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Portugal

Ready for a fantastic challenge

Two-time champion Ricardo Teodósio and his navigator, José Teixeira, will race in the National Rally Championship and, for the first time, in the Portuguese rounds of the FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) and the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) this season. They have ambitious goals with their new car, a Hyundai i20 N Rally2. // Page 3.

Great Britain

Tom Sykes is back in the BSB with PBM Ducati

In 2022, Tom Sykes will race in the Bennetts British Superbike Championship with the PBM's Ducati Panigale V4-R alongside two-time champion Josh Brookes. The first of the eleven rounds will take place in mid-April at the Silverstone National Circuit. // Page 8.



South Africa

Setting off on new racing adventures

Bright's Motorsport Team is involved in the National Championship, the E.P Regional Category, and the Club Championship with its professional and experienced drivers. The season started very well for the team with a lot of podiums and victories right from the first race of the season. // Page 5.



Australia

FUCHS and Team 18: a successful partnership

In 2015, FUCHS signed up as a major sponsor of Team 18. The supercars team is owned by Charlie Schwerkolt, managing director of Waverley Forklifts, a long-time customer of FUCHS.

Securing prime brand positioning on the car bonnet, front bumper, and rear wing, this heralded an exciting new opportunity for FUCHS to boost the company profile across both motorsport and its target markets. FUCHS Australia developed a race blend of FUCHS TITAN engine oil to power the IRWIN Racing Holden ZB Commodore.

“Whilst race results are still celebrated, this partnership is about much more than just potential podium finishes. In 2019, Team 18 signed Bathurst-1000 champion Mark “Frosty” Winterbottom, a true legend in Australian motorsport and a perfect brand ambassador for FUCHS. In 2021, our work with Frosty has encompassed a wide range of different activities including filming product videos, recording voice-over for radio scripts, a road trip to visit mining customers in regional New South Wales,

creating Frosty-themed FUCHS promotional items, and meet-and-greets with FUCHS’ customers in the supercar race events. Extracting the full potential of our sponsorship to build brand awareness across our target markets will be a continued focus leading into 2022 and beyond,” said FUCHS Australia channel marketing manager, Anthony Ficarra.

Charlie Schwerkolt said: “We’ve enjoyed an incredibly successful partnership with FUCHS over the last seven years, which has powered success for both Team 18 and Waverley Forklifts. From industrial use to high-octane motorsport, we trust FUCHS’ products to keep us on track, and we look forward to racing on with FUCHS in 2022, achieving strong results together.”

Mark Winterbottom added: “I love seeing FUCHS on the white bonnet of the car. We’re proud that our sponsors have continued to support and believe in us and it’s now our job to deliver.”



Portugal

A new eventful season for the FUCHS Team

Sponsored by FUCHS since 2019, two-time champion Ricardo Teodósio will hopefully continue his impressive performances in the National Rally Championship (NRC) this season. For the first time, he will also run Portuguese rounds in the FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) and the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC). He has set ambitious goals for himself in 2022. "I want to win a third title in the NRC and also to be the best Portuguese driver in the rally counting for the WRC." With his navigator, José Teixeira, he joined the Hyundai Portugal Team and will race with a new car, a Hyundai i20 N Rally2. "We can play our role as national champions and will try, by all means, to keep our title," said Ricardo Teodósio.

The Rally Serras de Fafé e Felgueiras, the first of eight races in the ERC, took place in March. The duo ranked sixth against 29 teams. "This championship will be particularly demanding for us. The first two races, the

Rally Serras de Fafé e Felgueiras and the Rally of the Azores also count for the ERC, and the fourth one, the Rally of Portugal, for the WRC. As an official Hyundai driver, I have to run 300 km in the WRC instead of the 100 km that we usually run for the NRC."

Ricardo Teodósio uses FUCHS lubricants in his garage. He prepares about ten cars for road uses and rallies and especially for the biggest challenge of the season: the WRC race. "The most difficult will be the world championship because it gathers the world's most efficient drivers. We want to fight with them and defend our national colors even though it won't be easy."

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S 10W-60, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-140



South Africa

Calvin Da Silva on the podium

Calvin da Silva from EIS – Engineering & Industrial Supplies – is the latest addition to the FUCHS Team this season. Calvin is now ready for another successful season of racing in the KZN Road Racing Championship in the Formula Extreme Class (Superbike class) with a Triumph Daytona 675. He won the second place in both races.

Calendar 2022: March 5; April 23; May 14; June 11; July 23; August 20; September 24; November 5



South Africa

Ready to win another title

Marc Ansley has been sponsored by FUCHS South Africa for four years. As he did in the previous season, he will race in the Womza Inland Inter-Provincial Motocross Championship (MX3 Masters class). He runs with the advantage of 30 years of experience in this very demanding discipline. “After winning the title in 2021, I’m looking to defend it in 2022 with a KTM 450 SX-F.”

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 R 10W-60, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene BRAKE CLEANER, Silkolene FOAM FILTER CLEANER



South Africa

Jason Coetzee keeps up the good work

FUCHS announced its new partnership with Jason Coetzee, a GTi Challenge Racing driver. The first round took place at the Killarney International Raceway. “In race one, I started last and finished fourth with the fastest lap. For the second heat, I started in pole position, then led most of the race, but after a close battle I finished third. We’ll work harder to get better results in the next race.”



South Africa

Bright's Motorsport Team winning top-podium positions

Bright's Motorsport is a professional racing team with a passion for motorsport that strives to be the best in the facets it competes in. Recently, the team raced at the Aldo Scribante Raceway and made sure to leave with many points and victories.

Its drivers, Gordon Nicholson and Daniel Bright, raced in the Eastern Province Regional Modified Saloon, Nicholson drove a Nissan R35, won the three consecutive races in class B, and classed first overall. Bright entered the race with Ashwin Harri's Opel Astra in class X. After a start-to-finish fight with his rivals in all three heats, Daniel finished first overall in his category, making his performance some of the most entertaining racing of the day.

He also competed in the 45Min Endurance Race (AMSC Endurance Race Series). He finished third overall and won the Index of Performance, making him the most consistent driver in this race. "Our pace was excellent.

I was given a reliable and well-balanced car. The excellent job the team did on the car, combined with FUCHS products, meant we could put in consistent race pace every lap with no issues."

Royce Griffin took to the Street and Fine car class with his Honda Civic. Griffin, who has suffered from cooling issues in the past, had a much better day as a result of using the FUCHS Coolant Pro CCA.

In the Eastern Province Regional Drag Racing series, Kuven Govender entered his Audi S3 with a newly built engine that will surely boost performance for the 2022 season. He won his class and left round one with maximum points.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO 10W-60, TITAN RACE PRO BRAKE FLUID, Coolant Pro CCA





Italy

New challenges for GSM RACING

Based in Monaco, the GSM Racing Team is mostly known for racing in the Lamborghini Super Trofeo Europe but this season the team will enter the prestigious Fanatec GT World Challenge Europe. The Lamborghini Huracan GT3 sponsored by FUCHS Italy will be driven by Austrian Gerhard Tweraser, who is well accustomed to the car and the circuits.

Tweraser has competed in series such as ADAC Formel Masters, German Formula Three Championship, and Lamborghini Super Trofeo. "It's our first time in the GT World Challenge and it'll be a very demanding season," said team principal, Andrea Grillini. "We found a good partner with Gerhard. Thanks to his experience, he will certainly give great support to the team. A very good relationship has been built, and this is an excellent start to our future collaboration."

Tweraser said: "My goal is classing mid field to start off

with, but we will learn from every race and end up in a position to fight for the podium."

The two official testing days at the Paul Ricard Circuit were the first laps for the team and the car. "I'm quite satisfied with what I've seen over these two days," said Andrea Grillini. "There are many things to improve, but we will have time to do so before the Brands Hatch race in April. We lapped within a second of mid-table time, which isn't great but not worrying either. This test confirmed that the car is fine and that the gap we need to bridge to reach our optimal performance is certainly within our grasp. For this reason, I'm very confident for the future."

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





Great Britain

Michael Crees returns to BTCC with PMR

FUCHS has sponsored Power Maxed Racing (PMR) since 2020. This season, PMR welcomes Michael “Creesy” Crees, one of the most popular drivers in the recent history of the British Touring Car Championship. Creesy, who stepped away from the BTCC last year to instead race in the FIA Formula One World Championship-supporting Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup, is elated to be back in touring cars for his maiden campaign in a Vauxhall Astra.”

The introduction of hybrid power into the BTCC comes as the championship looks to a greener and more sustainable future, providing a new challenge for Michael but one he is very much ready for and looking forward to.

Donington Park National Circuit will host the curtain-raiser to the new BTCC season in April, with the championship reaching its conclusion in October at Creesy’s home track, Brands Hatch Grand Prix Circuit. There will also be a visit to Brands Hatch, on the shorter Indy Circuit layout, for the second event of the season in May.

Michael said: “The Astra is a new car for me to get adjusted to, and there are obviously differences this year with the introduction of hybrid power, but I’m confident we can put together a successful season with PMR and we’re all looking forward to the challenge.”

PMR team principal, Adam Weaver, explained: “We’re really pleased to finally get Michael in our car, and we’ve been interested in him for a few years now. He’s a great friend of the team and has proved himself to be a great character



on the BTCC stage and universally liked by all. I’m sure he’ll make the garage a fun place to be, and that we can help him develop and secure the results we know he is capable of.”

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-140, TITAN RACE CVJ Grease, TITAN RACE WB Grease



Great Britain

Tom Sykes in the 2022 BSB alongside Josh Brookes

Paul Bird Motorsport (PBM) has revealed its 2022 Bennetts British Superbike Championship line-up, with an all-star cast of 2013 world superbike champion, Tom Sykes, and double British champion Josh Brookes.

The eight-time title-winning team will also have a new look for the season. Tom Sykes will race with PBM Panigale V4-R registered for the occasion under the MCE Ducati.

Tom Sykes said: "I'll be riding a Ducati for the first time, and this alone adds more excitement and motivation to the event! It will also be interesting to explore the different characteristics of the bike in BSB with the different technical regulations. Finally, racing in front of the home crowd makes me really happy."

With an impressive tally of 54 race wins, Australian Brookes is the most successful contender in the 2022 BSB rider line-up. Title winner in 2015, and then again, with PBM in 2020, the double British champion remains with the team for a fourth consecutive season as he targets a third crown.

Brookes said: "I enjoy racing the Ducati and I am now really eager for the off-season to end so that we can get back to testing and focus on the opening round of the championship."



FUCHS Silkolene is proud to sponsor PBM, which won its first championship in 2002 using the FUCHS Silkolene lubricants.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS 10W-50, Silkolene PRO R 4 0W-20, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene PRO PREP, Silkolene CONTACT CLEANER, Silkolene WASH OFF, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE

Photos 2021 – Josh Brookes



Great Britain

FUCHS Silkolene confirms its partnership with DOA Racing

The newly rebranded squad, DOA Racing, will once again partner up with FUCHS Silkolene as it prepares for what looks to be its busiest season yet.

With the return of the international road-racing calendar, the team is gearing up for events like the Isle of Man TT, North West 200, and Ulster GP along with another full season in the BSB with the support of FUCHS.

This year, the team and Dean Harrison are bidding to reclaim the Isle of Man Senior TT crown, which the rider has held since 2019.

Team manager, Jonny Bagnall, believes the continued partnership with FUCHS Silkolene helps bring further confidence for the squad. “FUCHS Silkolene has to be one of the most famous names in motorsport and that’s because it’s the best,” he said. “For us, continuing our partnership into another season brings peace of mind. As a team which puts a huge emphasis on the road-racing side of things, we constantly require the best quality and most reliable products to race strongly. We’ve worked alongside FUCHS Silkolene for many

years and it’s a brand we’ve come to know very well and trust. For us, it’s fantastic to once again team up with such an iconic brand and we’re confident we’ll have another strong season together.”

Head of FUCHS Silkolene motorcycle division, Joost van Genderen, said: “We’re excited to be able to continue our longstanding partnership with Dean Harrison and the team. Dean demands 100-percent assurance that his engine can operate at its maximum potential at all times, from start to finish. Our continuous engine lubricant development program depends on invaluable race data from our sponsored riders, and we know Dean will push our race oils to their very limits.”

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS 5W-40, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene PRO PREP, Silkolene PRO R 0W-20, Silkolene PRO RG2, Silkolene SILKOPEN, Silkolene WASH OFF, Silkolene RSF 5, MAINTAIN BRAKE CLEANER