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Low family on the starting line of the Superbike Series

Michael and Joe Low started the first of the eight rounds of the Superbike Mag Short Circuit Series at the Formula-K Circuit in Benoni. Father and son both came in third in their class. // Page 5.

Germany

Trained by the best!

German drivers Oliver Naumann, Hendrik von Danwitz, and Noah Nagelsdiek integrated the BLACK FALCON Team to benefit from the expertise of its members. The talented Porsche Carrera Cup driver, Carlos Rivas, will support them during the 24H Race and 6H Race at Nürburgring. // Page 4.



Austria

Top five for Zorn

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Pictured: 2020 season

Great Britain

Dan Lloyd to pilot second PMR BTCC car for 2021

FUCHS-sponsored Power Maxed Car Care Racing has announced its second driver for the 2021 British Touring Car season. Dan Lloyd will complete the two-car line-up of the team alongside double BTCC champion Jason Plato.

Lloyd is no stranger to the TOCA* paddock, bagging a race win during his part-campaign of the 2018 season, as well as taking the overall title in the 2009 Renault Clio UK Winter Cup. Despite contesting rounds in a number of BTCC seasons, 2021 will be Lloyd's first full championship challenge.

He has earned a reputation as the man to beat within the world of touring cars, having taken the TCR-UK title in 2018, winning eight of 14 races and scoring podiums at all but two. In 2019 and 2020, he took on the European TCR Championship, winning races during both seasons, before making the decision to return to BTCC in 2021.

Both PMR and Lloyd have voiced their intentions for this to turn into a multi-year deal and are gearing up to mount a strong championship attack from the off.

PMR Team Manager, Martin Broadhurst, said: "I've known Dan since his first venture into BTCC in 2010 in the Vectra. From that moment on, he's impressed with great results and performances in every touring car championship he's competed in, including his race win in the BTCC, and I think he'll be a great asset to the team. With Dan and Jason Plato, I believe we have one of the strongest pairings on the grid and coupled with the development work we've done over winter, I'm looking forward to this season more than ever!"

Daniel Lloyd explained: "I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity, and really looking forward to not only working with the team, but also learning from Jason Plato and his vast experience. I'm really looking to build a long-term partnership on this and launch a multi-year attack at the championship heavyweights."

*TOCA is a UK organization for motorsport



Austria

Franky Zorn challenges the kings of the International Ice Speedway

The FIM Ice Speedway Gladiators World Championship final was held at the Togliatti Raceway (Russia) in February. 17 racers from Austria, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Kazakhstan, The Netherlands, and Russia took part in this high-level competition. 20 heats full of twists and turns captivated the spectators. Once again, Russian riders confirmed their dominant skills in this sport. Nevertheless, Austrian riders provided great opposition during the preliminary races with FUCHS rider Franky Zorn and Harald Simon.

Franky exceeded all expectations by far. For his 15th participation in this international competition, he finished fifth just behind the undefeated Russian racers. He won the unofficial title of “Best non-Russian” for the tenth time.

“It’s clear that Russian riders excel in this sport and set the bar extremely high. They can train for many months thanks to ideal cold temperatures in their country compared to the other riders,” said Franky. In any case, the 50-year-old rider was pleased with his result.

“The bike was perfectly set-up. The new engine prepared by KLM Tuning runs well and we are on the right path to improving it further for the next races. The new carbon back cover has given full satisfaction. Now, we are making some adjustments to prepare the bike for the high temperatures of the summer races.”

Franky’s bike is being shown in the Red Bull World of Racing exhibition until November at the Technik Museum Sinsheim (Germany).

The next race, Rupert Hollaus Oldtimer Race, is scheduled to take place at the end of May in Rijeka (Croatia).

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



Germany

BLACK FALCON Team commits to supporting hopeful junior drivers

The BLACK FALCON Team has supported junior drivers since it was founded back in 2006. The goal is to get these racers into manufacturer-supported cockpits, either with BLACK FALCON or in other teams. Once the drivers are manufacturer-supported, they can carry on with their career without having to worry about funding. “We use a major part of our partners’ budgets (including FUCHS) in order to achieve good results for BLACK FALCON and push the career of these junior drivers,” said Alexander Böhm, the Managing Director of the team.

Since 2018, the junior drivers’ program has been called IDENTICA, the name of the main sponsor. “We choose the drivers who have shown good performance in smaller cars and invite them to test a BLACK FALCON car. If they perform well and can bring their part of the budget, we choose them.”

The drivers need up to two years to reach the level that is required to perform in a professional GT3 car. Besides driving, the racers learn how to work with data, set-up a car, and give the best possible feedback to the engineers.

The 2021 program includes four test days and ten endurance races, including the 24H Race at Nürburgring. It starts with seven races in a Porsche 991 CUP MR followed by three races in a Porsche 991 GT3 R.

This season, the team signed a partnership with three German junior drivers: Oliver Naumann, Hendrik von Danwitz, and Noah Nagelsdiek. Carlos Rivas, the experienced Porsche Carrera Cup driver, will support them for the 24H Race and 6H Race at Nürburgring.



South Africa

A major 2021 challenge for Joe and Michael Louw

The Louw Team achieved a successful 2020 season with the runner-up position in the Supermoto Masters Championship for Michael and a third place in the Stock PW Supermoto class for his son Joe.

Joe started his fourth racing season in 2021. This year, the FUCHS rider moved up to the Junior Motard 50 cc class in the SuperBike Mag Short Circuit Series with a new KTM 50 SX. The organizer announced an extremely competitive season with eight very motivated riders. Joe will also continue to race in the PW Supermoto. 2021 will be twice as challenging for the young seven-year-old rider.

This season, Michael has been racing with his 2020 bike. “My bike is perfect. I worked on it to boost the performance with Ivan Groenewald, a good motorcycle mechanic who is very well known in racing circles.”

The first round of three heats took place on the Formula-K Circuit at the end of February. For his first race in the Supermoto Junior 50 cc class, Joe claimed third place overall. His father also secured third position in the Supermoto 450 cc Masters class.

The team has been sponsored by FUCHS South Africa for three seasons. The design of both bikes was completely redrawn this year with great visibility for the FUCHS logos. “We’ve been using the FUCHS Silkolene products for the past two seasons without any engine failure or problem. These lubricants are the

best in terms of reliability and quality,” said Michael.

FUCHS South Africa Marketing/Advertising Administrator, Janet Kerr, said: “Michael and Joe are a father-and-son team who embody the FUCHS values and we are proud to sponsor them.”

The eight rounds of the season will take place on some of the most legendary South African circuits until November.

Characteristics: *Michael:* Husqvarna FS 450, 450 cc, 60 hp – *Joe:* Husqvarna FC50, 50 cc, 6 hp

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO BOOST, Silkolene PRO COOL, Silkolene BRAKE FLUID, Silkolene PRO 4 10W-40 XP, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene WASH OFF, Silkolene FOAM FILTER CLEANER, Silkolene CARB CLEANER



South Africa

Top one goal for the team: V8 Supercars Championship title

The FUCHS Wilford Racing Team secured fifth place overall in 2020 despite a considerably shortened season and one major electrical issue which compromised its results throughout the racing year.

Terry Wilford has stepped down as Chairman of the Samcar Association and will be totally focused on his 2021 season. "Our intention is to win the 2021 championship, also we are building a completely new and more powerful engine," explained Larry, his father.

16 drivers are expected to participate in the V8 Supercars Championship. Most of them are South Africans, but this season two competitors from Finland and Greece will join the series. "The profile of the V8 Supercars ranks among the top race events in terms of crowd enjoyment," explained Larry.

The team has been sponsored by FUCHS South Africa for approximately twenty years. Terry said: "We choose FUCHS because we have great trust in the entire range of FUCHS products. All the lubricants are of top quality and provide peace of mind in terms of the extreme demand when racing these V8 monsters."

FUCHS South Africa Marketing/Advertising Administrator, Janet Kerr, said: "Their trust and support of our product says it all."

2021 Calendar: March: Killarney International Raceway; May: Phakisa Freeway; June: Zwartkops Raceway; July: Red Star Raceway; August and October: Zwartkops Raceway

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

FUCHS lubricant: TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-140



France

Sanary Racing Team commits to reducing its environmental impact

David and Tom Diebold of the Sanary Racing Team will compete in the Championnat de France de la Montagne et la Coupe de France de la Montagne (French Mountain Championship and French Mountain Cup) in 2021. The 24-year-old twins are particularly concerned with respecting the environment in their car-racing passion as well as in their job. The brothers work in the car repair shop established by their parents, FUCHS dealers for 20 years.

For several years, the French Automobile Sport Federation (FFSA) has committed to an environmental performance program. The events organized under FFSA authority must follow this program. The organizers apply the technical and logistical

guidelines drawn by the federation and require best practices from the teams in the races and pits.

“During the races, we limit our work to less polluting actions, plus groundsheets are put in place and the waste collected goes into containers. The cars are fitted with an oil-collecting tank to prevent leaks on the asphalt and noise emissions are reduced. A booth is set-up to stop the spread of possible pollution if it rains,” explained David.

Actions in favor of protecting the environment

The Diebold’s car repair shop has been committed to an environmentally friendly approach for ten years by signing the Volkswagen Group’s eco-responsible charter. This scheme encourages recycling of automotive waste. “We respect the recycling program for products such as oils, diesel filters, solvents, aerosols, batteries, etc. They’re collected by Volkswagen in containers. It comes at a cost, but we get a premium based on the number of annual pickups of our waste and the batteries we recycle. I think these actions can have an impact on our customers, even if it’s not the main reason for their visit.”

FUCHS lubricant: TITAN RACE PRO S 10W-60