

# Motorsport News

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### A fearless team!

Four drivers of the McDonald's FUCHS Racing team won 3rd place overall and 2nd position in their class during the Eleven Sports 24 Hours of Zolder. 35,000 passionate spectators followed the outcome of this championship. // Page 3.



## South Africa

### A competitive FUCHS duo

David Huddy and Gerhard Schutte were victorious in their class in the prestigious Toyota 1000 Desert Race, one of the rounds of the South African National Cross-Country Series. Thanks to their performance they managed to avoid all the traps of this rally with their Nissan Navara V6. // Page 4.

## Germany

### Triumph for BLACK FALCON

BLACK FALCON dominated round 5 of the VLN Endurance Championship during the 6-Hour Race at the Nürburgring. Thanks to the overall double victory with their Mercedes-AMG GT3 #6 and #16, as well as the four podiums in the SPT8, SP7 and V6 classes, the team is writing a new page of its history. // Page 11.





## Benelux

### A new partnership for FUCHS

FUCHS is proud to sponsor RW Racing and joined the team for the first time in June at MotoGP Assen – Netherlands. RW Racing is very happy to receive support from its premium oil supplier FUCHS. Marcel Struwer, FUCHS Account Manager Automotive, underpinned that a close relationship with their new automotive distributor FIETEN OLIE was mandatory to achieve this triangular business between FBNL, FIETEN OLIE and RW Racing.

In the decision-making process, Technical Manager of RW Racing Fabrizio Manciucca said: “A very important detail is that we already know FUCHS as a premium oil manufacturer and this is the main

reason that we prefer FUCHS more than other oil companies.”

“From FBNL, opening new roads together with FIETEN OLIE, deep penetrating in the Heavy Duty, Trucks, Agri and PCMO (Passenger Cars Motor Oil) segments is part of our strategy, with a clear eye on 2025,” said Marcel Struwer.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 5W-40 XP, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene CONTACT CLEANER, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene PRO RG2, Silkolene PRO WASH, Silkolene PRO PREP**





## Benelux

### **An incredible 3rd place for the McDonald's FUCHS Racing team at Zolder**

The Eleven Sports 24 Hours of Zolder, fourth of the six rounds of the 2019 Belcar Endurance Championship, took place on August 10 and 11. 43 drivers participated in this biggest challenge of the season, but only 34 crossed the finish line.

Frédéric Vervisch, François Bouillon, Koen De Wit and Kris Cools of the McDonald's FUCHS Racing team drove their Norma M20 FC #2 over 773 laps. In addition, Vervisch had a double program for the weekend driving an Audi R8 LM, as Audi factory driver, in the ADAC GT Masters at the Zandvoort circuit.

On this iconic 4-kilometer track at Zolder, Bouillon took over from De Wit after 1h30. From the first laps, the team led the race overall. Around two hours later, the Norma was hit on the right rear wheel by an inattentive Porsche driver, got stuck in the gravel and lost five laps.

After this collision, Vervisch left the pit lane in 14th place. He drove a double stint and brought the Norma up to 2nd position. Cools and De Wit took the following relays during the night. But the clash with the Porsche driver had caused some damage and the rear suspension broke off suddenly. "As a result, we lost 42 minutes to repairs and any chance to win. Afterwards, all drivers kept the pace high and fought until the end. We finished 3rd overall and 2nd in our class," explained the Team Manager Vincent Desschans. "But considering the problems we had, we're still satisfied with 3rd place overall and also the prowess of Frédéric Vervisch who realized the fastest lap of this race."

The next rounds will take place at the beginning of October at Zolder during the American Festival Nascar and the Final race in Assen (Netherlands) at the end of October.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-90, TITAN GT1 SAE 5W-40**



## South Africa

### **HUD Racing team victorious in its class at the TDR 1000**

The 36th edition of the famous Toyota 1000 Desert Race took place at Selebi-Phikwe in Botswana. It was a 3-day event covering thousands of kilometres. An extremely tough route, an entirely new racing terrain, treacherous dust, trees and furrowed rocks combined with racing pressure made this year's TDR 1000 an event for the record books. 33 competitors entered this third round of the South African National Cross-Country Series (SACCs), but only 15 drivers saw the chequered flag.

In the qualifiers, David Huddy and Gerhard Schutte of the FUCHS LUBRICANTS-sponsored team had a good run with their Nissan Navara V6 and classed mid-field for the start of the main race.

On Saturday, at the end of the first 500 km across Botswana's rugged bushveld, they brought the car home in excellent condition. "Thanks to the good quality of the FUCHS lubricants, the car only required a minor engine check plus a wash."

On Sunday, the crew started from 14th position. Enduring extreme heat and dust throughout the second 500 km, David and Gerhard won S class and finished 9th overall. They were also the first V6 in the top-10 Production Vehicle class, thanks to excellent preparation and driving.

"This has been the tightest desert race in Botswana I have ever experienced in all these years I have competed in this event. Preparation plays a big part in our success. We attribute the reliability of the car to the FUCHS lubricants," said HUD Racing team's navigator Gerhard Schutte.

Team driver David Huddy explained: "We changed from FUCHS PSF to FUCHS TITAN ATF 6000 SL automatic transmission oil for the power steering system and it proved its worth. Normal road car power steering pumps can last a lifetime, but an off-road race car requires this pump to be changed every year. The TDR 1000 is 13 hours of torture and the power steering pump pressures and temperatures far exceed any test bench parameters. In addition, we do not anticipate changing this oil for the next event, testimony to the quality and reliability of the FUCHS products."

The team raced with a Nissan Navara V6 in the SACCs and a Nissan Hardbody 2.4L in the Northern Regions Championship.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60, TITAN ATF 6000 SL, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-140, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN S**





## Great Britain

### FUCHS LUBRICANTS Motorsport UK British Historic Rally Championship

Nick Elliott and Dave Price made a perfect return to rallying on the asphalt roads of the Epynt ranges in mid-Wales to finish top of the FUCHS LUBRICANTS Motorsport UK British Historic Rally Championship in round 5, the Harry Flatters Rally. The Brecon Motor Club event marked the first asphalt rally of the championship season after the opening four gravel rounds.

At the end of a tense and exciting event, the top-4 BHRC crews were separated by just eleven seconds. Nick Elliott/Dave Price led the Ford Escort Mk2s of Joe Price/Chris Brooks and Simon Webster/Jez Rogers and the flying Triumph TR7 V8 of David Kynaston/Val Thompson. Elliott's winning margin, after nearly an hour of rallying, was just three seconds while Joe Price edged Webster by only one second as Webster clawed back eight seconds in the final stage.

## Great Britain

### Shaun Tarlton is starting well

FUCHS supported driver Shaun Tarlton sold his racing Mini in 2018 for a new challenge. In 2019 Shaun finds himself a world apart, competing in the UK Modifieds Championship.

So far, this season has been a learning curve as he adapts to the new car and the new surface however Shaun is racing well. In his most recent race meeting, Mildenhall Stadium, he gained some good finishes in his heats, leading to 9th in the Final.

"What an amazing car and championship, these really are beasts that need taming. With our engine running on FUCHS oil we had confidence the engine was in good hands."

**FUCHS lubricant: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-40**

## Great Britain

### Kershaw/Clark world-class at Thruxton

The ultra-fast Thruxton circuit with its endless right-hand bends and undulating surface is a challenge for the best riders; and round 6 of the British Sidecar Championship was no exception.

The FUCHS Silkolene sponsored Kershaw/Clark duo came away with some fantastic results. They took 2nd in race 2 after recovering from a 10th position start and had a sensational win in race 3 from a 9th place start, taking the win by one second from the world champions.





## Great Britain

### FUCHS LUBRICANTS Classic Mini Challenge

The FUCHS LUBRICANTS Classic Mini Challenge moved over the Irish Sea to Lisburn County Down for the Down Rally – 52 miles of closed road action over eleven stages. The Rally was based at the Eikon centre which is on the site of the former Maze prison.

The round consisted of two loops of three stages – Lough Erne, Drumaknocken and The Eikon Super Special stages, plus a final loop of two Hamiltons Folly stages and another attempt of the Drumaknocken stage. Jim Brindle took the lead from Colin McDowell on the second loop, with Jeff Robinson moving into 2nd and Louise Thomas sneaking into 3rd.

## Great Britain

### IAME Euro Series round 3, Wackersdorf – Germany

In temperatures reaching 38°C, FUCHS Silkolene sponsored kart racer Freddie Housley faced possibly the hottest conditions he has ever raced in.

After only a few laps and with times only five tenths off the fastest of the 34 drivers, he had a great practice session. However, the qualifying and heats didn't really go as he wanted. A series of events saw him in 22nd position on the grid for the Final.

During the rolling start of the 13-lap Final, the driver behind break tested and forced Freddie to go up the rear bumper of the kart in front, bending his chassis. This dropped him down to 32nd place before the race had even started. Battling his way back, he came through the field to cross the finish line in 23rd place.

Although the results do not reflect his skill and effort, Freddie's team knows he is gaining very valuable experience.

The next round will take place in Salbris, France.







## Great Britain

### Brookes stars in Thruxton Thriller, Redding is on the Podium

Thruxton in Hampshire hosted round 7 of the British Superbike Championship and saw FUCHS Silkolene ambassadors Josh Brookes and Scott Redding reinforce their championship credentials with a superb performance at Britain's fastest track.

Aboard his factory supported Panigale V4 R, Brookes added to his victories at Oulton Park and Brands Hatch earlier this season, claiming his 5th win in the second race. This adds to his 3rd place in the opening race, putting him 20 points behind his teammate and series leader Redding. Both riders are set to qualify for the all-important showdown in the next round at Cadwell Park.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO R SAE 0W-20, Silkolene TITANIUM DRY LUBE Spray, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER**





## Great Britain

### Quattro Plant signs ex-MotoGP star Héctor Barberá

Ex-MotoGP star Héctor Barberá signed a deal to join FUCHS Silkolene sponsored Quattro Plant JG Speedfit Kawasaki for the rest of the season. The 32-year-old Spanish rider, who made over 130 starts in MotoGP between 2010 and 2017, has joined the reigning BSB champions on a full-time basis following Glenn Irwin's departure last month.

Barberá made his BSB debut for the team at Donington Park while taking over from the injured Ben Currie. He managed to secure 6th and 8th place finishes and scored pole position for the final race in the triple-header weekend.

Team owner Pete Extance is confident Barberá can help to turn around the team's season following a challenging first half.



## Great Britain

### Thruxton podium for Hickman and Smiths

Round 7 of the 2019 Bennetts British Superbike Championship saw Gloucester-based Smiths in action at their local round at Thruxton. It proved to be a highly successful meeting for the team as Peter Hickman took his and the team's first podium of the season.

With four podiums from the last four races at the high-speed Hampshire venue, FUCHS Silkolene backed Hickman was firmly aiming for a big haul of points. He signalled his intentions by running in the top-4 throughout and after a race long battle, he ultimately took 3rd place to give the 2019 Smiths BMW S1000RR its first BSB podium of the season.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS SAE 5W-40, Silkolene PRO RACE BRAKE FLUID, Silkolene CHAIN LUBE, Silkolene PRO PREP**







## Great Britain

### Fantastic season for Dean Harrison

FUCHS Silkolene sponsored Silicone Engineering Kawasaki's rider Dean Harrison dominated the 2019 Southern 100 with six victories, including the Solo Championship race.

This year's Isle of Man Senior TT winner Harrison notched up his 24th victory after winning all six races he entered at the Billown circuit, with a dominant display in the final contest netting him his third-successive S100 Championship title.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene CARB CLEANER**





## Germany

### Two podium finishes for BLACK FALCON at the 24 Hours of Spa

The seventh of the ten rounds of the Blancpain GT Series Endurance Championship took place at the mythic track of Spa-Francorchamps for 24 hours.

Despite torrential rain and race interruptions of almost six hours for safety reasons, the drivers of the BLACK FALCON played a crucial role during this event.

The Mercedes-AMG GT3 #4 featuring the reigning Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup champions Yelmer Buurman, Maro Engel and Luca Stolz finished the world's most important GT3 race in 3rd place overall after 363 laps. In the Silver Cup class, Abdulaziz Al Faisal, Patrick Assenheimer, Hubert Haupt and Gabriele Piana won the 3rd place with their AMG GT3 #6. The AMG GT3 #00 of Adam Christodoulou, Tatsuya Kataoka and Nobuteru Taniguchi, which was entered as part of a joint venture with Goodsmile Racing, retired prematurely after an accident during the night.

BLACK FALCON GT Team Principal Sean Paul Breslin said: "This was another nail biting and exciting race.

Both our cars were competitive in their respective classes. The #4 was always in contention for victory but as in 2018, another brand had the slightest of performance advantages. The #6 fought valiantly back to the podium. I'm proud and honored to work with this crew and our group of drivers."

Maro Engel explained: "We wanted to win and gave everything. Porsche was simply faster – congratulations to the winners. But we can also be proud of ourselves. We did a mega job. For the championship it was a very good weekend."

Patrick Assenheimer said: "It was my second start at the 24 Hours of Spa after retiring relatively early the first time. That's why my goal was to finish the race and, if possible, on the podium. We did both. That's why we're very happy we won some points and are still 2nd overall in the Blancpain GT Series Endurance Championship."







## Germany

### **BLACK FALCON celebrates double victory at VLN season's highlight**

BLACK FALCON won the 6 Hours of Nürburgring, round 5 of the VLN Endurance Championship. Patrick Assenheimer and Maro Engel secured the 2nd overall VLN victory in a row for the BLACK FALCON Team AutoArena Motorsport.

After a perfect performance final, driver Engel crossed the finish line with the Mercedes-AMG GT3 #6 as overall winner of round 5. The sister car, the AM Solutions AMG GT3 #16 of Adam Christodoulou, Hubert Haupt and Luca Stolz won 2nd place overall after hours of fighting for victory and thus ensured the first VLN double victory in the BLACK FALCON team's history. This excellent result was rounded off with the Mercedes-AMG GT4 by a class win in the SP8T with the #155 and the 3rd place with the #152. BLACK FALCON also won two 2nd places in the SP7 class with the Porsche 991 GT3 Cup MR II #57 and in the V6 class with the Porsche 991 Carrera #395.

Managing Director Alexander Böhm said: "An almost perfect weekend. The first double victory in the BLACK FALCON team history is another great milestone, congratulations to the whole team for this success. I am also very pleased with the great results of the other cars and especially with the problem-free race of the Knuffi-AMG, which has been badly troubled so far this season. Unfortunately, our winning streak in the SP10 class is broken but in the fight for the championship everything is still open."





## South Africa

### Bravo Bako!

The fifth round of the 2019 TRP South African National Motocross Championship let Thunder Valley in Pietermaritzburg tremble in August, where most classes saw their title chases tighten up as the season winds down toward an epic finish.

Emmanuel Bako on his KTM, sponsored by FUCHS Silkolene, stormed to a double win in the 85cc Junior class over Seth Young (KTM), Timo Maximo Topper (KTM) and Deegan Bloomfield (Husqvarna), while Joshua Fletcher (Yamaha) and Pieter Brink (KTM) won places 5th and 6th. This means that Bako closed Young's title lead down to 14 points

and sits just one point behind 2nd placed Bloomfield in the 2019 title chase.

In the 125cc class, FUCHS Silkolene KTM Zimbabwean Tristan Grainger got a creditable 6th place in both heats and a 6th overall in his class.

The last two races of the season will take place in September on the Welkom track and in October in Johannesburg.

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