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Japan

Big hopes for a successful season finish

The two drivers of the GOODSMILE RACING & TeamUKYO Team, Nobuteru Taniguchi and Tatsuya Kataoka, delivered an impressive race in the fourth round of the 2021 AUTOBACS SUPER GT and won their first third place of the season. // Page 5.

South Africa

Michael Louw: on a good route to win the title

One of the most charismatic riders of the South African Short Circuit Series, Michael Louw, dominated the championship against tough rivals this season. The FUCHS rider has won the title three-time in four years. He is actually in an excellent position to triumph with fourth championship title in the last race of the season. // Page 14.



Great Britain

Iddon has his eyes set on the 2021 BSB title

Vision Track Ducati rider Christian Iddon successfully secured a triple podium before the last round of the Bennetts British Superbike Championship and will play a deciding card for the 2021 title in the final round. // Page 10.



Germany

BLACK FALCON and IDENTICA back in GT3 racing

BLACK FALCON returned to the top SP9 class for the first time since 2019 with a Porsche 911 GT3 R for rounds eight and nine of the 2021 Nürburgring Endurance Series (NLS). This marked the highlight of BLACK FALCON and IDENTICA's collaboration so far.

Since the start of their partnership in 2018, BLACK FALCON and IDENTICA have been supporting promising young drivers as part of the NLS and the Nürburgring 24H. The aim of the program is to optimally prepare young talents for the challenges of professional motorsport. A Mercedes-AMG GT4 was initially used as part of the multi-year training program. In 2018, the IDENTICA drivers drove to the vice champion title, followed next year by the championship title in the SP10 class. In 2020, they switched to the more powerful Porsche 911 GT3 Cup MR in the SP-PRO class. With this car, the drivers have the opportunity to prepare themselves for the aerodynamics and cornering speeds of a GT3 vehicle on a comparatively moderate budget.

Former BLACK FALCON Team IDENTICA driver, Tobias Müller, recently proved that this strategy works. After winning the SP10 title in 2019, he continued to

perform strongly in 2020 with the IDENTICA Porsche 991 GT3 Cup MR. Since 2021, he has been signed up by various teams for professional races with GT3 cars and impressed from the very first race thanks to the optimal preparation of BLACK FALCON Team IDENTICA.

In a continuous improvement program, BLACK FALCON and IDENTICA now enable their young drivers, such as Noah Nagelsdiek, Florian Naumann, and Hendrik von Danwitz to compete with their BLACK FALCON-owned GT3 car. They are thus given the opportunity to evolve towards more challenging races.





Germany

A satisfying finish to BLACK FALCON's 2021 endurance season

In the final round of the Nürburgring Endurance Series (NLS), BLACK FALCON achieved its best team result of the season in the overall standings. After three hours and 15 minutes of racing, three of its four cars crossed the finish line in sixth, tenth, and eleventh position overall, thus ensuring a successful end to the season.

The Porsche 911 GT3 R of the BLACK FALCON Team IDENTICA had a gearshift problem and had to restart with a seven-minute gap behind the leaders. Thanks to a flawless performance, Noah Nagelsdiek, Carlos Rivas, and Hendrik von Danwitz fought their way back, gaining 100 positions in just 22 laps. They finished eighth overall but classed eleventh due to a time penalty for a late start.

BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR secured its best

overall result since 2019 with the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup MR SP-PRO. Paul Harkema and Manuel Metzger crossed the finish line sixth overall and as the best non-GT3 car. Unfortunately, their teammates Alexander Akimenkov, Martin Meenen, and Vasilii Selivanov crashed the Porsche Cayman GT4.

The first outing of the BLACK FALCON Porsche 992 GT3 Cup allowed the team to collect a lot of important data and Mustafa Mehmet Kaya, Maik Rosenberg, and Mike Stursberg finished tenth overall.

Head of Motorsport BLACK FALCON, Timo Frings, said: "Once again, we celebrate many class victories. We were particularly pleased that our partners and fans have returned to the circuit. We already have exciting plans for the coming season, which we'll carry out in the near future."



Germany

A hectic race at the Le Mans Cup in Spa-Francorchamps

BLACK FALCON achieved eleventh place overall and its best result of 2021 with the Ligier JS P320 in the fifth round of the Michelin Le Mans Cup at the Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps (Belgium). Donar Munding and Maik Rosenberg shared the cockpit of the LMP3 car – meticulously prepared by BLACK FALCON – in the “Ardennes roller coaster”, which featured a strong field of 29 cars.

Maik Rosenberg was 15th on the starting line of the two-hour race. Over his stint, he impressed with consistently fast lap times and moved up to a provisional twelfth place. Shortly before the midpoint of the race, the experienced driver handed over the wheel to Donar Munding. Immediately after the pit stop, the rear of his car was hit by a competitor, sending it into a high-speed spin. Munding quickly took back control of the vehicle, made a 360-degree turn, and was able to continue his race unharmed. Despite the incident, Munding crossed the finish line eighth overall but was subsequently given a time penalty for falling short of the minimum standing time during the pit stop. He ultimately took eleventh place overall.

Head of Motorsport BLACK FALCON, Timo Frings, said: “Big praise to our drivers. They were very strong and once again proved their capabilities. We are already looking forward to the finale in Portimao.”





Japan

First podium finish at the Suzuka Circuit

The FUJIMAKI GROUP SUZUKA GT 300km RACE, the fourth round of the 2021 AUTOBACS SUPER GT, welcomed 45 drivers in GT300 and GT500 classes. All were excited to start the most spectacular race of the season.

FUCHS local distributor Abe Shokai Ltd and FUCHS Japan have sponsored the GOODSMILE RACING & TeamUKYO Team for five years. Team Manager, Ukyo Katayama – a famous former F1 driver –, and Team Owner, Takanori Aki, manage two renowned drivers, Nobuteru Taniguchi and Tatsuya Kataoka.

After 52 eventful laps, the FUCHS drivers celebrated third place – their first podium and best position of 2021. This result moved them up to ninth overall, just 14 points behind the leaders.

In the very first laps, Kataoka tried to improve on the sixth position he had gained in qualifying sessions, but encountered some difficulty. The top four cars gradually pulled away from the rest of the field while the FUCHS car was blocked by the JLOC Team's driver (#88). Six laps later, the top car in the GT500 class crashed in the chicane, bringing the race to a stop. At the re-start, Kataoka was still chasing behind car #88 until its driver was able to lap at the same pace as the top group. On lap 20, Kataoka went into the pit to swap drivers, refuel, and change two tires. Teammate Taniguchi took over in 19th place but rapidly took fourth position. Around the 35th lap, it started raining and while

the other cars slowed down, the FUCHS driver took his chance and continued to run at the same pace, closing the gap with his main rival. On the slippery circuit, his competitor spun off on lap 42. This allowed the team to move up to third and win a podium position.

"In a few weeks, we are heading to the legendary Sportsland SUGO Circuit for the first time in two years, and we hope to make further progress on this track. Later this season, we'll race at the Autopolis Circuit," explained Ukyo Katayama.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN Supersyn LONGLIFE 0W-40, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-90, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN V



Italy

New driver in Novamarine GSM Racing

23-year-old Kikko Galbiati joined the FUCHS Team of the Lamborghini Huracán Super Trofeo Europe at the Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli. The talented Italian driver will race the sixth and final round of the trophy as well as the World Final against 30 other teams. He will share the Lamborghini 620 hp V10 with Kevin Rossel replacing Jonathan Ceccotto, who was called up by the Lamborghini Squadra Corse. This decision will avoid penalties for the team as happened in the last race at the Nürburgring circuit.

Galbiati has great ambitions of success. Since 2016, the young driver from Brescia has been a strong contender in the Lamborghini Huracán Trofeo and has collected a large number of podiums.

“Kikko is a very strong driver, and I’m really happy that he has decided to join us for the last races of the Super Trofeo,” said Team Principal, Andrea Grillini. “He is a young but very experienced driver and above all, he is fast.”

Their teammates, Danish Nicolai Sylvest and Italian Francesco Guerra, will also race in the Pro Cup class.



The two 50-minute races of the final round of the Super Trofeo Europe will start just before the World Final.

Races are always streamed live on the Lamborghini Squadra Corse YouTube channel.

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



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Hungary

Podium position for Norbert Zsigovits in the Austrian championship

The fourth and last round of the Austrian Enduro Öm Junior Championship took place in Althofen. 22-year-old Hungarian rider Norbert Zsigovits was on the starting line in the Junior class with a KTM 2-stroke. Throughout the day, Norbert relentlessly battled with and overtook 13 competitive riders from seven different nations to eventually win first place overall.

At the end of the season, Norbert secured third place overall in his class thanks to three victories and one eleventh place.

"I finished the Austrian championship third, which I'm not satisfied with, because that's not the result I was fighting for. I would like to race in Austria again next year and fight for the Senior title," said Norbert of the Enduro Team Hungary.

Norbert Zsigovits started racing when he was five years old. He is a four-time Hungarian champion.

The enduro and cross-country rider also competes in the Borilli FIM EnduroGP World Championship in the Open4s class. Turn to page eight for the full story.



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Norbert Zsigovits



Márk Szőke

Hungary

Norbert Zsigovits crowned vice-champion in the 2021 title

The Enduro Team Hungary fields two riders in the Borilli FIM EnduroGP World Championship and the last two rounds of the season were decisive for Norbert Zsigovits in the Open4s class and Márk Szőke in Open2s.

The penultimate round took place in Portugal. Norbert Zsigovits and Márk Szőke took part in fast-paced tests, overcoming rocky and sandy sections, and other solid ground. Norbert won two third places in this difficult round. With provisional second place in his class, he was three points ahead of the third-placed rider, so the French round was crucial for him. Teammate Márk Szőke crossed the finish line with two second places in his class for his return to the event, completing a period of rehabilitation after injury.

“We had a weekend of racing on sandy tracks, which didn’t play in my favor as I haven’t raced on this kind of ground recently, and it showed in the result. I was able to get quite good times on the extreme test, but I couldn’t find the rhythm on the cross and enduro tests. I tried all kinds of techniques, but I couldn’t get the result I wanted. Still, I was determined to win a podium in the ranking of the championship 2021,” said Norbert.

The all-important sixth and final round of the world championship took place in France. Norbert Zsigovits delivered two impressively strong rides on the French circuit. He won first and second place and successfully secured the vice-champion EnduroGP title 2021. A great result for the FUCHS rider, considering that he did not participate in the first of the six rounds of the season. This vice-champion title is a historic result for Hungarian Motorsport and FUCHS Hungary.



Márk Szőke finished sixth and fifth in the last round and secured sixth place overall in the championship.

“This was a great debut for our team in the world championship. Everyone showed what we are capable of. Unfortunately, we had some troubles, such as Márk’s injury. If he had had the opportunity to race throughout the whole season, he could have secured the best results. However, I’m really proud of all of them and we’re now preparing for next year,” said Ádám Hadobás, Team Leader of Enduro Team Hungary.

Norbert Zsigovits: Italy: two third places; Estonia: two second places; Sweden: first and fifth place; Portugal: two third places; France: first and second place

Márk Szőke: Italy: two fourth places; Portugal: two second places; France: sixth and fifth place



Hungary

On the way to national podium positions

Biridopping Rally Team drivers Lajos Biránti/Gábor Böröczky (VW Golf 1 Turbo) and Dániel Biránti/Imre Borbács (VW Golf 2 Gti) took part in the fourth round of the Écs Championship.

“During preparation, both cars got the necessary FUCHS oil changes and new brakes as well as all the set-up verifications to compete in the best condition possible. For the first time this year, there was a gravel section on the track, which we were really looking forward to. All the drivers liked the new circuit layout, although one section was particularly fast,” said Dániel Biránti.

After the first fast lap, Biránti/Böröczky had a slip and fell behind by two minutes going into the gravel stage, a difficult time to make up considering the very fast racing pace. The duo had a good second

lap but just before starting the third one, their engine crankcase cracked and started leaking oil.

Teammates Biránti/Borbács managed to hold onto fourth position overall, which is strategic for the end of the championship. They had some setbacks on the fast second lap, when the wrist of the half-axle was fractured. Luckily, it was quickly repaired and they were still able to finish first in their class, second in the FWD Cup, and fourth overall.

“This fourth place overall was very important because the championship ranking is still very much open. The final round will decide the champion and we believe we have a very good chance as the best four out of five races will be counted. We’re looking forward to this battle, which will surely be difficult but which we have put much effort into preparing for,” added Dániel Biránti.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S 10W-60, TITAN RACE PRO S 10W-50, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN





Great Britain

Iddon heads for the title decider at Brands Hatch

The final round of the 2021 Bennetts British Superbike Championship will take place at Brands Hatch with VisionTrack Ducati rider Christian Iddon still very much in with a chance for the title.

After a brilliant triple podium performance in the previous race at Donington Park, Iddon has moved to within 15 points of the leader, Tarran Mackenzie, to arrive at the final round as one of four riders realistically in contention.

Iddon also won at Brands Hatch earlier in the year, so he is feeling confident ahead of the triple-race finale. If he wins, it will be a third straight Bennetts BSB crown for Paul Bird Motorsport Team after the successes of Scott Redding in 2019 and Josh Brookes last year.

Iddon, who in his debut season for PBM finished third last year, has scored a podium in each of the past three rounds. There is no doubt that he is one of the form riders coming into the season finale, where 75 points are up for grabs over the last three races.



Teammate Josh Brookes will be handing over the crown he won last year, as he will not retain it after a disappointing year. He will be aiming to end the season in style as he celebrates his 300th start in BSB on the track, where he has enjoyed much success in the past, including winning 19 races at the Kent track over the years.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS 10W-50, Silkolene PRO 4 0W-20, Silkolene PRO CHAIN



Great Britain

Double podium for Affinity at Donington Park

The penultimate round of the British Junior Supersport Championship was a short trip back to Donington Park for the Affinity Team.

The British weather, as always, played a major part in proceedings. After a difficult qualifying session, Kam Dixon lined up third on the grid in race one, James McManus ninth, Mikey Hardie tenth, and Joe Farragher eleventh.

The first race could best be described as a bit of a nightmare. Treacherous conditions saw around a third of the field out of the race as everyone fought to stay on their bikes. Mikey went out in lap four then James finished sixth. Joe and Kam ploughed on respectively finishing eleventh and third, winning another podium. A great result, especially given the state of the track.

Race two took place once again in hideous weather conditions. An unfortunate first-lap spill for Joe meant a disappointing end to a very long day. Mikey battled through and secured 21st after having to start from the back of the grid due to his “did not finish” in race one, a brilliant and hard-fought finish from this young rider.

Kam and James continued to fight for the podium positions in the leading group, with the usual six or so riders all chopping and changing positions as they entered the final couple of laps. Kam secured fifth and James earned a well-deserved podium place, finishing third. A really brave ride from all the riders in what was an extremely difficult weekend.

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



Great Britain

Epic battles in the FUCHS LUBRICANTS British Historic Rally Championship

The Trackrod Rally in Yorkshire was the third round of the FUCHS LUBRICANTS British Historic Rally Championship and has been the stage for many famous races. 180 teams participated in this internationally renowned rally, with many hoping for podium positions. FUCHS UK has been the title sponsor of this legendary rally since 2018 – a partnership which strengthened the links between FUCHS and the promoter, Roger Albert Clark Rally Motor Club.

Nick Elliott and co-driver Dave Price were embroiled in a battle all weekend long against Matthew Robinson and Sam Collis, only

for Robinson to suffer rally-ending damage, handing Elliott his second win once again. This victory put him at the forefront of the 2021 title chase. "It's been an extremely hard-fought rally win this time," said Elliott.

The two-day event kicked off with the traditional blast through the iconic Dalby Forest. The night-time test is often regarded as a key stage in the event's schedule.

Ben Friend and Cliffy Simmons, with two winning places and the second place overall, are still serious contenders for the 2021 title.

In category 1 (cars up to 1968), Bob Bean and co-driver Colin Thompson secured two wins from two starts, manhandling their Ford Lotus Cortina to victory in the rapid Yorkshire forests. Chris Browne and Ali Cornwell-Browne were making their first BHRC outing of 2021 with great effect, taking the category 2 (cars between 1968-1975) victory with their Ford Escort Mk1.

The last rally of the championship will take place in Carlisle in a few weeks.



Great Britain

Strong weekend sees PMR continue podium run at Donington Park

FUCHS LUBRICANTS-sponsored Power Maxed Racing headed to Donington Park for rounds 25, 26, and 27 of the British Touring Car Championship. Following two podium finishes for Dan Lloyd in the previous rounds at Silverstone, the team was in positive spirits.

At the end of the Top Ten Showdown, the PMR Team secured its best ever group qualifying result with Dan finishing second just 0.03-seconds from the pole position and teammate Jason Plato third.

In race one, Dan set a fastest lap, crossing the line second for his third podium in just four races, then Jason claimed sixth. Race two saw Lloyd carrying 66 kg of success ballast because of his second place. Despite the added weight, he battled hard before being passed by current champion, Ash Sutton, and finally crossed the line in fifth. An early incident ruined Jason's hopes of a podium position.

Dan drove a fantastic race three, pushing very close to the Honda of Cook, although he was unable to pass it. He finished seventh, setting the fastest front wheel drive lap of the session. Plato ran hard, eventually making up three places and crossing the line 15th. He earned some vital points in the process.

Dan Lloyd said: "I think the highlight for me was qualifying on the front row after struggling so much with the car most of the day. Turning it



around to have the best qualifying result of the season was a massive moment for me, and I can't thank the team enough for making so many changes and giving me a fantastic car to go racing in."

FUCHS Lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S 5W-30, TITAN RACE PRO S 10W-60, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN



South Africa

Successful season for Michael Louw

Michael Louw left his mark in the South African Short Circuit Series, one of the most important South African Championships.

The FUCHS rider once again proved his excellent driving skills with seven victories and a lot of podium wins during the first rounds of the series. "This year was difficult because of the impossibility to practice on some of the tracks due to COVID restrictions. Still, it was an exciting season when it comes to the racing, with extremely competitive fields. I've managed to secure the championship title once again. I'm leading the championship with 50 points. If I win the three heats (75 points) of the ultimate race, I will be champion for the fourth time."

Michael made the most of his great potential and many years of racing. "My experience, especially in drag racing, helps me have quick reaction times and get to the front quickly. The FUCHS Silkolene

products have assisted me over the last three years with not one single engine failure or any other failure related to the products used. I can honestly recommend these products to anyone looking for reliability and quality like no other. Well done FUCHS Silkolene for the constant development of its products."

His secret is practice, practice, and more practice. "We aren't allowed to make any modifications, so we need to develop our skills all the time. Other riders are also joining the series from other forms of motorcycle racing and if you want to stay on top of your game you will need to put in the time. At 42, I would like to compete in the ZX 10 Masters Cup in 2022."

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