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Austria

The kings of speed race on ice

F1 world champion Max Verstappen pushed the F1 car to its limit against former European ice speedway racing champion, Franky Zorn. The fantastic show took place at the GP Ice Race Circuit in Austria. Both racers gave impressive performances on ice and had as much fun as the millions of Facebook fans who followed the friendly battle live. // Page 2.

South Africa

Wilford Racing Team ready to take on the V8 series

Terry Wilford and his father, Larry, will race in the V8 Supercars Championship with a Ford Falcon XR8 this season. FUCHS South Africa is proud to be sponsoring this family team for the 25th year in a row. // Page 6.



Australia

A long-term partnership built on trust

Since 2004, FUCHS Australia has been committed to Lamattina Top Fuel Racing, one of the best professional teams in the Australian Top Fuel Championship. The six rounds of this famous dragster series took place on Australia's most legendary tracks for a unique series of events. // Page 4.



Austria

Speedway star Franky Zorn faces F1 world champion Max Verstappen

Max Verstappen prepares to defend his F1 world title by taking on former European ice racing champion Franky Zorn on the ice track in a Red Bull event.

The show took place around the GP Ice Race Circuit at Zell am See Airport in Austria. Wearing number one on his helmet, it was Max's first time back in an F1 car this year. He used special spiked tires designed by Pirelli to drive on ice as he ventured into unfamiliar territory.

Both racers had fun in this event, and each demonstrated impressive vehicle mastery. While the 2021 F1 champion showed signs of the close control that won him the championship, FUCHS rider Zorn popped wheelies, slung his motorcycle around the curves at extreme angles, and swung his modified speedway motorbike around the F1 car.

Max said: "This was my first time on ice with a F1 car and I've been really looking forward to it. It was very interesting and quite slippery, so you must be careful. The racing cars are obviously not designed to drive on ice, which makes it even more difficult, but it was a lot of fun."

Franky explained: "After his first lap everyone could see why Max is the world champion. On the 250-meter-long straights, he was very fast and even overtook me every time. But in the curves, it was my turn thanks to my 28-mm-long spikes."



Of course, I'm very proud to have raced against Max. It's indescribable to go down an ice slope together with the F1 world champion at 100 km per hour or more."

Here you can watch a montage of the event:

<https://www.redbull.com/gb-en/episodes/red-bull-racing-road-trips-s2-e1>



Austria

Ready for a podium!

Franz “Franky” Zorn is the undoubted icon of ice speedway, a multiple medalist in the world and European championships. The 51-year-old Austrian rider has recently taken part in an exciting Red Bull event (see page 2). He will soon fight for the title in the FIM European Ice Speedway Championship.

“At the moment, our life as ice speedway racers is undoubtedly very difficult. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, I haven’t had many opportunities to train this winter. Now, I’m starting my battle in the FIM Ice Speedway Gladiators World Championship and later in the European Individual Ice Speedway Championship.”

His adventure with ice racing started back in 1993. “In all this time on ice, I have managed to achieve quite a lot. I became the European Individual European Ice Speedway champion. I have also won eight silver team medals in the world championship, as well as a runner-up position in the individual championship. But I am still fighting for more trophies!”

The two first races of the 2022 world championship took place in Russia and Franky finished ninth. The final round will be held in the Netherlands in April and the FUCHS rider is ready to challenge the leading Russian racers.

The first race of the FIM European Ice Speedway Championship will be held in a few weeks at the Sanok circuit (Poland). In 2008, Franky won the European champion title there. “It was a really great day for me then. Once again, the tournament will be held there, I’m very happy about that. And what will come of it? We will see!”



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Australia

FUCHS Australia in Drag Racing

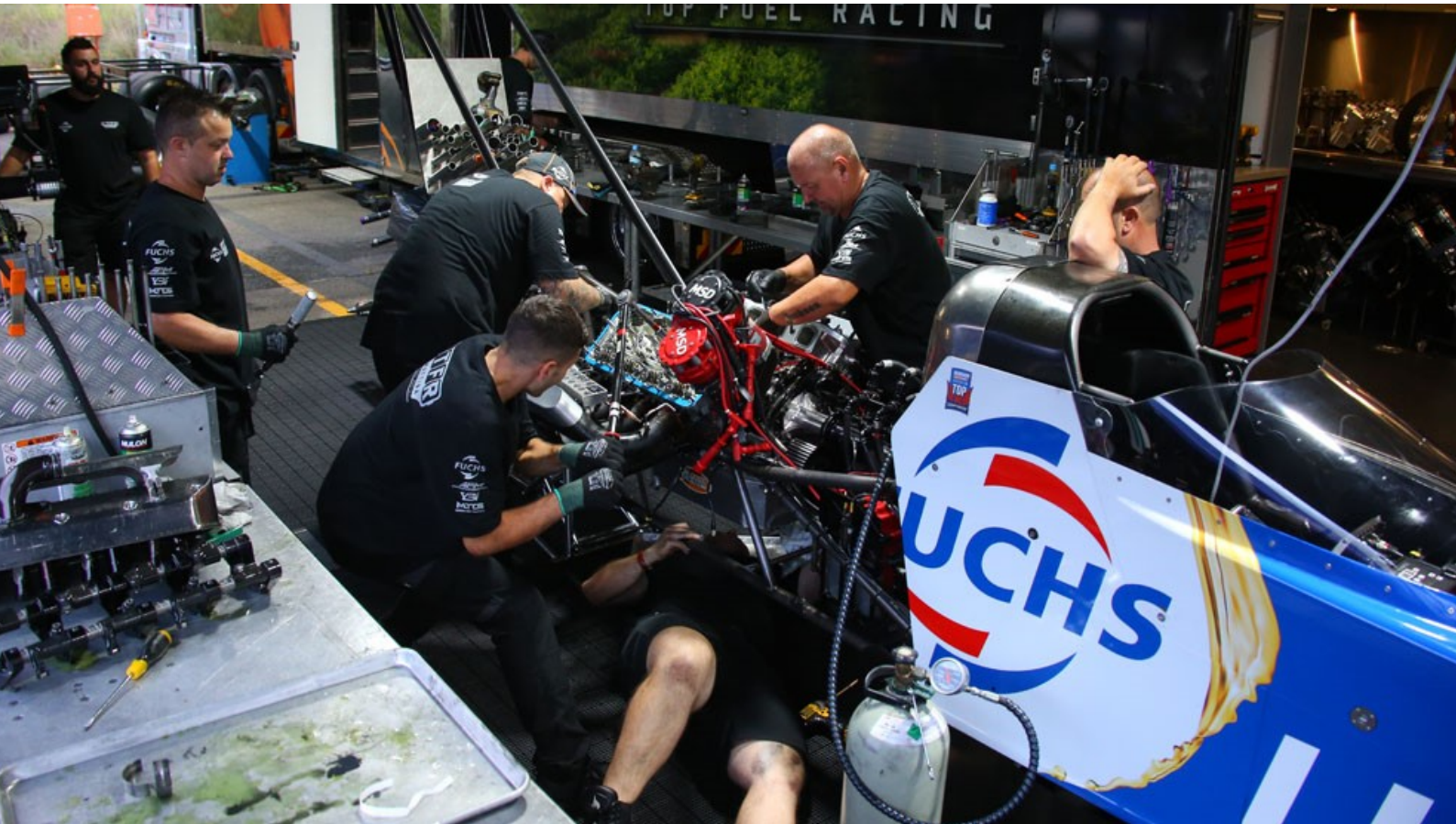
Lamattina Top Fuel Racing is one of Australia's most professional race teams. The equipment, investment, application, and staff are at the very highest level of the sport, and it is all powered by FUCHS lubricants.

The Lamattina family run several successful businesses and the team has taken their methodical commercial approach to the business of racing. This vision of racing mirrors the holistic, innovative, and technical standards of LTFR. They have worked with FUCHS to develop a custom-made nitro lubrication solution; one of few such products in the world. FUCHS TITAN Nitro blend helps keep more than 10,000 hp working at its best during its 500 km per hour, 1000-foot blasts!

The team principals of LTFR – Angelo, Phillip, and John Lamattina – have netted a raft of ANDRA event wins and multiple championships, showing foresight and vision. The FUCHS top fuel dragster has become an irresistible force in a sport of exacting standards.

Many achievements can be celebrated between LTFR and FUCHS: This partnership made it possible for the team to become four-time Australian Top Fuel National champion, and to be crowned First Female Australian Top Fuel champion. LTFR is widely regarded as the most professionally presented drag racing team in Australia and has the highest level of brand and at-event activations. The team has a strong and engaging social media presence, TV coverage for events and results, as well as media coverage outside of the industry, including The Project and National News.





Australia

FUCHS and LTFR: a powerful partnership

In 2004, Lamattina Top Fuel Racing and FUCHS began a partnership that has stood the test of time. That same year, the team joined the Australian National Championship Series and the FUCHS dragster immediately set the highest standards of professionalism and racing excellence.

LTFR has recently expanded to two cars in 2022. With a raft of ANDRA event wins and multiple championships run, the team has become an irresistible force in this sport of excellence. LTFR means business in drag racing and the charter is simple: to win.

The 2022 calendar includes two races in Sydney, two races in Victoria, a round in Western Australia, and Hidden Valley.

FUCHS dragster fast facts:

- To exceed 500 km per hour in 4.5 seconds, the dragster must accelerate at an average of over 4 Gs. To reach 350 km per hour well before half-track, the launch acceleration approaches 8 Gs.
- The dragster would have reached over 400 km per hour before you finished reading this sentence.
- One dragster 500 cubic inch Hemi engine makes more horsepower in one cylinder than a Dodge Viper has in all ten.
- The 1.7:1 air/fuel mixture for nitromethane produces a flame front temperature of 3999° C.





South Africa

Wilford Racing Team heads for a winning season

For the 25th year in a row, FUCHS South Africa has sponsored the Wilford Racing Team. Terry Wilford and his father, Larry, raced with a Ford Falcon XR8, in the V8 Supercars Championship.

In an entirely unprecedented scenario, the final round of the 2021 championship – delayed due to COVID-19 – took place at the Kyalami GP Circuit a week after the first race of the 2022 season.

Terry Wilford took home a points-paying finish in the season finale while Larry was forced to withdraw after the practice sessions. The final points table saw Terry finishing the last season in fifth place. While his podium appearances for 2021 were limited to only two out of eleven starts, he did walk onto the top step on both occasions.

Terry said: “It was not our strongest season, but I will call this the proverbial calm before the storm. Particularly in the latter stages of 2021, we spent a significant amount of time preparing for our 2022 onslaught. We have seen the pay-off from this already in the new season’s opening round. This year, we are coming into things much stronger.”

Larry added: “There are still issues that we need to resolve, but this last round provided us with more valuable feedback for our next steps as well. In the next two months, I know we will develop what is looking like a strong package. It’s time to get the Wilford Racing name back on the front of one of the world’s best V8 series. We would like to thank FUCHS South Africa for being a long-term partner of the team and making yet another season at the top of South African motorsport possible.”

Calendar: January: Zwartkops Raceway; February: Kyalami GP Circuit; April: Zwartkops Raceway; July: Red Star Raceway; September: Killarney Motor Racing Complex; October: Zwartkops Raceway; November: Kyalami GP Circuit

Characteristics: Ford Falcon XR8, 1,150 kg, 675 hp, top speed: +300 km per hour, 0 to 100 km per hour in 2.2 seconds

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-140, SUPASYN 5W-40



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South Africa

Successful first race weekend for Brandon Parsons

The RICH Racing Team has been sponsored by FUCHS South Africa for the seventh year in a row. One of the team's riders, Brandon Parsons, raced in two classes at the Red Star Raceway event in February. "Competing in two classes is extreme and gave us an indication of Brandon's fitness level for 2022," said team manager and owner, Vic Rich.

With his Kawasaki 300, Brandon set up a good grid position, which enabled a win in the first heat and second position in the next one. This result gave him the first position

overall for the day in the Sub 400 class.

"For Brandon's first race with the FUCHS LUBRICANTS South Africa Kawasaki ZX-6R, throwing caution to the wind, we entered into the slower paced class to see exactly how we fit in for the rest of the season," explained Vic Rich. "After winning by some margin, Brandon was promoted to the faster 1000 cc / 600 cc premier combined class. He achieved personal best times, gained valuable experience, and wasn't far off the required pace. We now know where to

improve and gain experience to run with the pack. For the next race meeting, with more practice time, we are confident we will get top results. Once again, we would like to thank our loyal partners for their valued support."

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Great Britain

FUCHS LUBRICANTS Historic Rally Championship announced for 2022

The British Historic Rally Championship, sponsored by industry giant FUCHS UK for the fifth consecutive year, will see a shift to an all-gravel season. In seven high-quality forest events, racers will tackle some of the best loose surface stages in the country.

As well as the hotly contested BHRC title fight, championship contenders are well catered for with many other classes available, such as Category One and FIA Appendix K.

The BHRC manager, Colin Heppenstall, announced two new stages for 2022: the Riponian Rally and the Plains Rally. The Woodpecker Stages Rally makes its first appearance in the BHRC after previously being part of the mixed surface Rally2 in September. Later in October, the Trackrod Rally Yorkshire offers the first foray into the darkness with competitive mileage on Friday night before a full day on Saturday for the ultimate gravel test.

Colin Heppenstall said: “After a somewhat shortened 2021 season, a shift to an all-gravel calendar shakes up the 2022 championship but we have been careful to select high-quality events with some of the best stages in the UK. We’re excited to watch the season unfold and would like to extend our thanks to FUCHS LUBRICANTS for their unrivalled support.”