where possible, actively work to reduce its impact on the environment.

For Martin and his team, this starts before the event when they ensure that all vehicles (from the largest service vehicles to the individual competing cars) are correctly equipped with the MSUK-mandated spill kits. This is essential given the nature of rallying with events designed to range far and wide, using non-public roads and tracks – all of which have been thoroughly investigated by the organizers for suitability and sustainability, and the necessary written permissions granted.

Each competing car must carry a spill kit suitable for dealing with any untoward spillage of vehicle lubricants and fluids whilst competing. After use, any clothes and items used are taken back to the service area for suitable disposal.

The same procedures are followed in the service area. Each car location is equipped with a fire extinguisher, disposal sack, and

spill kit. At the end of races, team rubbish is collected from their site (including domestic and general waste) and returned to the workshop, where it is sorted for recycling and disposal according to local regulations.

Martin said: “We aim to have the lightest possible footprint on the environment, so we take our collection and recycling responsibilities very seriously. All the guys know what our policy is, and how important it is to us.”

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### **CA1 Sport Team is in favor of actions to reduce its carbon footprint in motorsport**

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