

# Motorsport News

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## Out of the starting blocks in the CM class

Tom and David Diebold set a bold challenge for themselves by participating in the French Mountain Championship with a prototype BRC B49 in the CM category, a new and very attractive class of the championship. // Page 2.

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## Rory Nossiter: a loyal ambassador of the FUCHS brand

Rory Nossiter has been working with FUCHS lubricants in his Auto Complete workshop for twelve years and has been sponsored by the brand since 2018. This season, he runs with the Auto Complete Mini in the 2022 Historic Tour. // Page 10.



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## FUCHS continues its partnership with Vlad Neaga

For the second season in a row, FUCHS Romania will sponsor seven-time champion Vlad Neaga. His huge popularity on social networks has greatly contributed to the development of the entire FUCHS Silkolene lubricant range. // Page 6.



## France

### New challenge for the Diebold brothers

This season, David and Tom Diebold of the Sanary Racing Team chose to race with a Prototype BRC B49 in the CM category of the French Mountain Championship, a class that is currently expanding. The Bango Racing Car (BRC) prototype is equipped with a BMW S1000RR motorcycle engine. "We only worked on the exhaust and airbox. It's a simple, high-performance, and financially accessible car with a very good power-to-weight ratio (200 hp/450 kg)," explained Tom.

More than twenty drivers are competing in the French championship in their category this year. 2022 will see the team facing new challenges: "The rules are very strict. All the cars have the same equipment, so the series is highly competitive. The driving is sporty: it's slippery, it goes fast, and it's a lot of fun."

The Diebold brothers take turns behind the wheel in the French Mountain Championship. David finished fourth in the first hill climb of the season and Tom took second place in the opening round of the European championship.

The duo will compete in the six regional races of the PACA league in the French Mountain Cup. "The configuration of the regional stage allows us to share the car in the same weekend races. As we are both aiming for the 2022 title of the French cup in our category, it will be competitive and fun!"

As a motorsport enthusiast, David will also race in the second division of the French Mountain Championship, in Quillan.

The 26-year-old twins work in their parents' garage, a Volkswagen dealership dating back to 1955. The Diebold garage has used FUCHS lubricants for its customers and competitions for the last 20 years.

**FUCHS lubricant: Silkolene RACE PRO 10W-60**



## France

### Cyril Raymond scores his first points in the Rhône-Charbonnières Rally

The Alpine Elf Rally Trophy took place during the 74th Rhône-Charbonnières Rally, the second round of the FFSA French Rally Championship. Ten competitors were on the starting line for the first of the six rounds of the Trophy. Among them was FUCHS driver Cyril Raymond, multiple French champion and longtime rallycross driver. This first round was an opportunity to witness a powerful debut in the discipline.

Two-time winner of the WorldRX2 International Series in 2016 and 2017, Cyril Raymond will compete in the Alpine Rally Trophy with an Alpine A110 RGT. Thanks to years of experience, Cyril quickly got used to

driving the Alpine and took the lead in the first stages of the race. He increasingly gained confidence and pace throughout the rally and won the first round in his class with co-driver, Valentin Salmon. He took a promising ninth place overall and finished third in the French 2WD Rally Championship.

Cyril said: "The initial goal was to gain experience in the first rally of the Trophy, and we surpassed our objective. Right from the start, I felt very comfortable with the Alpine A110 RGT (320 hp) prepared by Chazel Technologie Course. We took the lead in the first stage, and we never lost it.

On the second day, I was able to attack more and more while keeping a safety margin with the help of my experienced co-driver and friend, Valentin Salmon. We had an exceptional rally race with some very good times in the overall classification, including coming sixth in the first special stage. I had a great time and a lot of fun. Now it's time to get ready for our next rally."

Calendar: April 28-30: Lyon Rhône-Charbonnières; May 19-22: Antibes Côte d'Azur; July 7-9: Aveyron Rouergue Occitanie; September 8-10: Mont-Blanc Morzine; September 29-October 1: Coeur de France; November 24-27: Var



## Germany

### BLACK FALCON celebrates wins in NLS

BLACK FALCON achieved strong results in the third round\* of the Nürburgring Endurance Series (NLS). The team won class victory in the Porsche Endurance Trophy Nürburgring (PETN) in the CUP2 class, a double victory in the AM classification of the CUP2 class, and second place in the SP10 class.

After finishing second at the season opener, BLACK FALCON Team IDENTICA triumphed in the CUP2 class with a strong first win. Thanks to a smart early-pit-stop strategy, the Porsche 992 GT3 Cup (#102) was perfectly positioned for the rest of the race. After a strong double stint by Müller, Harkema climbed back into the cockpit for the final laps and won the class with a lead of over a minute.

In the AM classification, the team was also victorious with a second double win in a row. As in the first NLS race, the two Porsche 992 GT3 Cup cars fought a close duel for the day's victory. Ludwig, Nagelsdiek, and

Rosenberg took turns behind the wheel (#103), while its sister car (#104) was driven by Bünnagel, Kaya, and Rivas. Over the course of the four-hour race distance, both cars were able to lead in the AM standings, swapping positions several times on the track and during the pit stops. In the end, Ludwig, Nagelsdiek, and Rosenberg edged out Bünnagel, Kaya, and Rivas by a narrow margin to celebrate their first class win of the season.

The Porsche Cayman GT4 RS Clubsport (#161) of the BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR was driven by Marco Müller, Carsten Palluth, and Tobias Wahl. They finished second in the SP10 class despite a strange incident during a pit stop. A neighboring garage fuel pump was damaged, inducing a shutdown of their own, which cost them first place according to the head of Motorsport BLACK FALCON.

\* The second round was postponed due to weather conditions



## Germany

### **BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR claims podium finish**

BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR won a podium in the Trophy classification of the first race of the ADAC GT4 Germany at Oschersleben.

Drivers Axel Saringen and Daniel Schwerfeld drove the Porsche Cayman GT4 RS Clubsport in the Trophy classification. In race one, the duo fought their way up from fourth in class to second in the Trophy standings with a strong performance, thus celebrating a successful start to the season. In race two, they defended their second starting position and initially crossed the finish line second in their class. After the end of the race, however, the team received a 30-second penalty for a collision in the second half of the race, which meant they were ultimately classified fourth in the Trophy standings.

Head of Motorsport BLACK FALCON, Timo Frings, said: "The season opener in the ADAC GT4 Germany went well for us in general. Second place in the Trophy classification in the first race was the most we could hope for after starting fourth. Unfortunately, the penalty in race two cost us our second podium place. We will now analyze the weekend in detail and are already looking forward to the second race weekend at the Red Bull Ring (Austria)."





## Romania

### Good luck champion!

In 2022, FUCHS Romania confirms its partnership with multiple champion Vlad Neaga for the second season in a row. The rider of the VN Motorsport Team, seven-time winner of the national championship title in the senior category, has been named “Master of Sports” by fans.

This season, Vlad will participate in the Alpe Adria European Championship, the European Championship\*, the BMU European Championship, and the Romanian MotoRC Championship. From the last stage of the BMU European Championship, which took place in Greece, Vlad emerged as the fastest Southeastern European driver, finishing in front of all the other drivers from Greece, Bulgaria, Turkey, Macedonia, Serbia, and Romania.

“My goal is to win the Romanian MotoRC Championship and the BMU European Championship, but this requires investing in a better-performing bike. Perhaps a more realistic target would be ranking in the top three in the BMU and the top five in the Alpe Adria European Championship.”

FUCHS Automotive Business Developer, Costin Alexandru Stuparu, said: “We chose to sponsor Vlad for his results and his desire to associate his image with the FUCHS Silkolene brand. He has used our lubricants for a long time now. He appreciated them from the very first use and would recommend them as top products. Another important reason for our collaboration is his great influence on social media, including 5,029 followers on Facebook and 15,500 on Instagram. His popularity has helped us increase our sales by about 25 percent since the beginning of our partnership.”

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene ONE SHOT ENGINE FLUSH, Silkolene FOAM FILTER OIL, Silkolene MAG COOL, Silkolene SILKOPEN, Silkolene INJECTOR & CARB CLEANER**

\* It will take place in parallel to the Alpe Adria European Championship



## Italy

### New beginnings for Novamarine GSM Racing

Novamarine GSM Racing was on the starting line in the first round of the Fanatec GT World Challenge Sprint Cup at Brands Hatch. The weekend events saw the team discover a new championship including two 60-minute races with pit stops and driver changes.

The team finished eighth in race one, and ninth in the second race. Team principal, Andrea Grillini, said: “The debut in this championship has been very demanding but we have responded well to a total change from last year.”

The second round took place at the Circuit of Magny-Cours (France). “We tried to make improvements compared to the previous round, but we are certainly penalized by a Balance of Performance of 85 kg. The weight on board is different for each car manufacturer and for our Lamborghini it seems to make a real difference. We are aware that we are part of a very competitive and high-level championship, and our goal remains to improve our performance every time and to try to earn places in the standings in every race.”

The next round will take place at the Circuit Park Zandvoort in June.

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





From left to right: Lorenzo Langone (PoliTo Unsprung Masses Engineer), Riccardo Pastorino (PoliTo Unsprung Masses Engineer), Enrico Salvatore (PoliTo Team Leader), Luigi Di Tollo (FUCHS Italy)

## Italy

### **FUCHS and Torino Racing Team renew their partnership in 2022**

FUCHS Italy is once again technical partner of the Politecnico di Torino Racing Team. It will support the team composed entirely of students from the prestigious university in 2022.

Automotoretrò and Automotoracing exhibitions were held in Turin last April. These were opportunities for FUCHS and Squadra Corse to present their new season, during which Team PoliTo will be able to make the most of FUCHS experimental lubricants.

Team leader of the Squadra Corse Politecnico di Torino, Enrico Salvatore, said: "We are committed to two projects. Firstly, working on an autonomous vehicle, which will compete for the first time in the Italian Formula Student Championship. And secondly, designing and building an innovative traditionally driven vehicle. The vehicles will run in three races in Italy, Germany, and Croatia. Obviously, these prototypes have very advanced and high-performing technologies, so we must make use of innovative, latest generation products such as those offered by FUCHS. We have already gotten excellent results in the testing phase, and we hope to achieve the same in the race."



Product and Marketing Manager of FUCHS Italy, Luigi Di Tollo, added: "It is a very important partnership for us as it allows us to test and verify the performance of our latest generation of lubricants, especially regarding electric and autonomous driving."

The next races are scheduled in Italy (July 13-17), Germany (August 15-21), and Croatia (August 23-28).





## South Africa

### Wilford Racing sets the pace during the Zwartkops Raceway weekend

The second of the seven rounds of the 2022 Mobil 1 V8 Supercars took place at the Zwartkops Raceway. FUCHS driver Terry Wilford confirmed his position as one of the championship title contenders, setting the fastest lap while taking a podium finish. He races with a Ford Falcon XR8.

Race one saw a cat-and-mouse battle at the front of the field with Wilford retaining his second place thanks to a superb qualifying stage. Finishing the race as runner-up, he also set the day's fastest lap on his way. The reverse-grid second race saw him having to make his way through the field. After battling for third place with Franco di Matteo (Delco Jaguar) throughout the race, he finished fourth.

“We had a solid race weekend, that’s the most important part,” said Wilford. “We showed strong pace and we continue to pick up meaningful points. Of course, we want to be leading the race instead of pursuing the leader, but we are working hard on our car between races as well. We are only two rounds in and so far, things are looking good for us.”

The team has been sponsored by FUCHS South Africa for 25 years.

The next round will take place at the Red Star Raceway.

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

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-140, TITAN SUPERSYN 5W-40**





## South Africa

### Rory Nossiter scores important points at Dezzi Raceway

Rory Nossiter is the owner of Auto Complete, an automotive workshop and diagnostic center, and has been using the entire range of FUCHS products for the past twelve years. He has been sponsored by FUCHS South Africa since 2018.

In April, Rory raced in the first round of the 2022 Historic Tour at Dezzi Raceway on the south coast of KwaZulu-Natal (KZN), his home province. He competed with an Auto Complete Mini. "Despite a horrible start to this race weekend due to misfires during qualifying, I landed third on the starting line. Through the persistent slippery weather, I came away with first in class and second overall for the day with a few new bumps and scratches to the red car. I am already looking forward to the next round, which will take place in a few days."

The FUCHS driver is competing in the eight rounds of the KZN Road Racing Club Historic Series, which take place at the demanding Dezzi Raceway. Usually, between 15 and 25 cars are on the starting line, including Escorts, Capris, Ford Anglias, Renaults, Datsuns, Alfas, and of course Rory's Mini. Spectators enjoy these exciting races, full of suspense.

2022 Historic Tour calendar: May: Zwartkops Raceway; July: Phakisa Freeway; August: Red Star Raceway; September: Zwartkops Raceway; November: Red Star Raceway

2022 KZN Road Racing Club Historic calendar: May, June, July, August, September, November

**FUCHS lubricant: TITAN RACE PRO R**



## Great Britain

### A full house for FUCHS Silkolene at Oulton Park

A fantastic Bennetts British Superbike Championship weekend at Oulton Park saw a clean sweep of eight first places won by FUCHS Silkolene-backed riders.

OMG Racing rider Bradley Ray, Mar-Train Racing rider Jack Kennedy, and Binch Racing rider Max Cook all secured double wins whilst Jackson Racing rider Billy McConnell took the National Superstock race win. The day was then rounded off with FS-3 Racing Kawasaki's Lee Jackson claiming his maiden BSB race win.

"Tears were shed as he's such a popular lad and the Jackson family has been a cornerstone of the BSB paddock for decades. Rory Skinner did another stellar job and was straight round from Parc Ferme to congratulate his teammate, Lee. They both had fantastic weekends and the team scored 96 points out of a possible 150," said team principal Nigel.

FUCHS Silkolene riders dominated the front end of the main BSB races. Not only claiming top spot in all three races but they secured the top four finishes in race one, four of the top five in race two, and three of the top four in race three.





## Great Britain

### North West 200 podium joy for Brookes

MCE Ducati rider Josh Brookes defied the eight-year gap since he was last there to record a superb podium finish in the feature Superbike race at the International NW200.

Aboard the FUCHS Silkolene-sponsored Ducati Panigale V4R, the Australian double BSB champion topped the opening practice session before qualifying in seventh place for Paul Bird Motorsport.

On the 14.3 km Portrush-Portstewart-Coleraine closed-roads triangle in Northern Ireland, Brookes dialed himself back into racing at over 320 km per hour with a battling fourth place in the opening six-lap Anchor Bar Superbike race. But better was to follow in the final event of the day, the seven-lap Merrow Hotel NW200 Superbike race, where Brookes was circulating with

the leaders in the early stages and battling for a win.

However, pushing too hard, he overshot University Corner as the race progressed but fought back to claim a fine third place and add a personal fastest lap time of 198.17 km per hour.

Josh Brookes said: “The pace at the front was red hot but we got quicker and quicker and we can be pleased with our efforts this week.”

**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**



## Great Britain

### Roller Coaster weekend for Power Maxed Racing

The Power Maxed Racing Team arrived at Brands Hatch ready for rounds four, five, and six of the Kwikfit British Touring Car Championship hoping to show the progress made since Donington.

During round four, Ash Hand and Michael Crees were racing each other, switching positions back and forth. Race one finished with Ash eleventh and Michael twelfth.

Round five saw a dramatic start resulting in Hand (#97) coming into contact with the car of Chilton, which meant he had to come straight back to the pits. Crees (#777) got caught in that same incident, through absolutely no fault of his own.

The mechanics immediately started working on both cars to analyze the damage and quickly discovered that the #777 car could not be repaired in time. Attention then focused on car #97 to be able to race in the sixth round.

“To sum up, the weekend was a roller coaster of emotions for the team, however Ash collected his first points in the championship and overall, in race one. It was an exciting weekend, lots was learned and it’s only a few weeks until we all meet again at rounds seven, eight, and nine, which will be held at Thruxton, the fastest track on the calendar,” said the team manager.



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