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Portugal

The Baião Rally team celebrated their 2018 title

Vítor Pascoal and the Baião Rally team won the Portuguese Championship GT Rally for the second consecutive year on board a Porsche 997 GT3. The team has been sponsored by FUCHS Portugal since 2015. // Page 7.

Germany

Triumph for the BLACK FALCON team

Yelmer Buurman, Maro Engel and Luca Stolz, the drivers of the Mercedes-AMG GT3 left their mark on the Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup during the 2018 season, winning various titles for both team and driver. // Page 5.



Benelux

Norma team claimed vice-champion title in the Belcar 2 Championship

After fantastic duels during the whole 2018 season, the drivers of the Norma team were crowned vice-champion of the Belcar 2 Championship and gained 3rd place in the Belcar Endurance Championship. // Page 9.



Great Britain

Globetrotting kart racer Freddie Housley goes from strength to strength

At 8, Freddie's success this year earned him a place on the grid at IAME International Finals (World Championships) at Le Mans in October. As a result of his promising performances at the World Finals, his team principal put together a package for Freddie to race in the Asia Finals held in November in Thailand. Freddie's dad said: "Not only is this another incredible opportunity but Colin Brown, a former karting world champion, will coach Freddie personally during testing in the UK and will also be by his side for the duration of the week in Thailand. It is fair to say that his progress is not going unnoticed and this has all been set up to give him as much support and training as possible leading up to the European assault which starts in February 2019."

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene CHAIN LUBE, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER



Great Britain

Fantastic 2018 season for FUCHS sponsored Bellerby Motorsport

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Paige Bellerby was unable to drive her Lotus Exige at the season finale of the MSA Supernational Rallycross Championship at Silverstone. So, she handed the wheel to her father, 5x British Rallycross champion. Dave Bellerby was excited to step into his daughter's car and proceeded to leave the other drivers standing. Outdistancing higher performance vehicles, he claimed victory easily. Even without points being awarded to Paige from this final round, she was still placed 4th overall.

Meanwhile Paige's sister, Drew Bellerby, in her second season competing in the BMW MINI Championship, finished the year with the two fastest rounds and a pole position at the final at Silverstone giving her a fabulous 4th overall in this championship. After racing had finished Drew said: "There will never be any words to say how overwhelmed I am for the amount of support that Bellerby RX have received in 2018 and on behalf of myself and Paige we would like to send a huge thank you to FUCHS."

Pictured: Drew Bellerby and Sally Travis, FUCHS Marketing Manager

Great Britain

Exciting news from FUCHS Silkolene sponsored cycle team

The Vitus Pro Cycling team, newly launched at the start of 2018, had a great first season. This positive performance has been boosted by the announcement that three-time Olympic gold medalist and six-time world champion, Ed Clancy, will be joining the squad in 2019.

Cherie Pridham, Vitus Pro Cycling team's owner and manager, said she was very pleased to have signed Clancy describing him as a vital asset to the team. "Ed's achievements as a bike rider speak for themselves. You don't win three Olympic gold medals and six rainbow jerseys by chance. He is a world-class athlete and a significant addition to our roster. We know too that Ed's value to the team extends far beyond his unquestioned ability to win races. It's hard to imagine a more inspiring figure for our younger riders: highly successful but friendly, approachable and entirely down-to-earth."

"We eagerly await their 2019 race plans to see him and the team in action," said the FUCHS Marketing Manager Sally Travis.



Great Britain

Thanks to FUCHS!

Ciceley Motorsport declared that 2018 was the best ever season for driver Adam Morgan. Adam celebrated five top 10 finishes in the final three rounds of the BTCC (British Touring Car Championship) plus his first ever pole position resulting in a career best 7th place finish. With Tom Oliphant, in his debut BTCC season, achieving an impressive 22nd place in the Driver Standings, the team were placed 17th overall.

Norman Burgess, Ciceley Motorsport Commercial Director said: "In 2018 not one of our Ciceley Motorsport prepared touring cars suffered a DNF (Did Not Finish) due to mechanical issues. We also have to thank FUCHS LUBRICANTS UK for that. We are more than grateful for their support this season and for giving us such a competitive yet reliable advantage over our competitors!"



Great Britain

Ashleigh Morris crowned 2018 Celtic Speed Scottish Mini Cooper Cup Ladies champion

This Cup is recognized as one of the best single-make racing series in the UK with previous competitors going on to shine on both the UK and European Motorsport scene.

The series finale, held at Knockhill Racing circuit, saw Ashleigh with a very real chance of taking home the Ladies Championship as well as improving her position in the overall standings. In qualifying she set her fastest official time qualified in 7th position and followed this with outstanding placings in the three races.

She managed to win the Ladies Cup in her first year in this class, achieving 10th place overall with a three-point lead over her nearest rival in the Ladies Cup.

After all the excitement a thrilled Ashleigh said: "We cannot thank FUCHS enough. Your support and commitment to our small race team from the North of Scotland has been incredible and we hope that being crowned Ladies champion in our first year of the MINIs shows just how much we appreciate everything you do for us. It's not just our trophy, it's yours as well! We feel like we are in good company and are really proud to be representing you."

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-40



Germany

One victory and two titles for the BLACK FALCON team in Barcelona

By winning the Blancpain GT Series final at the Catalunya circuit, BLACK FALCON also triumphed with 2018 titles for both team and driver in this championship. There was drama when the Mercedes-AMG GT3 driven by Yelmer Buurman, Maro Engel and Luca Stolz was disqualified after the race. But BLACK FALCON appealed and the sports tribunal found in their favour.

The three drivers started the race from pole position then Engel delivered an impressive performance, gaining more than 20 seconds within the first hour. Stolz extended the lead before two safety car periods pushed the field back together again. Shortly before the end, Buurman suddenly found himself in a duel with the runner-up in the championship due to another safety car period. In a five-minute sprint to the finish he won the race and also the team and driver titles.

In the Pro-Am class Saud Al Faisal, Kriton Lendoudis and Rui Aguas started from 11th place

in their class in this 3-hour race. They were already in 6th place at the halfway mark and crossed the finishing line in 5th in their class and 5th overall. They achieved their best result of the season at the 1000-kilometre race at Paul Ricard circuit where they came in 3rd.

For Abdulaziz Al Faisal, Hubert Haupt and Gabriele Piana the season finale didn't go as planned. The drivers had travelled to Barcelona to clinch the title, ahead in the Silver Cup class and securing 2nd place on the starting grid. But a technical failure at the halfway point put an abrupt end to their title hopes, leaving them with 2nd place in the Silver Cup standings after one race victory, one 2nd and two 3rd places.

"The whole team worked hard for this success and was rewarded with the first overall victory in the Blancpain GT Series in the company's history at Barcelona," said the team boss Sean Paul Breslin.



Germany

A hard-won 2nd place at Mettet for Michael Schwall

Just a few weeks after ranking 4th in the Rallye Alsace Bossue in France with Ann-Kathrin Mergen, Michael Schwall took part in the 23rd Rally of Mettet in Belgium. Organized by the Namur Racing Club there were 135 competitors. For this rally, Hanna Ostlender took the co-drivers' seat on board their Citroën C2. "We are very happy to have participated in our first big international race. After the trial stages we surpassed ourselves," said Michael.

From the beginning the team were in great shape, taking 2nd place in class and increasing their gap to the third ranking team. "Just after the finish line on the eighteenth stage, the engine stalled and restarting resulted in a big cloud of smoke." A clutch failure was diagnosed by the mechanics. The Schwall Motorsport team weighed up

possible consequences but they decided not to give up and raced the last four stages without a clutch! Despite this, they passed the chequered flag in 2nd place in their class and 6th overall. "We were overjoyed and very elated. Our service team excelled with a flawless performance in adverse frosty and windy conditions. Thanks to my sponsor FUCHS for the trust they put in me."

Because of the damaged clutch, the Mettet Rallye was the last race of the season for the team. Michael Schwall is drawing up plans for the 2019 season.

FUCHS lubricants: FUCHS TITAN RACE SAE 10W-60, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-90



Portugal

A second triumph for the Baião Rally team

Vítor Pascoal celebrated his second title in a row in the Portuguese Championship GT Rally alongside his 2018 co-driver Ricardo Faria. Their victory reflects the skills and tenacity of both competitors. "We are grateful for all the support FUCHS has given to our team, essential support for winning this new title!"

The Baião Rally team dominated the RallySpirit

The team participated in the 4th edition of RallySpirit an asphalt race with Vítor Pascoal and Martim Azevedo in a Porsche 997 GT3. The duo entered the Show category a competition that did not count towards the final classification of the rally and was only intended to add even more stars to an already star studded one hundred car line up!

Vítor Pascoal did not leave all the work to others and shone out during the three days of the event. "It was very rewarding to take part and do a rally without being under pressure. We enjoy driving the Porsche in these specials, it gives us a chance to impress the public while showing our true goal of winning the Portuguese Championship of Ralis GT. The atmosphere was great and I appreciate every ones' participation in the event. Big thanks to the whole team and to all our partners because everyone played a part in wining this title again."

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60, TITAN GT1 PRO C-3 SAE 5W-30, TITAN GT1 PROFLEX SAE 5W-30, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-140, TITAN Supersyn SAE 5W-30, TITAN SYN MC SAE 10W-40



Portugal

The Eduardo Veiga show at the Rally Spirit Altronix

As usual, Eduardo Veiga and Justino Reis were once again the protagonists of the Rally Spirit Altronix with their popular Ford Escort RS Mk2. Águeda's driver battled the famous François Delecour the first day and finished at the foot of the podium.

The 2018 edition of the Rally Spirit Altronix once again confirmed that this event is the true national rally party. Thousands of spectators watched the show live in Vila Nova de Gaia and Barcelos and

admired well-known drivers at the wheel of iconic cars from the world of rallying. Winner of the Rally Spirit Altronix in 2016, Eduardo Veiga was naturally one of the most popular drivers. Known as 'Skate' by his fans, he finished the first day in 2nd place of the Spirit category, behind the Frenchman François Delecour former star of the World Rally Championship. On Saturday, a less effective tuning of the Escort – whose engine was repaired in England after a crash in August – meant Veiga finished in 4th place after a lively duel with another accomplished driver, Rui Madeira. "It was once again a huge party

for the rally community and thousands of spectators," said Eduardo Veiga. "We started well on Friday but on Saturday the car was not to my liking and caused me to stop in the morning. But it was a pleasure to race to an event that has everything to become a hallmark for drivers and fans. I hope to return in 2019."

The team has been sponsored by FUCHS Portugal since 2017.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60, TITAN RACE SYN 5, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-140



Benelux

Norma Benelux team crowned 2018 vice-champion of the Belcar 2 Championship

The 125 Minutes of the Nascar final, the last round of the Belcar Endurance Championship, took place at the Zolder circuit. The suspense continued from the start right to the end of this race.

The drivers of the Norma team, Marc Goossens, François Boullion and Frédéric Vervisch raced this last round of 2018 in a Norma M20FC. On Saturday, Marc Goossens and François Boullion drove the 3rd in qualifying. Meanwhile their teammate Frédéric Vervisch participated in the VLN race with an Audi R8 GT3 version 2019 for Audi Motorsport on the race track of Nürburgring in Germany. Afterwards he rejoined the team for the race.

On Sunday in front of 38 teams, Marc Goossens started into the ultimate race of the season and reached a 30-second lead on the Norma of Deldiche Racing team, one of his main rivals. At the first pit stop François Boullion took over the wheel then he gave it to Frédéric Vervisch for the third relay.

The team was dominating the race for 1st place right up until the last 12 minutes of the race. They got a penalty of ten seconds during their last pit stop and by the time Frédéric came back to the circuit it was too late. The team finished in 2nd place in class and 2nd place overall. At the end of this last round of the Belcar 2 Championship Norma Benelux team was crowned 2018 vice-champion.

The Belgian Endurance Belcar Championship was won by the Russell Racing team. The Norma Benelux team managed 3rd place on the podium. "We are satisfied with this 3rd place," explained the team manager Vincent Desschans, a FUCHS customer.

2019 calendar: May: DTM (Zolder), June: Superprix Zolder (Zolder), July: 24-Hour Fun Cup (Spa), August: Eleven Sport 24 HoZ (Zolder), October: American Festival Nascar Finale(Zolder) and Finale Race (Assen).

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-90, TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60

Zimbabwe

Durow, Ashwell and Bako victorious in Johannesburg

The last of the seven rounds of the 2018 SA Motocross Championships took place at the Dirt Bronco Raceway Motocross track. Ashell, Durow and Bako, three FUCHS Silkolene team riders were victorious winning a podium in their class.

All the riders of the FUCHS Silkolene team, except Leah Heygate*, started these ultimate races on a wet track in the early heats which dried up nicely for the finals.

In the 125cc class the South African Cameron Durow claimed a 3rd and a 1st place in the two heats with an overall 1st place on the podium. Regan Wasmuth had a tough day at the office but finished 4th overall.

It was a splendid day for Manu Bako. In the 65cc class the young rider won 3rd place in heat 1, 2nd in heat 2 and claimed 2nd overall in the race. In the 85cc Junior class he won the two heats and was victorious overall.

Ash Thixton achieved a hard earned 8th place in the MX2 class. Jayden Ashwell finished the year in style with a 7th in heat 1, a 1st in heat 2 and gained a podium in MX1.

"All our riders did well during this hard-fought 2018 season, we look forward to 2019," said Paul Marais of FUCHS Zimbabwe.

*Unfortunately for Leah Heygate, her injuries from round 6 prevented her from competing. But she will be back for the 2019 championship stronger than ever.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN Supersyn LONGLIFE SAE 5W-40, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-90, TITAN ATF 6000 SL, MAINTAIN DOT 5.1

