

# Motorsport News

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## Mozambique

### Podium win for Joao Alberty

Driver Joao Alberty of the BLUTECH Racing Team FUCHS, sponsored by BLUTECH, FUCHS distributor in Mozambique, won a podium place in race two of the Picanto Cup at Zwartkops Raceway (South Africa). // Page 4.



## Australia

### The LTFR Team claimed the vice-champion title

At the end of an eventful season marked by many ups and downs, Lamattina Top Fuel Racing Team took the runner-up title with driver Phil Lamattina while teammate Shane Olive secured sixth place overall in the Burson Auto Parts Australian Top Fuel Championship. // Page 2.

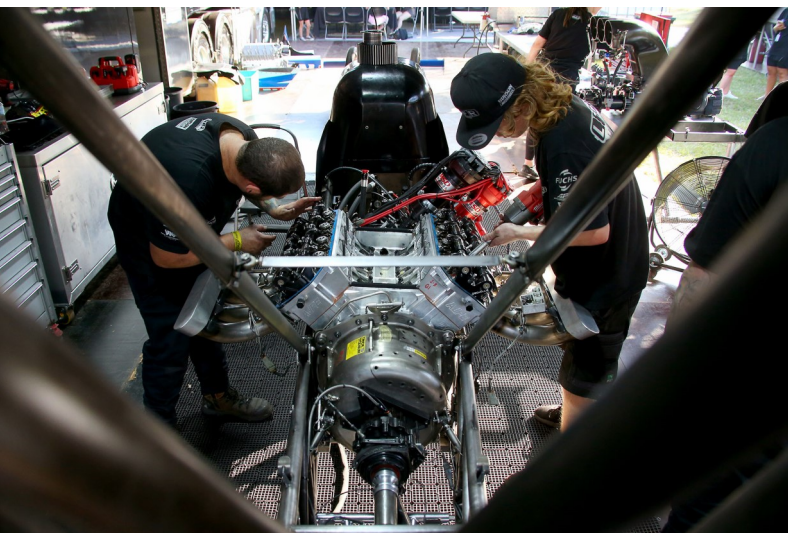
## South Africa

### Rusgenot Team happy with a double podium win

Driver Marc Gleed and co-driver Ohann Janse Van Rensburg claimed two second places and scored points in the Ice Block National event, the third round of the National Thundercat Championship, at the Emerald Casino. // Page 6.







## Australia

### **LTFR Team crowned vice-champion at Hidden Valley Dragstrip**

The final round of the Burson Auto Parts Australian Top Fuel Championship ended after many laps fueled with emotion and thrills for Lamattina Top Fuel Racing Team. Driver Phil Lamattina went into the last round only ten points behind the leader, Peter Xiberras, so it could have gone either way.

In race one, Phil qualified with a strong run at 473 km per hour, leading the championship by ten points. The situation became trickier when he had to run against his teammate Shane Olive in race two. A win for Phil would all but secure the championship title. The Team Boss was very clear: “No team orders, we will race for it!”

Unfortunately, Phil’s dragster blower belt broke at half-track and Shane crossed the finishing line first.

It was a bittersweet victory for Shane and a heartbreaking loss for Phil.

Peter Xiberras won the next race, leading the championship by a margin which would have been impossible for Phil to overcome in the following race. Phil finished second in the championship classification while Shane secured sixth after standing third in the final podium of the season.

Lamattina explained: “We had a good season. I was the first driver to win two events and Shane won his first event in a rookie year, plus a stack of podiums. We will be in Alice Springs in September to start the new season and so now we prepare for that!”

**FUCHS lubricant: TITAN Nitro**





## Germany

### **Much to celebrate for BLACK FALCON over the weekend**

BLACK FALCON undertook an elaborate large-scale operation: the team competed with eight cars in three racing series in June.

Four cars were entered in the fourth round of the Nürburgring Endurance Series. BLACK FALCON Team IDENTICA (#102) celebrated its second win of the season in the third race of the NLS4 and took the lead in the CUP2 class. Two more BLACK FALCON Porsche 992 GT3 Cup cars (#103 and #104) competed in the CUP2-AM classification of the Porsche Endurance Trophy Nürburgring (PETN). Drivers (#104) celebrated the CUP2-AM victory in the third race and, thanks to this second win, took the lead in the AM classification. Their teammates (#103) secured third place in the third race of the CUP2-AM, their third podium win of the season. BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR managed to come second in the SP10 class with the Porsche Cayman GT4 RS CS (#161).

The fourth round of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland took place in Zandvoort. BLACK FALCON competed with three cars and achieved two podium finishes in the ProAm class.

During the third race weekend of the ADAC GT4 Germany, the team made it to the podium in the Trophy classification with the Porsche Cayman GT4 RS.

Head of Motorsport BLACK FALCON, Timo Frings, said: "We have experienced an intense and turbulent weekend. We achieved a great team result at the NLS and all our cars finished on the podium in their class. Of course, we are very happy with that."





## Mozambique

### Joao Albery achieves top-three position

BLUTECH Racing Team FUCHS, sponsored by BLUTECH\*, FUCHS's distributor in Mozambique, raced in the Picanto Cup at Zwartkops Raceway (Johannesburg) with official driver Joao Albery and substitute driver Paulo da Cunha. "Even though we started to race in 2019, it is only our second full competitive season," said Team Manager, Bruno Sucá.

Joao Albery qualified sixth, classed fourth in race one, and after constant fierce battling in race two, crossed the finish line third.

Paulo Da Cunha started fifth on the grid and, despite a bad start, finished fourth in race one. Things went less smoothly in round two. After running in the top three until the last corner of the first lap, he went off track. Despite returning to the race at the back, Paulo crossed the finish line eighth.

"We came fifth overall, it's not the result we were hoping for. We could have potentially claimed top positions on the podium if not for our mistakes. We do understand that drivers did their best and needed time to discover the track. Thankfully it was an accident-free race, so cars are ready for the next event in Mozambique," said Bruno Sucá.

"We would like to thank FUCHS South Africa for its support throughout the race weekend, the pit crew, drivers, and BLUTECH management for making this experience possible and positive."

\*based in Matola, Maputo.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE 10W-60, TITAN SINTOPOID 75W-140, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN LL 50, ANTICORIT G70, SUPER LUPLEX M2**







## Italy

### Excellent fourth round in Misano for GSM Racing Team

27 cars took to the starting grid in the fourth and penultimate round of the Fanatec GT World Challenge Europe Sprint Cup at the Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli. GSM Racing Team was represented by two young Dutch drivers, Danny Kroes (23) and Daan Pijl (18), who took the wheel of the single seater Lamborghini GT3 Evo.

Race one ended after just a few laps for Danny Kroes. He started first, was hit twice by Krupinski, and ended up permanently off the track. In the first session of race two, Daan Pijl managed a well-run performance, handing the car over to Danny Kroes, who gained several positions before crossing the finish line 13th.

Daan Pijl said: "I was extremely excited to make my debut in the GT WC Europe Sprint Cup. Competing amongst renowned drivers, such as Valentino Rossi, was a dream that I never expected to come true at just 18. Last year, Danny and I managed a double win here, this year was more about gaining experience in a new championship."

Team Principal, Andrea Grillini, said: "We struggled to find the right car setting because everything is new for us. The drivers had never had the opportunity to test the car on this circuit, which obviously affected our performance. For his debut in the championship, Daan was immediately able to run an intelligent and fast race, while Danny confirmed he is a very fast driver. With two months to go before the next race, we are getting ready and hope to show up to the final event of the season at our best."

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





## South Africa

### An excellent double second place for the Rusgenot Team

The annual Ice Block National event took place at the Emerald Casino on the Vaal River, which lived up to its reputation with temperatures dropping down as low as -3 °C.

Two days before competing against specialist teams, the Rusgenot Team tested every propeller and engine, and set up its inflatable boat for flat-water racing. The conditions changed overnight, so the team had to do a quick engine change before the race. "Testing in high altitude is difficult as conditions change rapidly throughout the day, which influences boat speed."

In the first 100-km race, driver Marc Glead and co-driver Ohann Janse Van Rensburg chased after the leader and happily scored a second place. It was then on to the two circuit heats where they once again secured second position in both heats, coming very close to winning in the second one.

"All in all, this event was a huge success for our team, scoring valuable championship points which puts us in a good position going into Theewaterskloof Extreme, the fourth round of the National Thundercat Championship. It was also a great day for our junior team, who took first place overall in the stock class," said Marc Glead. "Big thanks to FUCHS for their continued assistance with the race-winning lubricants. They really have a huge influence on our race engines' top performance."

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 2, Silkolene PRO SRG 75, Silkolene PRO PREP, Silkolene WASH OFF, Silkolene ENGINE CLEANER, Silkolene CARB CLEANER**





## Belgium

### Well-deserved place on the podium for Jürgen Van Hover

Sponsored by FUCHS Benelux, Belgian driver Jürgen Van Hover experienced a particularly adventurous race weekend in the Porsche Carrera Cup Benelux at Zolder Circuit.

Having entered the race at the last minute, there was no car available for Jürgen to practice in the free sessions so he had to run the qualifying round without any experience in the new Porsche 992 Cup (2022).

Because the team had no time to test the car either, some problems quickly became apparent: the brake balance was not adjusted, there were compatibility issues between the old and new software, and the servo pump didn't work. In the end, Jürgen started the race at the back of the grid.

Despite the drawbacks, Jürgen made a good start and ran third in the Pro-Am class for a long time before losing a place during an unexpected overtaking maneuver.

"In race two, things should have gone better, but the clutch slipped at the start. I also had to hit the brakes because of a heavy crash that happened right in front of me. In the end, I placed third in the Pro-Am class after someone got a penalty for overtaking under the yellow flag. So, considering the exceptional circumstances, it was a nice weekend," explained Jürgen. "The new 992 is a very special car that requires a lot of testing time to go really fast, so the budgets are skyrocketing. It was fantastic to be back in the Porsche Carrera Cup, by far the pinnacle of racing in Benelux."

The next race, the 24 Hours at Zolder, will take place in August.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN GT1 5W-40, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-90, MAINTAIN BRAKE CLEANER**





## Austria

### Thomas Gradinger heads for a possible runner-up title

FUCHS Austria supports former Supersport rider, Thomas Gradinger of the Eder Racing Team. In this 2022 season, the 26-year-old Austrian rider is competing in the IDM Supersport Germany with a Yamaha YZF-R6.

Thomas started his career in the ADAC Junior CUP in 2009 and, in 2011, after a very strong season, he celebrated the vice-champion title. Moving to the German Supersport 600 in 2016, he was crowned German champion in 2017. In 2018, Thomas moved to the WorldSBK Championship and, thanks to his continuous efforts, finished fourth in the final three rounds of the season.

This season, the FUCHS rider races the seven rounds of the IDM Supersport. At the end of the first three rounds, he won many podium places and took provisional third position overall, just a few points behind the second-place driver.

"My goal is to return to the World Championship next season with a professional Supersport team."

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS 5W-40, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene PRO PREP, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE**







## Portugal

### The legendary FUCHS-sponsored RallySpirit Altice

The RallySpirit Altice took place in the beautiful northern region of Portugal, racing through three major cities: Porto, Barcelos, and Gaia. RallySpirit Altice is an unmissable event in the panorama of the main European Rally Legends and is included in the Slowly Sideways Europe calendar (alongside the Eifel Rallye Festival, the Alsace Rallye Festival, and the Spa-Francorchamps Rallye Festival). This season, the rally gathered some of the most iconic rally cars of all generations in a casual and festive atmosphere where the sporting element was in the foreground.

The seventh edition played over three days and featured three new spectacular and highly technical stages. More than a hundred national and international teams were present on the starting line. For thousands of enthusiasts, this was a unique opportunity to travel back in time and enjoy seeing iconic models that have made history in the sport since the '70s in a fun clash of generations.

For the third time, FUCHS sponsored this rally that features several classic cars such as the Audi Sport Quattro, Ford RS200, and MG Metro 6R4.

