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Austria

Zorn celebrates a double podium win in Croatia

Franky Zorn successfully secured two wins in the first round of the Ruppert Hollaus Memorial Race in Croatia. Despite some mechanical problems and tough battles with strong opponents, the FUCHS rider dominated two of the three rounds, finishing a few seconds ahead of the 45 riders in his class. // Page 8.

Spain

New partnership announcement for FUCHS

FUCHS Spain places its confidence in the reputation of the well-known MTA Junior Team, which is a top contender in the FIM Moto3™ Junior World Championship and the European Talent Cup, to give greater visibility to the FUCHS Silkolene brand in these competitions. Three promising young FUCHS riders from Canada, UK, and Spain are ready to deliver impressive performances throughout a thrilling season. // Page 7.



Great Britain

Iddon takes the lead in the BSB for the first time in his career

Paul Bird Motorsport Team's rider Christian Iddon took a first win in the 2021 campaign as well as two fourth places in the second round of the BSB Championship at Knockhill. Thanks to these results, the Tyneside-based rider took the lead in the championship. // Page 11.



For many years, Austrian FUCHS rider Franky Zorn has been working to limit his impact on the environment in the pit and his workshop, diligently following FIM's rules and guidelines. // Page 12.



Italy

An unfortunate pit-stop strategy

The third round of the Lamborghini Huracán Super Trofeo Europe welcomed 30 drivers to the technical Zandvoort Park Circuit (The Netherlands). Sponsored by FUCHS Italy, the NOVAMARINE GSM Team was represented by Kevin Rossel and Jonathan Cecotto with a Lamborghini 620 hp V10 in the Pro class.

In race one, after producing a superb lap in qualifying and securing pole position, Jonathan Cecotto got a jump on the start of the race, leading into the first corner ahead of his major opponent, Noah Watt. Behind them, competition was running high in all classes. One driver took a trip through the gravel, while another

one was involved in an accident.

Battling to keep first position, Cecotto established a lead of just over a second from Watt. The Leipert Motorsport driver kept up with the FUCHS driver and even started to close the gap. Despite the deployment of the safety car due to an incident involving Daan Pijl on the Schievvlak corner, Cecotto was able to maintain his lead when the race restarted.

As expected, the leading runners deferred their pit-stops for as long as possible to maximize their pace. The GSM Racing Team instructed Cecotto to stay out one lap longer than his opponents in an attempt to gain an even greater margin.

Unfortunately for Cecotto, the #7 car narrowly missed the end of the mandatory pit-stop window and was handed a drive-through penalty – along with a 2.308-second post-race time penalty for being under the minimum time limit – ending the team's hopes for victory.

The next race will take place at the Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps (BE) in a few weeks.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S 10W-60, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-90, MAINTAIN DOT 4 HT, MAINTAIN BRAKE CLEANER



South Africa

Bright's Motorsport: on its way to victory

Bright's Motorsport Team was satisfied to see four of its professional drivers getting podium finishes in their class in the AMSC Endurance Racing Championship at the Aldo Scribante Race Circuit in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth).

Despite tough racing in the three heats, Daniel Bright qualified quickest with a new personal best record and won second in his class thanks to a perfect endurance set-up. In the 45-minute Endurance Race, Bright showed good overall pace and was consistent. Unfortunately, an electrical issue caused him to retire with 20 minutes still to go. "I'm determined to come back stronger. Upcoming upgrades will allow the VW Golf to be more reliable and for me to achieve faster lap times."

Andrew Boshoff had a good drive with the Golf Mk1,

performing strongly in all the heats and claiming third place in his class. He then placed tenth overall in the Endurance Race after his clutch broke with two-minute left on the clock.

Greg Forward enjoyed his last race with the VW Polo, finishing fourth in his class. "I look forward to entering a new car in the next event." He kept consistent pace in the Endurance Race, finishing fifth overall and second in the Index of Performance.

Feeling on top, Xolela Njumbuxa won first place in class F and came out twelfth overall in the Regional Saloons Race. He also managed an impressive seventh place overall in the Endurance Race and claimed third place in the Index of Performance.

The Bright's Motorsport Team will be back for the next round, looking to battle it out in the ever-growing AMSC Endurance Racing Championship.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO 10W-60, TITAN CITRAC SL 75W-90





Germany

BLACK FALCON on all fronts

BLACK FALCON completed its most intensive weekend of the season. Over three countries, the team entered eight cars in seven races on three different circuits. Overall, the weekend outcome was predominantly positive, with the team achieving its best results of the season despite many retirements.

Nürburgring Endurance Series “Double-Header” Round 5 & 6 (DE)

Porsche #350

Noah Nagelsdiek, Florian Naumann, and Hendrik von Danwitz claimed the top two results with the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup MR. The IDENTICA Juniors celebrated their best result of 2021 – and of their careers – in race one, with an impressive tenth place overall. They were able to consolidate this performance in race two with eleventh position. In both races, the BLACK FALCON Team IDENTICA Porsche was the best-placed car outside the top class SP9 (GT3 cars) and beat several of the much more powerful GT3 cars thanks to excellent teamwork.

Porsche #950

The endurance weekend in the Eifel region was also successful for “Iceman” and Martin Meenen, the two

experienced drivers who shared the wheel of the Porsche Cayman GT4 in TEXTAR colors in both races. Racing flawlessly, the duo secured two excellent top ten positions in the Cayman Cup CUP3 class, which is dominated by fast young drivers and professional racers.

Mercedes #140 and #141

For the Turkish-German crew of the BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR-Mercedes-AMG GT4 (#140), however, things did not go so well. After a heavy guardrail contact in the first race, the team changed its entry car overnight. The next day, Mustafa Mehmet Kaya, Mike Stursberg, and Ersin Yücesan completed a successful roll-out in qualifying with the replacement car, the #141 Mercedes-AMG GT4. After a good start, the trio was in the lead for a good while until the car had to stop due to a technical problem.

Porsche #57

Dutchmen Paul Harkema and Niels Langeveld’s Porsche 911 GT3 Cup MR, which was scheduled to start exclusively in the fifth NLS round, suffered an early irreparable accident in qualifying and was unable to take part in the race.



Germany

BLACK FALCON on all fronts Part two

The task in hand this July weekend for all members of the BLACK FALCON Team was truly monumental. They delivered simultaneously in Germany, the Netherlands, and Italy. Hats off to you guys!

Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland Round 9 & 10, Zandvoort (NL)

In round nine, Loek Hartog took second place in the rookie classification then, in the next round, secured second place overall to take the win in the rookie classification, which he now leads by 24 points. In the second Porsche 911 GT3 Cup, ProAm record winner, Carlos Rivas, finished second in class in both races and took the lead in the championship.

ADAC GT4 Germany Round 5 & 6, Zandvoort (NL)

Axel Saringen and Daniel Schwerfeld competed in the third round of the ADAC GT4 Germany with the TEXTAR-Porsche Cayman GT4 (#33). The duo secured important championship points in race one by coming fourth in the Trophy standings. In the second race, the rear axle suspension was so severely damaged in a collision that they could not continue the race.

Michelin Le Mans Cup Round 3, Monza (IT)

In the “Temple of Speed”, the Autodromo Nazionale di Monza, regular BLACK FALCON drivers Maik Rosenberg and Donar Munding started the third race of the Michelin Le Mans Cup. 19-year-old Munding moved up to the top five with the BLACK FALCON Ligier JS P320 (#12) in a strong opening phase. The team had a lot of bad luck with the timing of the two mandatory pit-stops during several safety car phases. After two hours of racing, the car crossed the finish line 17th in the LMP3 class and 22nd overall. Coming up in the Michelin Le Mans Cup is the major highlight of the season, which will take place in August at the legendary Circuit des 24 Heures du Mans.

Head of Motorsport BLACK FALCON, Timo Frings, said: “This was the first time in BLACK FALCON’s 15-year history that we had to compete in four race series in a weekend. I’m very proud of the entire team, who mastered the challenge with flying colors. The top ten result of the IDENTICA-Porsche was the highlight. In the Le Mans Cup, we showed once again that we have the raw speed, and in a month’s time at Le Mans we want to carry this to the finish line.”



Japan

FUCHS rider comes back after injury

Eisuke Samura of Tripoint & Factory Hiro FUCHS Silkolene Team was excited to race the Suzuka Sunday Road Race, round three of the Suzuka Circuit, which was the first race of 2021 for him. Only riders with a license from the MFJ (Motorcycle Federation of Japan) were allowed to participate in this race, which took place in July. The race welcomed JSB 1000 Interclass as well as ST 1000 class.

Before his first race in March, Eisuke injured himself and had to have an operation. However, he recovered amazingly well and, thanks to a lot of physical training over three months, he was able to return for the third round of the championship.

Due to a wet track in qualifying, there was a number of crashes in the other front-running classes. Strategically, Eisuke did not start the ten-minute qualifying right away and waited for the other riders to run, contributing to a drier track. The team also tried to choose a time when the rain was not too

heavy. He carefully increased his pace and eventually qualified fifth in the International JSB 1000 class.

During the race, the weather was cloudy but the track had dried. After starting fifth on the grid, Eisuke dropped down to ninth, then moved up to seventh, to finish twelfth overall. It was not easy for him considering he was coming back after an injury. Still, he was able to finish the race successfully.

Eisuke explained: "It was unavoidable that my performance suffered after the injury but if I could have been more aggressive it might have changed my result."

"We are looking forward to seeing how Eisuke will ride in the next race," said FUCHS Japan Automotive Manager Takashi Fujitsu.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 10W-50 XP, Silkolene RSF 5, Silkolene PRO RG2, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene PRO CCA Ultra



Spain

FUCHS proudly sponsors the MTA Junior Team

FUCHS Product Manager Automobile Division, Ester Madrid, announced: “We’re sponsoring the MTA Junior Team for the first time. We chose them not only because they like the FUCHS Silkolene products, but also because we want to increase visibility for the FUCHS Silkolene brand in a European championship.”

Established in 2013, the team manages two FUCHS riders running in the FIM Moto3™ Junior World Championship and one in the European Talent Cup this season.

16-year-old Briton Joshua Whatley is racing once again in the Moto3 this season after placing 26th last year. 16-year-old Spaniard Iván Ortolá will experiment with the Moto3 after he finished fourth in the ETC in 2020. Their Canadian teammate, 15-year-old Torins Collins, will run in the ETC as he did in 2020. All of them had their own chief technician.

Team Manager, Alessandro Tonucci, said: “My job is to coordinate the team and supervise the budget. I rely on my own riders’ experience in the Moto3 World Championship to give them precious advice to help

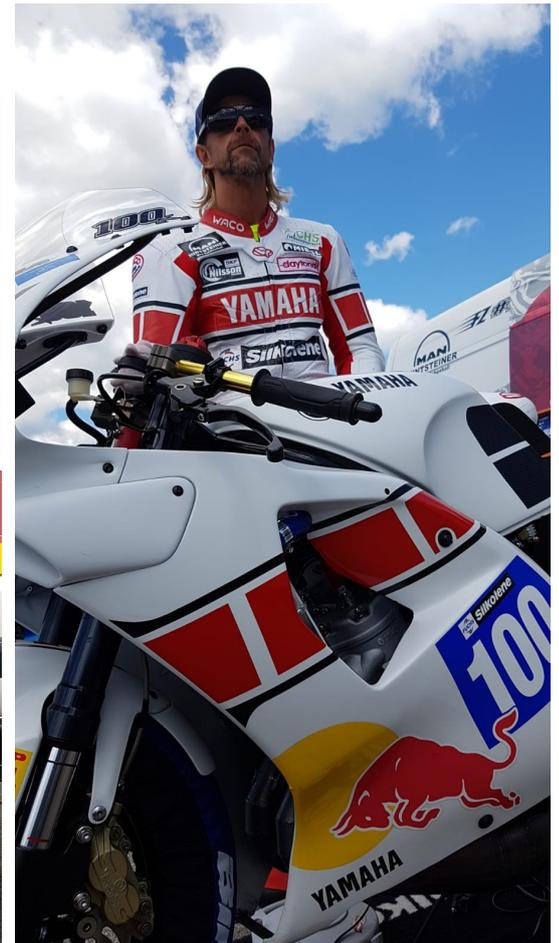
them progress rapidly and perform at 110 percent. I selected the riders according to their recent progress, age, nationality, and results. In the past few years, the level of the Moto3 has greatly increased, especially in the qualifying practice, with five to six riders running with an average gap of 0.2-second between them.

During the race, the chief mechanics must be reactive, diagnose problems quickly, and intervene promptly. “They have to boost the bike skillfully without making mistakes, especially when it comes to the electronic parts,” added Alessandro.

Motorbikes: KTM 250, 4-stroke for Moto3, and HONDA 250 Official Motorcycle for ETC

Next races: August: Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli, Italy (Moto3); October: Circuito de Jerez, Spain (Moto3 and ETC); November: Circuito Ricardo Tormo, Spain (Moto3 and ETC)

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS 5W-40, Silkolene PRO R 0W-20, Silkolene FOAM FILTER OIL, Silkolene FOAM FILTER CLEANER, Silkolene PRO RG2, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER



Austria

Franky Zorn expands his collection of victories in Croatia

The first of the three rounds of the legendary Rupert Hollaus Memorial Race welcomed 400 competitors to the Automotodrom Grobnik.

With a Yamaha RD 350, Austria's ice speedway expert, Franky Zorn, played a major role in this prestigious competition against 45 riders mixing 400cc and 500cc classes.

In the first sprint race of seven laps, Franky arrived only 0.776-second behind the winner after starting in pole position. "I have transformed a 350cc cylinder to a 400cc specifically for this race. In the training sessions, we found a good set-up and I claimed first place. Unfortunately, I missed the start of the race because my clutch was not working. After some close battles and much overtaking, Werner Reuberger won race one only a few meters ahead of me," commented Franky.

In the second sprint race, the FUCHS rider took his revenge and came out victorious three seconds ahead of his main opponent. "Throughout the race, we constantly exchanged blows. I gave my best and pushed my RD 350 to the limit."

In the main race of eleven laps, Zorn repeated his performance and finished 13 seconds ahead of Reuberger. "The race was fantastic. I changed a few things on the carburetor to gain more horsepower. The next two rounds of the Rupert Hollaus Memorial Race will take place in Austria in a few weeks. Many strong UK riders will compete with a Yamaha TZ 350, so I will build a different cylinder with more horsepower. I will test several set-ups to improve the engine and adjust the bike at the Red Bull Ring (AT)."

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene CASTORENE R40S, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene PRO PREP, Silkolene PRO 2



Great Britain

Dan Lloyd finding his form as he pushes for points

The British Touring Car Championship resumed in June with rounds two and three, giving Adrian Flux with Power Maxed Racing Team the chance to build on a solid performance at the season opener. Round two saw the 29-car grid line up at one of the longest circuits in the UK, the Snetterton 300. For the first time since 2019, 4,000 lucky spectators watched all the races trackside as UK Covid restrictions relaxed.

Qualifying saw the return of the top ten shootout format where FUCHS driver Dan Lloyd secured an eighth-place start, while teammate Jason Plato was hampered with success ballast forcing him to eighteenth. His good qualifying helped earn Lloyd a superb seventh finish in race one before late drama in race two pushed him down to twelfth. He rounded the day off 13th, making a very successful points haul for the former BTCC race winner. Former two-time champion Plato had less luck, securing 17th, 20th, and 18th finishes.

Dan Lloyd said: "I feel my performance was better

than in the opening round, and I'm much more confident as we head into Brands Hatch. I just want to make sure I'm consistently scoring points and pushing towards that race win."

Round three took place around Brands Hatch and the familiar circuit kept qualifying very close with Plato taking 17th and Lloyd twelfth, less than 0.6-second separating the top 20!

Lloyd climbed to eleventh and Plato to 13th in race one and further into sixth and eighth finishes in race two. It was Plato who used the reverse grid start to race with the best three as he narrowly missed a podium spot by 0.012-second, settling for fourth with Lloyd finishing seventh. Jason now sits eighth overall while Dan improved to 14th.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S 5W-30, TITAN RACE PRO S 10W-60, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN V, FUCHS COPPER PASTE



Great Britain

Well done Rory!

Rory Skinner's growing reputation has flourished thanks to a spectacular weekend at the Knockhill Racing Circuit. The FS-3 rider powered to two second-place finishes in races two and three of the Bennetts British Superbike Championship.

Aged just 19, he had already impressed with fifth place in race one, the 20-lap sprint, and second in race two with the FUCHS Silkolene-powered Kawasaki ZX-10RR. Rory started the final race in pole position. After losing some ground off the line, it did not take him long to regain speed and he led for the first 23 laps before being overtaken by Danny Buchan. A red flag due to an accident involving another rider gave him no opportunity to come back. Rory was beaming from ear to ear with his performance over the weekend. He is now sitting fifth overall in the championship. "I have no words to describe this weekend. Exceeded all of my expectations."

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO R 0W-20, Silkolene WASH OFF, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene PRO CHAIN





Great Britain

Iddon leads BSB after Knockhill

Defending Bennetts British Superbike champions left the second round of the 2021 series with the championship lead, all thanks to Christian Iddon's solid performance in all the three races.

After a superb victory in race one, Iddon followed up with a pair of hard-fought fourth places with the VisionTrack Ducati Panigale V4 R to end up leaving the circuit with a six-point lead. For teammate and defending champion, Josh Brookes, the meeting proved to be another challenging one, although he did manage to salvage a handful of points for the PBM Team.

Starting from the front row in race two, Iddon again took the lead early

on and held onto it until mid-way through the race. The competition was so ferocious that he became embroiled in a three-rider battle for the final podium positions for the remainder of the race but just missed out and had to settle for fourth.

The third race followed a similar pattern with Iddon holding onto second place for the first half of the race. As places constantly changed, Iddon found himself shuffled back to fourth when the red flag came out, meaning he missed out on the podium again.

At the end, Iddon took the lead in the championship with 111 points, while three-time winner of Oulton,

Jason O'Halloran, had to settle for second place and 105 points. Brookes on the other hand took twelfth and 13th place in the two last races and secured eleventh overall.

Next races

July 23-25: Brands Hatch
July 30 and August 1: Thruxton
August 13-15: Donington Park
August 20-22: Cadwell Park
September 3-5: Snetterton 300
September 10-12: Silverstone
September 24-26: Oulton Park
October 1-3: Donington Park
October 15-17: Brands Hatch

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS 10W-50, Silkolene PRO 4 0W-20, Silkolene PRO CHAIN



Austria

Franky Zorn commits to reducing his impact on the environment

For many years, the FIM (International Motorcycle Federation) has been making changes to the Environmental Code as it evolves based on observations made by the organizers, members of the Sporting Commission, and delegates of the FIM sustainability commission. With this document, the FIM is committed to developing a sustainability program to enhance its positive impact on the environment and society. The guidelines aim to reduce sound emissions, soil contamination, and emissions into the air, and to protect biodiversity. Officials, organizers, and competitors under the aegis of the FIM are strongly urged to comply with this code.

Since 2000, FUCHS Austria has been working with renowned ice speedway rider Franky Zorn to minimize its impact on the environment. "Our riders have always used methanol as gasoline in the speedway engines and FUCHS Silkolene Castorene – a biodegradable engine oil – in these competitions. Used oil is collected in special containers and disposed of in accordance with Austrian law and the same goes for the tires," explained FUCHS Application Engineer Markus Kollenz. "The team takes measures to prevent leakage of oils, cleaning products,

"Reducing our impact on the environment is one of our priorities."

and degreasers into the ground by using environmental mats in the pit and workshop. The carpets used under the bike can absorb one liter of lubricant."

Franky Zorn added: "We only use water without any chemical products – even biodegradable ones – to clean the bikes and only do so in the area designated by the organizers. All our waste returns to our workshop. Oil filters and cleaning rags are collected separately."

Franky uses an electric scooter in the pit.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene CASTORENE R40S, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene PRO PREP, Silkolene PRO 2