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Once again, Redding left his mark in the BSB

Scott Redding of FUCHS Silkolene-sponsored Paul Bird Motorsport confirmed his domination with a pair of victories at Donington Park, gaining his 11th win of the season. // Page 12.



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The Arrow Yamaha Racing team celebrates its 2019 success

Marc Glead and Wiltas Leeuwner of the Arrow Yamaha Racing team won the 2018/2019 South African National Thundercat title in the premier modified class with their FUCHS inflatable boat. // Page 10.

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Standing ovation for Alessandro Gabrielli

Partnered with FUCHS for the second year in a row, Alessandro Gabrielli gave his all in the 2019 Italian Mountain Speed Championship, winning the title in the E2SH group just one race before the end of the season. // Page 7.





France

FUCHS' audacious female drivers

The Cap Fémina Aventure Rally is a female-only rally that takes place in Morocco. It is organized by the Maïenga agency, which also handles the Aïcha des Gazelles Rally. Since its creation in 2011, 850 women from France, Canada, Belgium, Switzerland and Morocco have taken part in the 6-stage challenge. Winning this race over slopes and sandy dunes isn't a question of speed but of strategy and achieving the ideal mileage at checkpoints.

For 12 days, two of them without backup, motivated women aged between 18 and 70, sporting or not, drive through the desert equipped with only a roadbook and a compass. For this 9th edition, 160 women competed with quads, trucks, or 4x4s.

The French team of Delphine Verriez (48) and Véronique Le Gall Barbier (42) is sponsored by FUCHS through its Barbier car dealership. It is their first participation in this event. They will travel 5,000 km through France, Spain and Morocco. Alongside the rally, they have two special solidarity missions for

children to carry out. In France, they will collect childcare material and school supplies that they will carry to Africa and give to the Restos Bébés du Cœur (Babies Heart Restaurant). Once they are on African soil, they will repaint a school in the south of Morocco.

The originality of the Cap Fémina Aventure Rally and its main strength is this chance to meet Moroccan women and find out about their jobs and their way of life.

"We are all women, mothers and businesswomen. Our life is punctuated by work and family. This experience is a way to discover something else, to measure our abilities, our limits and to learn how to surpass ourselves," said Delphine and Véronique. For the first time, they will leave their opticians practice to take part in this sporting adventure.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN GT1 FLEX23 SAE 5W-30, TITAN SINTOPOID SAE 75W-90, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN 50



France

Alexandre Giroud pits himself against the experts of the Morocco Rally

A FUCHS Silkolene partner like his father, Alexandre Giroud takes up a new challenge in the 2019 Morocco Rally with a quad Yamaha Raptor YFZ 700. The quad has been prepared by the SMX Racing team and Alexandre will be assisted in the Moto/Quad class of this competition by the Dragon-Yamaha team.

The rally-raid counts toward the FIA World Rally Championship and, as usual, many renowned racers will take part in the event – the ultimate training before the Dakar Rally. The 2019 edition gathered 149 competitors, who will cover 1553 miles over five stages. They will race on a wide range of terrain composed of technical rocky sections and sandy dunes, but they will also have to tackle navigational challenges. “In 2019, with 79 motorbikes and 70 cars and trucks starting the rally, we have increased the number of vehicles since last year,” said David Castera, organizer of the Morocco Rally since 2018 and new boss of the Dakar Rally.

Innovations will be tested for the 2020 Dakar Rally, in particular, a stage called the ‘super-marathon’.

“For 48 hours, the mechanics cannot intervene with the vehicles. The competitors will have only ten minutes to manage any mechanical issues themselves and cannot change the tires.”

This rally brings together renowned racers such as Al Attiyah, Baumel, and also Stéphane Peterhansel, Fernando Alonso, Carlos Sainz, and Giniel de Villiers.

After gaining 4th place in the 2019 Dakar, Alexandre Giroud hopes to get a good rank in this rally as well as to test his quad and improve his performance.

“Even though I have raced in three Dakar Rallies, I still need to work to gain experience and boost the performance of my quad to compete against rivals like Ignacio Casale and Rafal Sonik.”

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene Quad ATV 10W-40, Silkolene CHAIN LUBE, Silkolene WASH-OFF, Silkolene PRO WASH, Silkolene FOAM FILTER OIL



Austria

The Salzburgering circuit celebrates 50 years

The Salzburgering circuit held its first automobile and motorcycle race in 1969. Since then, the popular asphalt circuit has hosted generations of racers and millions of fans. Many major sporting events have taken place on this 4255-meter circuit, situated between hills and forests. The first important race was the Grand Prix of Austria for bikes, followed by the Motorcycle World Cup, Superbike World Cup, DTM, V8 Star and Touring Car World Championship. Legendary racers like Jochen Rindt, Niki Lauda, and later on renowned riders such as Freddie Spencer, Kevin Schwantz and Mick Doohan raced on the track. FUCHS Austria is proud to have been one of the main partners of the Salzburgering circuit for 20 years.

Today the circuit attracts many visitors with events like

the Porsche Sprint Challenge, the Gaisberg Race and the ADAC Classic.

To celebrate its 50th anniversary, Managing Director of the track Ernst Penninger welcomed the Histo Cup in September. This cup is composed of eight historic car races. The spectators also enjoyed the parade of 40 historic motorcycles. FUCHS Application Engineer Markus Kollenz rode on a Yamaha TZ 250 while Franky Zorn, the faithful FUCHS ice speedway rider, came with a Yamaha RD 350.

These races and demonstrations attracted around 8,000 spectators. As the main sponsor of the circuit, FUCHS Austria welcomed its customers and partner riders to the FUCHS booth.



Germany

BLACK FALCON takes vice-championship title in the Blancpain GT Series

After an eventful weekend at the Catalan circuit in Barcelona (Spain), BLACK FALCON drivers Maro Engel and Luca Stolz finished runners-up in the Blancpain GT Series in the driver class and in the team standings.

In the season finale of the endurance cup, Engel, Stolz and Burman in the Mercedes-AMG GT3 #4 fought a thrilling duel for the day's victory and the championship against the Lamborghini of the FFF Racing team #563. But three minutes before the end of the race, a collision with an Audi put an end to the BLACK FALCON drivers' title hopes.

The team of the Mercedes-AMG GT3 #6, Patrick Assenheimer, David Fumanelli and Hubert Haupt, took 2nd place in the Silver Cup class and thus 4th place in the fifth race. In addition, the trio delivered a strong performance, finishing in 7th place overall. With this result, Assenheimer and Haupt secured 2nd place in the Silver Cup Championship of the Endurance Cup.

Team Principal Sean Paul Breslin said: "Our goal was to win the championship in Barcelona and to defend 2nd place in the Silver Cup. The team gave everything to achieve these goals, but unfortunately, it didn't work out with the title for #4. Nevertheless, we are very proud of our successes this year and it was a pleasure to work with the great people who are BLACK FALCON. It is an excellent result: 2nd in the Sprint Cup, 2nd in the overall standings, 3rd in the Endurance Cup and 2nd in the Silver Cup."





Germany

BLACK FALCON delivers strong team performance at the VLN8

The BLACK FALCON team celebrated an overall podium, two class victories, several podium places and two championship titles in the penultimate race of the endurance championship at the Nürburgring circuit.

The BLACK FALCON Team AutoArena Mercedes-AMG GT3 #6 fought for the win for a long time, circumstances forced them to 4th place until the runner-up's exclusion saw them back in 3rd. The Mercedes-AMG GT3 #54 developed for the 2020 season was also successful. Despite several handicaps due to first race regulations, the team advanced to 8th place in the overall standings and won the SPX class.

The BLACK FALCON Team IDENTICA Mercedes-AMG GT4 #162, which is fighting for the championship in the SP10 class, was involved in a starting accident through no fault of its own. The mechanics rapidly fixed the damage during the race interruption, allowing the drivers to battle their way to 2nd place and have the championship at VLN9 within their grasp.

For the BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR, Peter Ludwig, double starter Manuel Metzger and "Takis", started for the first time with the redesigned Porsche 991 GT3 Cup MR2 #57. The trio won the SP7 class. The drivers of the Porsche 991 Carrera #395 took another podium place for the BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR. They crossed the finish line as runners-up in the V6 class and, after a great season, secured the championship title early. In their sister car, the Porsche 991 Carrera #394, Uwe Lebens and Michael Lindmayer finished in 5th.

BLACK FALCON Team Knuffi celebrated a podium finish in the SP8T class with the Mercedes-AMG GT4 #155. Mustafa Mehmet Kaya, Stephan Rösler and Gabriele Piana were leading for a long time with the AMG GT4 #152, but an incident cost them a few minutes and they finished 5th. Despite this, regular Knuffi driver Kaya is ahead and unbeatable in the SP8T class and can be proud of his early win in the SP8T championship.





Italy

Alessandro Gabrielli reigns at the 2019 Italian Mountain Speed Championship

It is no fluke that driver Alessandro Gabrielli once again crossed the finish line in 1st place in the E2SH group in the penultimate race of the 2019 Italian Mountain Speed Championship. Throughout the season, the Ascoli driver in his FUCHS Alfa Roméo 4C Picchio Turbo never stopped asserting himself as the championship leader, with his success during the 65th Coppa Nissena confirming his talent. During this competition organized by the Automobile Club Caltanissetta – the second Sicilian round and the penultimate stage of the championship – it became clear that he will win the 2019 Italian Mountain Speed Championship title in the E2SH group.

The last race of the 2019 Mountain Speed Championship will take place in Pedavena – Croce d’Aune. The Ascoli Automobile Club Sporting Group’s driver has already won the title, but he will try to surpass himself to collect the last victory of the season.

FUCHS lubricant: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60



Italy

Collection of titles for Sergio Farris

The Sardinian driver Sergio Farris has held the FUCHS colors high in the 2019 Italian Speed Mountain Trophy (TIVM) as well as in the 2019 Italian Mountain Speed Championship (CIVM), thanks to a season characterized by great competitive spirit and determination, despite many difficulties.

After winning 3rd place in his home race at the Alghero – Scala Piccada in the CIVM, he won the Italian vice-champion title in the E2SC 2000 class. His rivals stand no chance at catching him in the 37th Pedavena – Croce d'Aune, the final race of the season.

In the TIVM, Farris competed against 239 drivers in the 42nd Cividale – Castelmonte (Udine). This race

also counts toward the Italian Mountain Speed Trophy as well as the Austrian and Slovenian championships. The Speed Motor Team's driver at the helm of the Osella PA2000 Honda EVO prototype took 3rd place in the combined classification. This result means he classifies as Italian vice-champion in the TIVM, winning the E2SC two races before the end of the season.

The last two races of the championship will be the Pedavena – Croce d'Aune and La Iglesias – Sant'Angelo.

FUCHS lubricant: TITAN GT1 EVO SAE 0W-20





Hungary

The HTS KTM team celebrates its 10th individual title

Just weeks after triumphing with the Czech MX1 Motocross title, Bence Szvoboda won the 2019 Hungarian Championship. Sponsored by FUCHS for the first time, the HTS KTM team proudly celebrated its 10th individual title, making it one of the best domestic teams.

At the Kiskunlacháza circuit, the hunt for individual points ended at the 2019 National Gold Fren during the Moto Complete Motocross Championship. Bence Szvoboda started the final round 20 points ahead of his teammate Erik Hügyecz, after three combined wins and a 2nd place in the previous four rounds. They battled hard in both races. Hügyecz won the first one with Szvoboda finishing 2nd. In the second race, Szvoboda fell at the start and was forced to restart behind the other riders.

Even though he managed to reduce the gap between himself and his teammate in the final laps, he still finished 2nd. However, his good results and victories throughout the season helped him claim the 2019 title.

“These won’t be the last successes of the season because the HTS KTM team wants to win the Team Motocross Championship title for the seventh time.” The results will be reported in the November edition of FUCHS MSN.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 10W-50 XP, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene WASH-OFF, Silkolene PRO PREP, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER





South Africa

Arrow Yamaha Racing team crowned 2018/2019 champion

After finishing in 2nd position in the 2017/2018 South African Championship, Marc Gleed and Wiltas Leeuwner were determined to win the 2018/2019 title and qualify for the 2020 World Championships.

Thanks to the huge effort by the entire race team and sponsors alike throughout the last two seasons, the Arrow Yamaha Racing team was crowned 2018/2019 South African National Thundercat champion in the modified class. The final round of the championship took place in big surf conditions at Mykonos, Langebaan.

Marc Gleed said: "This victory has by no means been an easy achievement, with stiff competition in all five of the national championship rounds held across South Africa. Consistent podium results, as well as the premium brands and products used by our team, all contributed toward this success. In addition to this victory with my co-driver Wiltas Leeuwner, I have been nominated to the national team to represent South Africa in the coming World Championships, which will take place in March 2020 in Stilbaai, South Africa. I am proud of the fact that once my national colors have been awarded, I will have earned my national and provincial colors for both Thundercat Racing and motorsport, which has been a long-time goal of mine."

The team is now focusing on the coming Trans Agulhas Challenge and the 2020 World Championships. Marc Gleed is determined to continue his current form by focusing on victory in both of these prestigious events. "FUCHS LUBRICANTS' association with our race team over the last few years has been instrumental in our success and we are extremely proud of our partnership with this brand and strive to promote and represent it in an extremely professional and effective way."



South Africa

The HUD Racing team rubs shoulders with world champions

The HUD Racing team sponsored by FUCHS LUBRICANTS South Africa competed in a truly unforgettable race weekend at the Lichtenburg 400 held in the North West province.

The South African Cross-Country Series was honored to host former F1 champion Fernando Alonso and multiple Dakar Rally motorcycle winner Marc Coma. As part of their training for the 2020 Dakar, they tackled their first-ever cross-country race. It was a privilege for the HUD Racing team's David Huddy and Gerhard Schutte, the S class champions, to meet Fernando Alonso and Marc Coma.

Despite racing for the first time, Alonso and Coma completed this 34-mile course in the Toyota Gazoo Racing Hilux and posted the 3rd fastest time (37 min 24 sec) overall from their starting position of 10th.

Commenting on his experience, Alonso said: "The race was well organized and professional. I definitely learned a lot and I am looking forward to returning to South Africa soon to participate again."

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60, TITAN ATF 6000 SL, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-140, TITAN FRICOLIN S





Great Britain

Double win for Redding and double podium for Brookes at Donington Park

Fresh from his double victory at Assen, FUCHS Silkolene-sponsored PBM rider Scott Redding picked up where he left off with another pair of victories at the penultimate round of the British Superbike Championship at Donington Park.

Redding romped to his 10th win of the season in the opening encounter before claiming win number eleven, making him unbeaten in the title-deciding showdown and leading the series by 28 points going into the final round.

Teammate and title rival Josh Brookes, who is currently 2nd in the standings, maintained his title challenge with 3rd place in race 1 followed by 2nd place in race 2. With a great double podium, he is determined to pull out all the stops in the final round and triple header at Brands Hatch.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO R SAE 0W-20, Silkolene TITANIUM DRY LUBE Spray, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE Spray, Silkolene CONTACT CLEANER Spray, Silkolene SILKOPEN Spray, Silkolene WASH-OFF, Silkolene PRO PREP Spray





Great Britain

Strong 4th for the FS-3 Racing team at Donington Park

FUCHS Silkolene-backed BSB showdown contender Danny Buchan and the FS-3 Racing team struggled with a different setup in race 1 and only managed to scrape 10th place.

For race 2, the team made some significant changes to the bike. Starting from 11th on the grid, they made some moves early on and got comfortably up to 4th. The team put in a much-improved performance following the technical difficulties in the opener, finishing in 4th overall.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO R SAE 0W-20, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE Spray, Silkolene PRO RG2 GREASE, Silkolene PRO RACE BRAKE FLUID, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene WASH-OFF, Silkolene CONTACT CLEANER, Silkolene TITANIUM DRY LUBE



Great Britain

4th for Hickman and points for Olsen at Donington Park

The FUCHS Silkolene-backed Smiths Racing BMW team enjoyed a strong weekend at Donington Park with both Peter Hickman and Alex Olsen scoring finishing points in round 11 of the British Superbike Championship.

Although he briefly dropped back to 7th in race 1, Lincolnshire's Hickman quickly regrouped and moved back up to 5th as he battled with Christian Iddon and Josh Brookes for 3rd place and the final podium position. With just five laps to go, Iddon dropped back allowing Hickman to take a strong 4th place.

Both riders had better starting positions for race 2 with Peter in 5th and Alex in 14th. Lap 13 proved to be unlucky for Peter however, with a broken chain bringing his race to an abrupt end just as another strong finish looked to be on the cards. Alex had a good race and eventually took the checkered flag in 13th place for his second points-scoring finish since joining the team in round 9.



Great Britain

The Ciceley Motorsport team closes its BTCC season at Brands Hatch

The British Touring Car Championship season came to an end for FUCHS-sponsored Ciceley Motorsport at Brands Hatch, with lead driver Adam Morgan securing 12th in the championship (5th in the independent standings) following a top-ten finish in his final race. Teammate and championship debutant Dan Rowbottom claimed 30th overall following some hard-fought races.

Ciceley Motorsport Commercial Director Norman Burgess said: “Unfortunately, a few engineering issues made for a tricky start to both Adam Morgan’s and Dan Rowbottom’s 2019 British Touring Car Championship assault, in their FUCHS LUBRICANTS-backed NGTC Mercedes-Benz A-class race cars. However, as usual over the last seven years, the one thing that didn’t let us down were our FUCHS products. Ciceley Motorsport is the most reliable team in NGTC Touring Car history and the only engine change required this year was after Adam’s crash at Donington Park. FUCHS continues to constantly monitor its products and FUCHS’ entire range, from gearbox oil to maintenance sprays, allows us to compete at the very highest level of motorsport.”





Picture: Classic Mini Challenge champion Rick Ford

Great Britain

FUCHS LUBRICANTS Classic Mini Challenge

The FUCHS LUBRICANTS Classic Mini Challenge was in South Wales for the 2019 Final round, the Patriot Stages: 61 miles of action over six stages. This rally was based at the Caerwent Military Training Area.

2019 champion Rick Ford was forced to withdraw from the rally at the last minute, so runner-up Jim Brindle (with co-driver James Squires) led the way in the Classic Mini class.

The weather was changeable and wet, but toward the end of the day the sun came out and the last two stages were relatively dry. It was here that Brindle and Squires consolidated their lead in the class, with Steve Robinson and Heidi Woodcock chasing hard to make up for time lost after a cautious start. Their efforts came to naught, however, as Robinson overshot a corner, allowing Martin Melling and Lewis Griffiths to consolidate 2nd place.

Great Britain

Kirsty Widdrington

FUCHS LUBRICANTS UK has been pleased to sponsor female driver Kirsty Widdrington in 2019. Kirsty has competed in her car 'Syril the Silvia' in various championships and events over the season, including the British Drift Championship Pro-Am, TRAX and the elite Iron Drift King event in Germany.





Great Britain

Marcus Hudson – NKF Super 4 250 British Championship round 6

Very mixed weather (sunshine and showers) were the order of the day for round 6 of the British Championship at Fulbeck in Lincolnshire. FUCHS Silkolene-sponsored kart racer Marcus Hudson was pleased with his performance in the heats, achieving 6th, 4th and 2nd place and earning him a great 2nd position on the grid for the Final.

With light and heavy intermittent rain, the choice of wet or slick tires for the Final was crucial. Hudson opted for slicks so after four laps when the rain fell, he could not get the traction he needed and was shunted from behind, sending him off the circuit. Re-joining in 9th position, angry but determined, he battled away in the final laps to improve his position, finishing the Final in 7th place.

Marcus said: "We had a brilliant race in heat 3 going from 13th on the grid to a 2nd-place podium finish. I felt confident in the kart all weekend, which was great. Because of a poor round 5 at Rissington, we were sitting 9th in the championship standings going into the final round. Thanks to great results in the heats and Final, we jumped up the standings to finish 6th in the 2019 championship, our best finish in three seasons."

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 2, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE Spray, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene CONTACT CLEANER, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene PRO PREP, Silkolene WASH-OFF