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Incredible John zappia

FUCHS drag racer John Zappia celebrated a new national record and took over the lead in the Australian Top Doorslammer in front of a crowd of captivated spectators at the Perth Motorplex. // Page 4.



Austria

Ready for the win!

Once again, all-time successful ice speedway rider, Franky Zorn, will be on the starting line at the FIM Ice Speedway Gladiators World Championship in 2023, bearing FUCHS colors. // Page 6.

Portugal

A strategic alliance for FUCHS

FUCHS was main sponsor of the Caterham Super Seven Trophy. The races brought together some 40 vintage racing cars, delighting tens of thousands of enthusiasts at iconic European tracks. // Page 7.





South Africa

Wilford, the rain master at Zwartkops

Wilford Racing Team ran a superb final in the Mobil 1 V8 Supercars outing at the Zwartkops Raceway. Terry Wilford headed up the team's efforts in the Ford Mustang. In a wet qualifying session, Terry recorded his first pole position of the season. Throughout the first of three races, he was involved in the tussle for the lead and finished runner-up. Terry started a wet second race from the front as well, a position he did not look back from, recording his second win of the season with a seven-second advantage. In both races, he recorded the fastest laps. However, a wheel failure in the day's final race brought his day to a halt, resulting in him finishing fourth in the championship.

"We were chasing that second place in the championship, and no one can say we didn't try hard as we literally drove the wheels off the car," said Terry. "It was another good weekend in the Mustang, a car that really breathed new life into the second half of the season. We have built a solid foundation to launch from in 2023."

Success was not only limited to Terry. His father, Larry, had a few sporadic outings in his Chevrolet Corvette but, until this weekend, has not completed a full event in the



car. He recorded three points-paying results from eighth place on the grid, a ninth place in race one, and two eighth-place finishes in the last two races.

"This car is only going one way, and that's forward," said Larry. "It has taken a lot of work, but now we are down to fine-tuning things ahead of our 2023 onslaught. We are definitely ready for a dual attack next year."

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-140, TITAN SUPERSYN LONGLIFE 5W-40, Silkolene WASH OFF



South Africa

Successful races all round!

Bright's Motorsport Team ended the racing season with many podiums at the Aldo Scribante Race Circuit. In the hotly contested Modified Saloon Car Championship, Royce Griffin dominated his opponents and finished first overall in the C class for the day with a Honda Civic. After an impressive performance, his teammate Andrew Meyer claimed third overall in the F class with a Citi Golf 1.4. In the Coastal Challenge, Phillip Griffin secured second overall in the D class with a Honda Ballade, after two action-packed races.

Newcomer to the team, Dylan Grobler, set the fastest lap during race one in the CBR 150 Junior Motorcycle class and was leading until a crash on the last lap. The entire team repaired the bike for the 20 Lap Endurance Race. Grobler settled into the first stint, managing his pace well until the compulsory pit stop. The team managed the stop perfectly, which gave him a ten-second lead that was crucial to his success in the race. Dylan won first overall and secured second in the Index of Performance, which made him the first ever rider to take the NMB Development CBR 150 Floating Trophy.

In the final race, the prestigious 3-Hour Endurance Race, Ashwin Harri and Xolela Njumbuxa took first in the Index of Performance with an Opel Astra 1.6.

The team is now focused on the final round of the season, the MSA EP Regional Drag Racing Championship, where it is all up for grabs for Kuvén Govender to retain his 2021 title.

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Australia

Two victories for Zappia in Perth!

FUCHS driver John Zappia competed in the Goldenstates, the third round of the Australian Top Doorslammer Championship, and in the postponed final of the Red CentreNATS at the Perth Motorplex. Thanks to fresh Noonan heads with new pistons and rods, the team was optimistic for the weekend races.

In the second session of the Goldenstates, the team ran into some issues with the supercharger. "With the Red CentreNATS final coming up, we had to do a quick fix up to put a blower on it, change a couple of bearings, and add some more fuel to the tune-up." After an exciting race, Zappia eventually took the win in the Red CentreNATS, qualified top for the Goldenstates, and received the Crow Cams Top Qualifier award.

The crew quickly returned to prepare the engine for the next race. With three rounds to complete, Zappia had a solo pass, and thanks to a spectacular 413,601 km per hour run, lowered the national record once again.

The second round still saw improvement, but as Zappia drove across the finish line, fire and smoke could be seen, which meant the supercharger had backfired away from the motor. The team once again thrashed into the pits to change the motors but fell about ten minutes short of being able to make an appearance in the final round. "The good news was that we still secured enough points to take over the lead of the Australian Top Doorslammer Championship!"



FUCHS lubricants: TITAN Nitro, TITAN UTTO TO-4 10W, TITAN SUPERGEAR HTB 85W-140



Australia

Solid finish in Adelaide for Winterbottom

The final round of the 2022 Repco Supercars Championship took place at the VALO Adelaide 500. The return of the famous Adelaide Parklands Circuit saw a four-day event featuring two 250-km sprint races. FUCHS Lubricants supporter driver Mark Winterbottom ended on a high, finishing sixth and eleventh in the IRWIN Racing Holden Commodore.

In race 33, Winterbottom made his first pit stop under green-flag conditions, before an incident on lap 38 saw the car peel in for a double-stacked stop during the safety car period. However, the car still required a splash of fuel to complete the minimum 140-liter fuel drop. After working his way into the top ten, Winterbottom dropped back to 17th after the double stack, before charging back through the midfield to emerge sixth at the checkered flag.

In the 34th and final race of the season, Winterbottom finished eleventh. After starting 13th, he stayed out of trouble to move into the top ten in the early stages. He had a moment at turn twelve on lap 37 and dropped back to 23rd before working his way back up to come home in eleventh.

Winterbottom's results were enough for him to secure ninth place in the 2022 Drivers' Championship, while Team 18 finished off the year seventh in the Teams Championship.

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





Portugal

A great season for FUCHS' brand image

FUCHS was the main sponsor of the 2022 Caterham Super Seven Trophy. Throughout the season, an average of over 40 cars raced on some of the most iconic circuits in Europe, including Estoril (Portugal), Jarama (Spain), Portimão (Portugal), Spa-Francorchamps (Belgium), Barcelona (Spain), and Monza (Italy).

There were plenty of exciting twists and turns right to the end. The highly experienced racers defended their position tooth and nail while the cars were pushed to their limits. Many times, the track was not wide enough for the extreme wheel-to-wheel battles!

FUCHS Portugal supplied the lubricants for all cars with: TITAN RACE PRO S 10W-60 (Engine), TITAN RACE SYN 5 (Gearbox), and TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-140 (Differential). FUCHS also offered technical support to the teams in terms of lubrication and maintenance.

FUCHS Assistant to the General and Marketing Manager, Fatima Prata, said: "Thanks to this partnership, we guaranteed that FUCHS' image was present on all cars and trophy communication. This was also a great opportunity for all teams and mechanics to test the quality of the FUCHS products. At the end of the season, the result was very positive and the feedback from the organizers and teams was excellent."





Portugal

A home win finale for the FUCHS team

The victory in the WRC VODAFONE RALI DE PORTUGAL, the fourth round of the Portuguese Rally Championship, was the highlight of the season for Ricardo Teodósio and his navigator, José Teixeira. This win wasn't enough to be in contention for the title and the duo ended up fifth overall with a Hyundai i20 N Rally2.

Even after the championship finished, the team continued racing and took part in the Rallie Casinos do Algarve. The event is one of the oldest and most prestigious rallies in Portuguese motorsport, and the only one in the southern part of the country. In front of thousands of fans, Ricardo celebrated his home victory and ended the season on a high note.

“We are happy to win the Rallie Casinos do Algarve and the Portuguese Cup. We finished the season with a warm home win in a tough year but now we know that the Hyundai i20 N Rally2 has huge potential,” said Ricardo. “Thanks to all our fans! You are a great source of motivation and adrenaline. It is encouraging to see you along the roads.”

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





Austria

FUCHS Austria confirms its partnership with Zorn

In 2023, FUCHS Austria will once again sponsor multiple champion Franky Zorn, an undoubted icon in the World and European Ice Speedway Championships. The FUCHS rider is also well known in the International Rupert Hollaus Memorial Race, a famous competition sponsored by FUCHS, which he has won many times, and this year again, in the 400 class.

For the 17th time, Franky will participate in the FIM Ice Speedway Gladiators World Championship. The season will start with the qualifying round in Sweden in early 2023. Germany will welcome the Final I/II in March and the Netherlands the Final III/IV in April. The 2023 FIM EM Championship will take place on February 25th and 26th in Poland.

Following an accident in the European championship a few months ago, Franky underwent surgery after lumbar and knee injuries. Thanks to intensive training, he is now ready to take to the starting line at the 2023 World championship for some exciting battles with the best ice speedway riders.



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



Zimbabwe

Dylan Pragji celebrates national title 2022

This season, 16-year-old Dylan Pragji of Stylin Auto Racing represented FUCHS in the McComb Trophy of the Zimbabwean National Series. In the first race, Dylan secured third overall for the day in the D class with a Toyota Starlet. In April, he had finished first in his class in the John Love Trophy sponsored by FUCHS Zimbabwe. Later that season, Dylan won the D class endurance category in the 1-Hour Endurance Race.

“Following these races, I systematically placed in the top three and I came first in the last race, which was a fantastic end

to the national season. I am very thankful to win the championship in my class.”

In the final 2022 event, the 3-Hour Endurance Race, Dylan drove the VW Polo 6R in the 2L class and in the endurance categories. “I gained some more experience in this higher B class even if I didn’t cross the finish line. I’m looking forward to the 2023 season, as I will be going into the C class with an upgraded car. I hope to gain both experience and knowledge throughout the year, driving in a bigger and more competitive class. One of my goals is to hopefully end 2023 in the top

five in that class. The 2022 victory has been a team effort and thanks to my fantastic sponsors, FUCHS Zimbabwe and Calvin Rademeyer, who have backed me the whole season, I was able to travel around the country for the events and make my last two seasons possible. I hope to fly the FUCHS flag high again next year in this fantastic sport.”

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN SUPERSYN 5W-40, TITAN SUPERGEAR 80W-90, MAINTAIN DOT 4



Zimbabwe

Consistent podium presence for Rademeyer

FUCHS driver Calvin Rademeyer secured second in the Audi Italia Sport Trophy of the Zimbabwean National Saloon B Championship in the first round in Harare. In the second event, the FUCHS Zimbabwe John Love Trophy, he finished second overall at the Bulawayo Motorsport Park.

Back to Harare for the third meeting, and having upgraded the car this time, Calvin was able to compete confidently. Despite a few tire difficulties before the start, he secured second once again.

Later in the Bulawayo 100 Race, Calvin celebrated his first victory of the season at the Victoria Falls Road Circuit. "Progressing mid-season proved that Team Rademeyer Racing was on the right track for a successful season finish."

The fifth meeting was the 1-Hour Endurance Race. Calvin won first overall in the Nationals and the B class, second overall in the main race, and achieved second in the Index of Performance.

For the 3-Hour Endurance Race, the biggest race of the year, the team started with a reliable rebuilt car and new livery. "We were running a solid third in our class and sixth overall when disaster struck. A water pipe split halfway through my stint, pushing coolant onto the rear wheels. When my team noticed the dripping fluids under the car, we decided to retire the car and save the engine for the final round, where I finished second overall and in the championship. The successful race season has been made possible thanks to FUCHS Zimbabwe, without them racing would not be possible."

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN PRO RACE S 15W-50, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-90, MAINTAIN DOT 5.1