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BLACK FALCON ready for new success

In 2019, BLACK FALCON competes as defending champions in the Blancpain GT Endurance Cup team and driver championships with the participation in iconic races such as Spa 24 Hours. They extend their commitment to the World Challenge Europe Sprint discipline to participate in the Blancpain GT Series Championship. // Page 2.



Great Britain

Ready for action!

The Quattro Plant JG Speedfit Kawasaki team that stormed to the Bennetts British Superbike title with Leon Haslam last year will field Glenn Irwin and newcomer to BSB Ben Currie for the 2019 season. Irwin will be hoping to follow in Haslam's footsteps and fight for the 2019 crown after three years with the Be Wiser Ducati team, while Currie steps up from British Supersport for his first campaign in the premier class. // Page 4.

China

Suspense and adrenaline for the F3 drivers

For the second time in a row, FUCHS China is the official partner of the F3 Asian Championship Certified by FIA. 15 drivers are waiting impatiently to start the first of the five rounds of this championship which will start in April on the Sepang race track. // Page 7.



BLACK FALCON



Germany

BLACK FALCON: defending champions

BLACK FALCON returns to the Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup in 2019 as the defending champions with two Mercedes-AMG GT3. The team will compete in all five rounds of the long-distance racing series and enters one car into the renamed Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup for the first time in their history.

In 2019, the Blancpain GT Series features ten events on Europe's most famous circuits. The championship is divided into two disciplines. The Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup consisting of a 1,000 km race, three 3-hour races and the legendary Spa 24 Hours. The Blancpain GT World Challenge Europe, running two one-hour races on each of five race weekends.

The Pro class #4 Mercedes-AMG GT3 will star the defending champions and team veterans Maro Engel (Germany), Yelmer Buurman (Netherlands)

and Luca Stolz (Germany). These race winners all bring enormous skill and speed to #4. Engel and Stolz will also compete in the Blancpain GT World Challenge Europe. In the Silver Cup, Hubert Haupt (Germany) and Abdulaziz Al Faisal (Saudi Arabia) team up with Patrick Assenheimer (Germany) for their 2019 effort in the #6 AMG GT3. Excellent performances at the pre-season test, held at the impressive circuit Paul Ricard, mean that BLACK FALCON go into the new season brimming with confidence. Maro put his BLACK FALCON AMG at the top of the timesheets on the first day, while Patrick and Abdulaziz steered #6 to be fastest in the Silver Cup, setting a time less than a second off their pro team compatriots. The season opener of the Endurance Cup will take place in Monza, Italy. Last year, Al Faisal and Haupt were in 2nd place while Buurman, Engel and Stolz in 3rd.

Great Britain

British Touring Car Championship 2019

After last season's successful BTCC, FUCHS sponsored Ciceley Motorsport's driver Adam Morgan will be joined by Daniel Rowbottom. Daniel has progressed into the BTCC Championship following his 4th place finish in the Clio Cup UK in 2018.

The duo will be driving Ciceley Motorsport's two stylish Mercedes-Benz A-Class cars in the first race of the championship in April at Brands Hatch.



Great Britain

Big challenge for Scott Beaumont in 2019

FUCHS Silkolene sponsored rider Scott Beaumont is ready to begin his campaign for the 2019 HSBC British BMX Series as well as the 4X World Championship. Scott had a great winter of training and enters 2019 stronger and faster than ever before. He has a huge goal for this season. He wants to become the first male rider to win the BMX and 4X World Championships in the same year.

2018 successes: 4X National champion, 4X National Series champion and 4th in the UCI World Ranking



Great Britain

Still in the running for the world selections

FUCHS sponsored 2019 Hot Rod team M & M Motorsport, with driver Gavin Murray kick started the racing season with a trip to Birmingham Wheels Raceway for round 8 of the National Hot Rods World Qualifying Series. It was a cold miserable evening with light rain as the cars lined up for heat 1 but fortunately, the race stayed dry. A congested track and all the drivers battling amongst themselves meant that Gavin only managed a 14th place finish from a 19th place start in heat 1 and the same result in heat 2.

Lining up in 13th position on the grid in what were still tricky conditions for the 35 lap feature final meant the team had to decide whether to go out on slick or wet tyres. A last-minute rush in the pits meant the race was as much about tyre choice as speed on the track.

Electing for slick tyres in the hope that the rain would stop and a dry line would develop, Gavin really got the car hooked up and made some good progress in the opening stages working his way up to 5th place by lap 10.

A battle for 3rd place resulted in Gavin getting run wide going into a bend and sliding down the order, but he carved his way back through the field to cross the finish line in an amazing 4th place. This reasonable points haul keeps the team in the chase for the title and ready for round 9 of the World Qualifying Series.



Great Britain

British Superbike Championship 2019

The FUCHS Silkolene sponsored Quattro Plant JG Speedfit Kawasaki team has taken the wraps off its new motorcycle for 2019 – and it's a stunner. The new livery was revealed at the London Motorcycle Show. The Ninja ZX-10RR sports a striking green, black and white design, with the FUCHS Silkolene logos on the front and back of the motorcycle. Weighing 206 kgs, the Ninja ZX-10RR has max power of 197.2 HP at 13,000 rpm and max torque of 113.5 N.m (11.6 kgf.m) at 11,500 rpm. Riding for the team this year will be Carrickfergus favourite Glenn Irwin and Australian ace Ben Currie. BSB gets going at Silverstone in April.

Great Britain

FUCHS LUBRICANTS Classic Mini Challenge

Clear skies over the Brecon Beacons in mid Wales welcomed the FUCHS UK sponsored Classic Mini Challenge Crews for the Port Talbot Motor Club Tour of Epynt 2019.

The teams faced several planned stages (short stages and road stages) during showery and windy conditions making driving very challenging, worsened by the arrival of hail that meant the leader board was turned on its head.

The final outcome saw: 1st Jim Brindle/Sam Bould 1hr 17:34; 2nd Rick Ford/Neil Macdonald 1hr 18:34; 3rd Barry Stenhouse/Suzzana Whalley 1hr 32:40.

The next round will take place in April on the Warcop Military Ranges in Cumbria.



Great Britain

FUCHS UK still supporting driver Ryan Cooke

Ryan races an eye catching, head turning modified Land Rover Evoque, LRM-1 in the British Cross-Country Championship (BXCC). New venues are planned for the 2019 season and Ryan and the LRM-1 are ready for action. FUCHS wishes Ryan and his team CRC Off-road Motorsport a welcome return to racing in 2019.



France

A passion shared by father and sons

Created by Francis Magnou, the Arcauto Garage located in the Arcs has been selling and using FUCHS products since its foundation in 1986.

When he retired, his two sons Patrick and Christophe took over the family business. They run a repair service, a race car preparation center and a team involved in car racing.

Fascinated by racing, Patrick is fighting for the RALLY CUP 208 formula promotion while Christophe competes in many regional rallies in the PACA region but also at a national level. "In 2019, our goal is to qualify for the final of the Coupe de France des Rallyes," said Christophe. For the second year in a row, together with his co-driver Vincent Delaplanche he will steer a Peugeot 207 S2000, 4-wheel drive, 2-litre engine. "I am passionate about my work setting up a car. I like this part that requires precision work and reliability to run in rallies. It is a rewarding work that highlights our performance and those of the garage." Christophe started competition at the age of 24. 15 years later the enthusiasm and motivation are still present.

He likes speed but his main interest is focused on rallies. "On the circuits, I feel like I'm going around in circles." Christophe also prepares and rents competition cars for several teams such as 206 WRC, SKODA FABIA R5, Peugeot 207 S2000 and Peugeot 208 R2, which compete against him in the rallies. "We use FUCHS products in our business and for our customers. Competition is a good testing ground for lubricants. We have good results with FUCHS products, especially on parts of engines and gearboxes which wear out less quickly than with products of competing brands."

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN GT1 PRO C2 SAE 5W-30, TITAN GT1 SAE 0W-30, TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-90



Picture: Serge Raymond at the Citroën Trophy 1985

France

Corsican Mountains champion

Serge Raymond is passionate about mechanics and car racing. Citroën dealer and director of karting on Corsica, he successfully won the title of Corsican Mountains champion in 1983 driving a single-seater F2 Martini. In the 1980s, the young garage owner created a trust-based relationship with the FUCHS brand and has confirmed his loyalty to the brand ever since.

In 1985, Serge Raymond was selected from the dealers of the Citroën brand as an official driver and competed in the Citroën Trophy with a Visa 1000 pistes. He excelled in this legendary race taking 2nd place in Group B. He will use the same car again in the 2019 French Historic Championship which will take place in Corsica. In the mid-1980s, he started his professional career on the Mediterranean coast. Serge was involved in the French Off-road Championship and several events on asphalt. Against renowned drivers, he won 3rd place in the 1997 French Championship and distinguished

himself in many championships and trophies, including the Andros Trophy.

In parallel with the competition, thanks to his technical prowess, he assists drivers in world championship events.

In 2019, still competing in the French Historical Championship races, Serge is also a precious ally for his son Cyril, double world champion RX2 and Global Rallycross Lites. Cyril will compete in this entire FIA World Championship season with Guerlain Chicherit, driving a Renault Clio R.S RX.

“I’m happy to be back in the Corsican Historical Tour this year, which will take place together with the WRC. Of course, the Visa 1000 pistes will be in FUCHS colors.”

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China

Rinus Veekay crowned first Asian Winter Series champion

The dramatic finale of the Asian Winter Series Certified by FIA took place in Sepang, Malaysia, in February. China's Ye Yifei who had two brilliant victories in races 7 and 8 of the Asian Winter Series crashed out after an epic battle with race leader Jack Doohan.

In the final Asian Winter Series points standings, Veekay, who now embarks upon his first season in Indy Lights, topped the leader board with Ye in 2nd place. 3rd was Veekay's team mate Ghiretti, who was fighting for a championship place right up to the final round. 4th was talented Japanese driver Tomoki Takahashi of Super License, ahead of Hitech GP driver Pavan Ravishankar and Pieris.

Hitech GP took the Asian Winter Series Teams Championship ahead of Absolute Racing, with Pinnacle Motorsport in 3rd place ahead of Japan's Super License.

It was a sensational conclusion to the fascinating Asian Winter Series, which was staged for the first time. The young top drivers from Europe and Asia competed in single-seaters on two FIA category Grade 1 race tracks in nine outstanding races against each other.

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South Africa

FUCHS sponsors racing teams for 2019

FUCHS South Africa has announced its continued sponsorship of various teams at a “Sponsors Breakfast” held at its head office in Isando. Monroe Racing, MAD Racing, Team Truggy, Marc Ansley and HUD Racing were present at this event.

Monroe Racing have included two young female riders for the 2019 season. Daphne Lang will compete in the Extreme Festivals and Monicle Series racing the Kawasaki ZX-6. The youngest member of the team, 13-year-old Jessica Vermaak, will form part of the team’s ‘Dreams Reimagined’ programme. The third rider, Connor Rossi Thomson, will

compete in South Africa in between his British Superbike commitments. Dewald Brummer, MAD Racing, made his debut in class B of the Clubman season, after a successful 2018 season in the KZN Road Racing Championship. After a successful finish in the 2018 WOMZA/ARRO National Rally Championship, Team Truggy driver Giel Nel and navigator Ben Jensen are ready to do it again in 2019 in the All Africa Off-road Championships. The father and son team of Larry and Terry Wilford, racing the Chevrolet Corvette and Ford Falcon respectively, will again participate in the hugely popular SA V8 Supercars Championship. Marc Ansley, Cameron Durow and Regan Wasmuth will take

part in the SA National Motocross Championship and various regional championships. Team Arrow Yamaha #M2, comprised of Marc Gleed (driver) and Wiltas Leeuwner (co-driver), race inflatable boats. The team achieved 2nd place in the national championships and 2nd in the 2018/2019 Trans Agulhas modified class, held in December 2018. FUCHS South Africa also sponsors a number of other teams and racers including Deegan 99 – Monocycle Series; Franco Scribante – Extreme Super Cars; Michael Louw – SuperBike Short Circuit Series; Rory Nossiter – Retro Racing/ pre1980 historic category; Bright Motorsport and P Trimborn Racing team who compete in endurance racing.