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France

Running for victory

A few days before the fifth round of the Alpine Rally Trophy, the atmosphere in Cyril Raymond's team is one of excitement. The two-time winner of the WorldRX2 International Series is betting on great performances to take back the lead for the trophy. // Page 8.

Germany

Yet another victory for BLACK FALCON!

Thanks to a strong performance by drivers Mustafa Mehmet Kaya, Gabriele Piana, and Mike Stursberg with the Porsche 992 GT3, BLACK FALCON achieved victory in the AM classification of the PETN during the 6H Race of the Nürburgring Endurance Series. // Page 2.



Australia

A magical visit with FUCHS

As part of its great relationship with its customer Glencore's Rolleston Open Cut Mine, members of FUCHS Australia visited the company's mine with guest FUCHS driver Mark Winterbottom. A great opportunity for the Glencore Mining Team and the local primary school children to discover the world of supercar racing. // Page 5.



Germany

BLACK FALCON extends title collection at the Nürburgring

The 6H Race of the Nürburgring Endurance Series (NLS) was an emotional rollercoaster for BLACK FALCON. While the team celebrated its fourth win of the season and third place in its class in the AM classification of the Porsche Endurance Trophy Nürburgring (PETN, NLS class CUP2), the fight for the day's victory in the CUP2 class ended prematurely about one hour ahead of schedule due to a technical defect. For the first time this season, the Porsche Cayman GT4 RS (SP10 class) failed to finish.

Two Porsche 992 GT3 Cup cars were entered in the AM classification of the PETN. Car #104 was first across the line in the AM classification and took an excellent third place in the fiercely contested CUP2 class. After six hours of racing, their teammates (#103) stood on the AM podium for the fourth time in as many races, and

collected important points for the championship. In the CUP3 class, the team fielded a Porsche Cayman GT4 CS (#980) driven by Cabell Fisher and Didier Glorieux. They finished as the best-placed car with Permit-B reduced power classification and collected important laps for the acquisition of the Nordschleife Permit-A for cars without power restriction.

Managing Director of BLACK FALCON, Alexander Böhm, said: "In the AM classification of the CUP2 class, we are still unbeaten after the fourth victory and are sitting in first and second place in the AM table. In addition, the Permit-B Cayman has won the CUP3-B classification which proves that our drivers did a perfect job. However, the retirement of the IDENTICA Porsche sets us back significantly in the fight for the championship in the PETN. Nevertheless, we will rise to the challenge and will put everything on the line in the second half of the season to make up for the lost points."





Germany

Strong team result in the Carrera Cup and GT4 Germany at the Nürburgring

BLACK FALCON celebrated numerous achievements at home in the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland (PCCD) and the ADAC GT4 Germany at the Nürburgring.

In the PCCD, Carrera Cup youngster Loek Hartog finished third on Sunday after coming fourth on Saturday. Teammate Carlos Rivas won both races in the PCCD ProAm classification after dominating the event all weekend, while Sören Spreng took second place in the ProAm class on Saturday, securing BLACK FALCON's second ProAm one-two of the year.

During the ADAC GT4 Germany, BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR celebrated its first victory of the season with the Porsche Cayman GT4 RS in the Trophy classification. On Saturday, starting driver Axel Saringen laid the foundation for good results with a strong performance, before Schwerfeld brought the Cayman into the lead and did not relinquish it again until the end – a long-awaited first victory in the Trophy classification. On Sunday, the duo was also well in the mix for a long while before the Cayman unfortunately finished fifth due to a puncture.

Head of Motorsport at BLACK FALCON, Timo Frings, said: "A strong weekend for the whole team, a big compliment to everyone involved. To achieve so many successes at our home race is of course very special. We will now travel to Lausitz, where the next Carrera Cup weekend is already on the agenda."





Australia

Top five finish for Mark Winterbottom at Sandown

IRWIN Racing's Mark Winterbottom scored finishes of eighth, twelve, and fifth at their home event at the Sandown SuperSprint as Team 18 executed its best weekend points haul since 2020.

Winterbottom converted his early practice pace into Qualifying, progressing through to the top ten Shootout and started Race 24 in sixth. He was fighting forwards early in the race before a tire lock-up at Turn 1 saw Winterbottom lose a couple of positions to finish eighth.

Winterbottom started twelfth in Race 25 and quickly charged forwards six places. Late in the race he suffered from a crunch from behind by Brodie Kosteci as they were entered the pit lane, which affected rear tire life and Mark dropped back to twelfth.

Winterbottom went under the previous Qualifying lap record to start fourth for Race 26. He struggled off the line and lost two positions, before showing good pace and recovered to fifth at the checkered flag.

"We qualified sixth for the first race which was great. I didn't have the best start but settled into a groove. I had a lock up at Turn 1 which cost me a few spots, so I could have probably been fifth in that race, but we had good pace," said Mark. "I just couldn't get off the line again in the final race. The wheels spun and I was in fourth position so it was looking good, and after that I had a pretty good race, the car was fast and with a better start I think I could have got a podium. We were fast all weekend, despite a few little issues we're moving forwards which is great. There aren't many rounds left but hopefully these are good omens for the rest of the year."

The next event of the 2022 Repco Supercars Championship will take place at Pukekohe Park Raceway in New Zealand.

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From left to right: Anthony Ficarra, Mark “Frosty” Winterbottom, Robert Fryer, Andrew Davey (Glencore)



Australia

Frosty visits Rolleston Open Cut Mine

Located 140 km southeast of Emerald, in Queensland’s Bowen Basin, Glencore’s Rolleston Open Cut Mine is a valued customer of FUCHS Australia. To recognize this relationship, Anthony Ficarra (FUCHS Channel Marketing Manager), Robert Fryer (FUCHS AISEA Mining Division GM), Steve Joy (FUCHS Glencore Account Manager), and supercar racing legend and brand ambassador Mark “Frosty” Winterbottom*, embarked on a 3,600 km roundtrip to bring some supercar magic to both the Glencore Mining Team and the local primary school children.

Whilst onsite, the FUCHS Team and Frosty got to see firsthand some of the mega machines that rely on FUCHS lubricants to extract tonnes of thermal coal each year, including a dragline with a bucket capable of shifting over 200 tonnes of overburn in a single scoop. Following a day of learning more about how Glencore and FUCHS work together, the evening featured a dinner with some great supercar stories from Frosty and goodie bags for the Glencore Mining Team to remember the visit by. Some lucky Glencore employees also won tickets to see Frosty race on the Gold Coast with the FUCHS-sponsored Team 18 car.

The following day, Frosty and the Glencore Mining Team delighted the local children of Springsure State School and surrounding schools, who were more than excited to meet a true racing legend and get some goodie bags of their own. The kids had many questions to ask Frosty about his racing career and his supercar, which also relies on FUCHS lubricants to tear up the track.

Overall, the trip was a huge success for all involved and was a great way to leverage the sponsorship of Team 18.

*With a Bathurst win, champion title, over 30 wins, and 100 podiums to his name, Frosty has become one of the leading supercar drivers of the last 20 years. He is competing in the Repco Supercars Championship.





Australia

Podiums for Team 18 in online Supercars ESeries

Supercars' online gaming championship returned in 2022, with 18-year-old Cooper Webster representing FUCHS in the Supercars Pro ESeries for Team 18 on the iRacing platform.

Five out of six rounds have so far been completed, with a best finish of third at the first round at Winton Motor Raceway, before strong top ten finishes at Sandown, Phillip Island, Michigan, and Bathurst.

Webster sits in eighth position leading into the final round which takes place at Oran Park Raceway.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE SYN 20, TITAN CYTRAC TD 75W-90



From left to right: Cooper Webster and Mark Winterbottom





From left to right: Pieter Ooms and Jürgen Van Hover



Belgium

Highs and lows for the Speedlover Team

The 24 Hours of Zolder race was once again remarkable. With 35 teams and 162 drivers on the starting line it offered its fair share of hopes, disappointments, and thrill to thousands of spectators.

FUCHS Benelux was represented by the Speedlover Team made up of Olivier Dons, John De Wilde, Pieter Ooms, Kurt Hensen, and Jürgen Van Hover.

John De Wilde started the first stint tenth but immediately moved up to fourth and held the position for a long time. The tire pressure of the Porsche 911 was a little bit too high causing him to drop back a place. Then, following a small collision, John lost five places and fell back to tenth. After the safety car procedure, the car was second and even first overall before to race in the top six and hold this position all night. The race was stopped no less than three times due to very serious crashes – without significant consequences for the drivers. When the sun came up on Sunday, the team was doing well, only one lap behind its

main opponent. The end of the race was more complicated...

Team Manager explained: “At 9.30 am we found out our car was in the gravel after hitting the barrier. It turned out that a brake disc broke under braking, causing a contact with the tire wall with damage to the suspension as a consequence. The exact cause is difficult to determine because, due to the impact, the rear brake disc was also broken, along with the front left and rear left suspension, as well as the left drive shaft. We will never know what broke first. The fact is that the damage made the car suddenly veer to the left. It is exceptional for something to break, especially in a brand-new Porsche, but it happens. The disappointment was great, but what an adventure it was again.”

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-90, MAINTAIN BRAKE CLEANER



France

Off the starting blocks at the Rallye du Mont-Blanc

Two-time winner of the WorldRX2 International Series in 2016 and 2017, Cyril Raymond is racing in the Alpine Rally Trophy this season. “Being generally more at ease on rallycross circuits, I ventured into the unknown and I’ve now discovered road rally.”

In the Rhône-Charbonnières Rally, the first round of the Alpine Rally Trophy, Cyril and his co-driver, Valentin Salmon, were the winners. Following two unfortunate rounds (a mechanical problem followed by a crash in the next weekend race without consequences for the drivers), the team is preparing to take back the lead in the Alpine Trophy. “I have high speed potential with the Alpine A110 RGT (320 hp) prepared by Chazel Technologie Course, competition experience, and the ability to set good times. Our objective is to place well in the three last rallies and to take back pole position in the trophy.”

Cyril is in good physical and sporting condition to tackle the 14 timed stages (183 km) of the Rallye du Mont-Blanc, the next race and fourth round of the trophy. “As karting instructor at the Paul Ricard Circuit, I am on the tracks all year training, which allows me to keep up good driving reflexes. I maintain my physical fitness with daily running practice and stamina exercises.”

Mechanics worked hard to improve the performance of the Alpine car after it suffered great damage. “The Alpine was almost completely rebuilt following the two rollovers we suffered. The mechanics replaced the bodywork, the roll bar,



the shock absorbers, and the transmissions. We will make the most of the check down during the Rallye du Mont-Blanc to fine-tune the final settings of the car.”

Next races: Rallye du Mont-Blanc, Rallye Coeur de France, Rallye du Var

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



Portugal

FUCHS lubricants show performance in severe track conditions

The Algarve Summer Party took place on July 30th and 31st at the Autódromo Internacional do Algarve. Even with air temperatures far higher than 30°C and the asphalt reaching 50°C, the eleven races mixing different categories were appealing enough to attract the thousands of enthusiasts – including drivers, team members, and spectators – who visited the circuit during this racing weekend.

As a main sponsor of the Caterham Super Seven Trophy by Toyo Tires, FUCHS was well represented in this event and the FUCHS lubricants proved their efficiency by protecting more than 40 Caterhams from the extreme heat. This edition was marked by thrilling races, a very demanding track, and asphalt on fire.

The CEO of CRM Motorsport, organizer of the Caterham Super Seven Trophy, said: “The drivers are to be congratulated, because not everyone can cope with the extremely high temperatures without ever losing focus.”

FUCHS was also supporting drivers from other trophies namely Historic Endurance and Group 1, ensuring the well-functioning and best performance of engines, gearboxes, and differentials under these severe conditions.