

# Motorsport News

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## Great Britain

### Bravo to Paige Bellerby!

The BellerbyRX Team celebrated an early win after Paige Bellerby claimed the top spot in the first round of the season. Easing through the heats to win the Lydden Hill final at the end of August, Paige now leads the Motorsport UK Super National Rallycross Championship. // Page 5.



## Austria

### Double class victory for the Heating Factory Youngsters Racing Team

Leo Rammerstorfer and Benjamin Baumgartner, the two young riders of the Heating Factory Youngsters Racing Team, won the two first and two second places respectively in the NBK 300 class of the WSB-Sport Race Events at the Slovakiaring circuit in September. // Page 8.

## Italy

### First 2020 podium for the GSM Racing Team

Venezuelan Jonathan Cecotto and Californian Patrick Liddy of the GSM Racing Team, sponsored by FUCHS Italy, race in the Lamborghini Huracán Super Trofeo of the GTWC powered by AWS Endurance Cup. They secured, as early as the first round, the third place in race two of the Pro Cup class. // Page 9.





## Germany

### **A successful round for BLACK FALCON Team at the highlight of the NLS season**

BLACK FALCON Team celebrated two class victories at the six-hour race for the fifth round of the Nürburgring Langstrecken-Serie – NLS (Nürburgring Endurance Series) in September. The IDENTICA Porsche 911 GT3 Cup MR SP PRO (# 350) was once again the best-placed vehicle outside the GT3 class. The team started for the first time with a slightly changed crew. The three regular drivers, Marek Böckmann, Tobias Müller, and Carlos Rivas, were joined by Maik Rosenberg, who made his debut with the SP PRO version of the Porsche 991. They took 22nd position overall in a top-class field, leaving behind a third of all the 33 GT3 cars in the series.

“Max”, Marco Müller, Stephan Rösler, and Tristan Viidas, of the BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR Mercedes-AMG GT4 (#155), fought a close duel for victory in the SP8T class. After 38 laps, they celebrated their fifth victory in a row and secured 27th position overall.

Head of Motorsport at BLACK FALCON, Timo Frings, said: “We’re highly satisfied with our performance in the highlight of this championship. The team has achieved all the targets we had set before. We won the respective class with both cars, and the IDENTICA-Porsche as well as the TEXTAR-AMG were again the two fastest cars outside the GT3 class. Plus, we’re still unbeaten in the SP8T class after the first five races. Unfortunately, the majority of our drivers are still unable to enter the country due to COVID-19 restrictions. But we’re very happy that spectators were allowed at the NLS for the first time. Another highlight were the live pictures from the helicopter, a great advertisement for the NLS. We feel well prepared for the 24-hour race, where we’ll start with at least three vehicles.”

The next round of the NLS, the 45th DMV Münsterlandpokal, will take place on October 24. Before that, BLACK FALCON Team will compete in the legendary 24-hour race at the Nürburgring.





## South Africa

### **RICH Racing SA Team leads in the Clubmans 2 class with Luca Coccioni**

The RICH Racing SA Team has been sponsored by FUCHS South Africa for five years. After a few months' delay due to COVID-19, the team achieved impressive results in the SuperBike Mag Short Circuit Series with three riders in the Clubmans 2 class and one in the Zontes Cup.

Marius Boeta Knoetze made his mark in the first heat of round three at the Zwartkops Raceway with a third place and took seventh place overall. Junior team rider Alicia Rich Knoetze, for her debut in the championship, secured an incredible fourth place in the first heat of round three. Thanks to his success with three first places in the Zontes Cup, Cameron Aitken achieved fourth place overall after only one round. At the end of the third of the seven rounds, Luca Coccioni – with three first places and three second positions – took the lead in the Clubmans 2 class with his FUCHS Lubricants KTM RC 390.

Team Manager and owner, Vic Rich, said: “The lockdown period afforded us the opportunity to check the engines and study wear and tear, which to our utmost delight was minimal. We attributed this to the

high performance of the FUCHS lubricants we have been using for the various bikes. Our chains and sprockets are lasting longer than we thought possible, mostly due to FUCHS Silkolene TITANIUM CHAIN GEL. The continuous use of all other FUCHS products has lessened the intervals between routine maintenance.”

FUCHS South Africa Marketing/Advertising Administrator, Janet Kerr, explained: “We sponsor this team because it’s constantly evolving, and supports mostly young men and women riders in the very competitive field of racing. They work hard on and off the circuit, and we appreciate their efforts on social networks and in creating brand awareness.”

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## Hungary

### Four podiums for the HTS KTM Team at Tápióbcské

For the 2020 season, the HTS KTM Team took part in the Cseh Junior MX Bajnokság (Czech MX Junior Championship) and in the Él sport MX2 Magyar Bajnok (Hungary MX2 Él sport Championship) with Kristóf Jakob, Pergel Bence, and László Técsi. Erik Hugyecz, Imre Varga, and Sándor Wimmer, the other riders in the team, participated in the Él sport MX Open Magyar Bajnok (Hungary MX Open Él sport Championship).

Team Manager, Lajos Horváth, said: "In 2020, we had significant changes due to COVID-19 concerning the number of our riders, the preparation work they did – our racers did individual training until June – and also because our junior competitors changed categories. For plenty of other reasons, we decided to collaborate for the Czech championship with the ADOS Team, who we've known for a long time. However, due to similar racing dates, we had to split in two for the first official Hungarian and Czech round. I'm convinced that our team is on the right track. We're continuing to do our best to help our riders' careers as effectively as possible."

As early as the second round of the Hungarian championship at the Gyál Motocross Track, the riders

imposed their rhythm and won three podiums in their class. Erik shone with second place overall in the MX Open class. His teammate Kristóf claimed second place in the MX2 class, László took third, and Bergel was fourth.

Thanks to these very promising first results, the riders were particularly motivated to enter the third round at the Tápióbcské Motocross circuit. Erik triumphed in both races and took first place overall in the MX Open class, while Imre won third place overall after some struggles. In the MX2 class, Kristóf secured second place overall, László was third, and Bergel finished fifth.

Team Manager, Lajos Horváth, said: "We're happy with our first great results in the Hungarian championship. The first round of the Czech championship was encouraging. There're still some serious challenges ahead of the team, but we're going to reach our goals!"

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Drew Bellerby



Paige Bellerby

## Great Britain

### A winning start for the BellerbyRX Team at the Lydden Hill Race Circuit

2019 British Rallycross BMW Mini champion, Drew Bellerby (22), began the defense of her title in spirited fashion at a two-day meeting at the Lydden Hill Race Circuit. She lined up in second place on the grid for the final round. Drew kept that position until the last lap, when she decided to play her “joker”, which meant she dropped to fourth place, but kept pushing for the rest of the lap. Going up the steep slope of “Hairy Hill”, she was close behind the second and third cars, which were battling each other. On the last hairpin, Drew saw her chance, shot past on the inside into second place, and stayed there until the flag.

Her sister, Paige (25), was racing in the Motorsport UK Super National Rallycross Championship. With a new engine, gearbox, and differential in her 2.3-liter Lotus Exige, she shone with two first places, one second, and a third place, and took the lead in the championship.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE SYN 5, TITAN RACE PRO S 5W-40, TITAN RACE PRO S 5W-30**







## Great Britain

### A podium for Josh Brookes at the Silverstone circuit

COVID-19 shortening the British Superbike Championship proved frustrating for defending champions PBM VisionTrack Ducati. However, rider Josh Brookes did manage second place in the second race at the national circuit on his FUCHS Silkolene-backed Ducati Panigale V4 R.

Sixth position in the first and third races means the Australian is now 35 points behind series leader, Glenn

Irwin, and second place overall after nine races. Tyneside-based teammate, Christian Iddon, had a more challenging day with seventh place in the third race, his best finish.

Josh Brookes said: "The team did a great job overnight with the bike for the first race and it gave me that little bit that I was missing on Saturday. Although I led for much of the first race, I knew the guys were right behind me. So, I just focused on what I could do rather than worry about their race strategies and was happy with second place.

Obviously, I was disappointed to finish sixth in the last race, but I did the best I could. It's been a tough weekend, but we head to Oulton Park circuit with second place overall in the championship and we know our bike will work better there, so I'm looking forward to round four already."

It was a tough weekend for other FUCHS Silkolene-sponsored teams. The FS-3 Racing Team had some tire problems, while Alex Olsen of the Smiths Racing BMW Team unfortunately skidded and crashed on some oil from another rider's bike.





## France

### A promising 2020 season!

Talented driver Robert Consani of the Speed Car Team is racing in the Championnat de France FFSA GT4 (National French FFSA GT4 Championship). He is shareholder of the Racing Lubes company, which was created by his brother Stéphane in 2011, so Robert is very familiar with the wide range of FUCHS lubricants that he sells through their commercial website. "We've been working with FUCHS France for three years and our commercial relationship is growing year on year. We represent 50 brands of lubricants with around 3,800 products." He is sponsored by FUCHS France for the first time this season.

The 37-year-old driver started kart racing when he was twelve and rapidly progressed through different championships. From 2010 to 2016, he drove in the FIA European Rally Championship. For budget and timing reasons, he has chosen to race in the circuit championships since 2017. For the fourth season in a row, he has shared the same car with his friend Benjamin Lariche, and they have added their results to the National French FFSA GT4 Championship. "When I drove in the rallies, I always had to improvise, so good driving was essential. On the circuit, it's the performance of the car that makes the difference with other drivers. In 2019, we bet on the arrival of Alpine in the championship and raced with factory car, but we had a lot of technical problems

with six dropouts in twelve races. The most difficult thing to do is to stop a race for mechanical problems when you're at the top."

Robert and Benjamin race this season with a Ginetta G55 GT4. "Racing cars requires a lot of talents. We must have an excellent level of driving skill, but we must also be strategic, have excellent physical condition, be able to express our feelings to the engineers, and find sponsors. More than a passion, it's a way of life." Robert was runner-up in the National French FFSA GT4 in 2017, fourth last season, and hopes to win the title in 2020.

They started private training in June and official tests in July. As early as their first race of the season at the Magny-Cours circuit, the team claimed second place overall in the Silver class championship.

**Calendar: August 21-23 – Nogaro – Coupes de Pâques (Easter Cups); September 11-13 – Magny-Cours – GT World Challenge Europe powered by AWS; October 3-4 – Paul Ricard – National French Championship of Circuits; October 16-18 – Albi – Albi Grand Prix; November 6-8 – Lédénon – National Finales Lédénon GT Series**

Car: Ginetta G55 GT4





Left to right: Leo Rammerstorfer and Benjamin Baumgartner

## Austria

### FUCHS Austria supports the Heating Factory Youngsters

Ewald Baumgartner and Roman Rammerstorfer founded the Heating Factory Youngsters Racing Team in 2020 to promote young talent in motorsport. This association depends on the Heating Factory Racing Team, a successful national and international team created in 2006. Last season two riders, Benjamin Baumgartner (13) and Leo Rammerstorfer (16), joined the team and started circuit racing. In 2020, the plan was to race in the Yamaha R3 bLU cRU Cup – but some races were canceled due to COVID-19 – as well as in the racing series.

In July, both riders performed in the Alpe Adria International Motorcycle Championship with sixth and seventh position for Leo, and eighth and eleventh place for Benjamin in the FIME AA Supersport 300 class at the Pannónia-Ring (Hungary).

Leo raced in the Internationale Deutsche Motorradmeisterschaft (International German Motorcycle Championship) for the first time in the Supersport 300 class at the EuroSpeedway Lausitz circuit and obtained eighth place in heat one.

Benjamin took part in the Österreichische Supermoto MMCR (Supermoto Austrian Championship) at the Nordring Fuglau circuit in September and managed ninth place in the S3 Junior class.

More noteworthy are the double victories for the team in the WSB-Sport Race Events at the Slovakiaring circuit in September, with two first places for Leo and two second places for Benjamin in the NBK 300 class.

Their main goal for 2021 will be to compete in the top field in the Yamaha R3 bLU cRU Cup and they hope to get closer to the title. “We also plan to race in the IDM Supersport 300 or the FIME Supersport Cup,” said Roman Rammerstorfer.

FUCHS Head of Application Engineering, Markus Kollenz, said: “We’re proud to sponsor the team. With the Yamaha YZ bLU cRU Cup, we’re happy to discover young talents who will perhaps become the stars of their generation. In this racing series, the riders race with the same equipment, which means that the performance of the competitors is really highlighted. This partnership allows us to increase awareness of the FUCHS Silkolene brand amongst motorcycle fans and the public. Also, it’s a great way to show the quality and reliability of our lubricants through different championships and circuits. We wish them every success.”

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 5W-40 XP, Silkolene PRO PREP, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE**





## Italy

### Talented drivers join the GSM Racing Team

FUCHS has partnered for the first time with the Grillini Sport Management Racing Team (GSM Racing Team) – a newcomer in the Lamborghini Huracán Super Trofeo of the GT World Challenge Powered by AWS Endurance Cup. Drivers Jonathan Cecotto and Patrick Liddy started the first of the five rounds of the championship in August at the Misano World circuit.

The twenty-year-old Venezuelan driver Jonathan Cecotto is an expert in racing with the Lamborghini Huracán, with good results in some races in the Lamborghini Super Trofeo. Last year, with his teammate Frederik Schandorff, they were victorious in race one and managed second place in race two in the World Finals in the Pro class. In 2020, as early as the first round of the Trofeo, Jonathan and Patrick together won third place in race two of the Pro Cup class.

The Californian Patrick Liddy (23) started kart racing at a young age and then moved up into the Spec Miata class and the Lotus Cup. In 2018, he raced in the Lamborghini Super Trofeo North America. Kicking off the season with a win at Mid-Ohio Sports Car

Course and Road America circuit, Patrick scored podium finishes in every race in which he competed. In 2019, he won third place in the Lamborghini Super Trofeo North America in the Pro-Am class. In August 2020, he was again selected for the Lamborghini Squadra Corse program. “I’m very grateful to be selected as one of three drivers from the US to be part of the young drivers’ program for another year.”

Manager, Andrea Grillini, said at the end of the second round: “I’m satisfied with these races, as the car and the drivers were once again able to stay in the top five.”

Calendar: August: Milano World Circuit (Italy); September: Nürburgring (Germany); October: Barcelona-Catalunya (Spain); October: Spa-Francorchamps (Belgium); November: Paul Ricard (France)

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