

# Motorsport News

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### Double podiums for FUCHS riders

FUCHS Austria, partner of the International Rupert Hollaus Memorial Race for the 19th year in a row, celebrated Franky Zorn's victory and Markus Kollenz's podium position. // Page 4.

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### A team to watch

FUCHS Thailand commits to a new partnership with Sky Gallery FUCHS Racing Team, which includes three promising drivers and 20 mechanics. The team races in the most prestigious championships in Thailand and in ASEAN, and has already achieved some podium finishes this season. // Page 2.



## South Africa

### Congratulations to Team South Africa

Thanks to his three remarkable victories, FUCHS rider Jayden Proctor won the MX1 class B title in the FIM Africa Motocross of African Nations Championship. It was a joyful occasion as the all-round successful South African team triumphed in this prestigious African event. // Page 7.





## Thailand

### Sky Gallery FUCHS Racing Team wins first runner-up in Thailand Super Turbo

For the first time in its history, FUCHS Thailand is sponsoring a racing car team: Local FUCHS Marketing Manager, Suwimol Sae-tiew, choose to partner up with the new Sky Gallery FUCHS Racing. The team of three drivers took part in the Super Turbo Thailand Series, the Toyo Tire Schaeffler Racing Car Thailand, and the Thailand Super Series. The team benefits from the knowledge and experience of 20 mechanics to prepare the five racing cars.

Suvin Asirabundith, Kittipong Charoenvijitchai, and Phunnapat Phunsub managed a first runner-up position for overall performance. In addition, Suvin and Phunnapat each won first runner-up in the categories D4 NA and Turbo Junior respectively in the Super Turbo Thailand Series.

Suwimol Sae-tiew said: “Since the team was introduced to FUCHS by one of our customers, we have got to know one another much better. We found

out that all the drivers have been passionate about cars and motor sports since they were young. That has influenced them to get into jobs involving cars. Some are car sellers, some work in a garage. It’s no surprise they are so into car racing. With that kind of passion and FUCHS products, we believe that it’s possible to win.”

The team races in very important and popular championships. The Super Turbo Thailand Series, with 124 cars on the starting line, welcomes thousands of motorsport enthusiasts in world-class arenas such as Chang International Circuit Buriram. The highly renowned Thailand Super Series, which kicks off the ASEAN, has 555,500 followers on its Facebook page. The Racing Car Thailand Channel broadcasts the Toyo Tire Schaeffler races and day-to-day life of the teams on its Facebook page, which is followed by 49,000 fans. The team has also been named “rising stars” by critics.

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## Australia

### Zappia reaches Alice Springs final, to be decided in Perth

Despite challenging weather conditions and schedule changes, FUCHS drag racer John Zappia was successful in the final of the Top Doorslammer at the Red CentreNATS at Alice Springs Inland Dragway.

After the start was delayed due to rain, Zappia made an impressive run to qualify top in the single-session shootout, earning him the Crow Cams Top Qualifier Award.

In the first round, Zappia secured the win against Matt Abel, who reached the final at the opening round of the championship. "The car was moving around in the top end, and I pulled the parachutes early," said John. "But then my muscle memory went to push the clutch pedal in, I don't have a clutch pedal anymore! That's where the brake is now, so then I had the wheels locked up and it was a bit wild. I won't do that again."

For the second round, Zappia was on a bye run. With the cold night air closing in, the track surface would not be able to hold much power. The result was a sliding run that gave up lane choice to Kelvin Lyle for the final.

Organizers decided to postpone the final to later in the year, as it was considered unsafe. "Obviously we wish we could have run the final, but it's just not safe to put 3,000 hp race cars down a cold track. In any case, the fans enjoyed the show we were able to put on and seeing the new look on the Monaro. We're proud to represent FUCHS once again."

The next event will be the opening round of the Summer Slam at Perth Motorplex's Powerpalooza in October. This big night features drag racing, speedway, and burnouts.

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From left to right: Franky Zorn and Markus Kollenz

## Austria

### A unique event featuring fantastic races

The 19th International Rupert Hollaus Memorial Race took place at the Red Bull Ring and saw 450 riders entering from nine countries, breaking a new record this year. This incredibly successful event welcomed vintage bikes, attractive sidecars, and modern and powerful bikes driven by celebrities and famous riders. The Parade of Legends, with historic and rare motorcycles, was also very eagerly awaited by the visitors. Shows and races attracted more than 2,500 motorcycle enthusiasts.

“We are happy to be the official partner of the Rupert Hollaus Memorial Race for the 19th time in a row,” explained FUCHS Head of Application Engineering and FUCHS rider, Markus Kollenz. “National, European, and world-renowned riders and champions raced with the amateur riders, that’s also what the Memorial is about.”

After sensational laps with his Yamaha RD 350 YPVS (1981), ice speedway FUCHS rider Franky Zorn celebrated his win in the 400 class. Markus Kollenz claimed an excellent second place in the 250 class with his Yamaha TZ 250 (1990).

“FUCHS Austria organized a presentation booth to welcome spectators and riders to discuss the extensive FUCHS Silkolene two-wheel program. After the awards ceremony, a raffle of FUCHS lubricants was held. The winner of the raffle has won FUCHS products equal to the weight of his body weight.”

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 2, Silkolene PRO RG 75, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene PRO PREP**



On the left, Markus Kollenz on the second step of the podium



From left to right, Heinz Diener, winner of the FUCHS raffle, and Markus Kollenz



## Italy

### Podium wins for the Dinamic PRC Team

FS East (Formula Student) was held in Budapest (Hungary) where the competition saw the Dinamic PRC Team of Politecnico di Milan racing in two categories for the first time. The results obtained were well beyond all hopes and expectations.

In the Driverless category, the team distinguished itself with second place overall, first position in the Design Engineering Event, and second place in the Business Plan Event. In the Electric category (with driver), they secured seventh overall and third in the Design Engineering Event amongst other results.

The second round took place in Germany and welcomed the top 100 world universities. "Aware of both the high level of competition and the potential of this season's prototype, we once again went for a double competition entry," said the Team Manager.

More remarkably, the team finished second overall in the Driverless category, second in the Design Engineering Event, and second in the Track Drive Event. In the Electric category, they came second in the Design Engineering Event.

"The results in the Driverless category were of considerable importance in our first year of competition and reflected our preparation and performance. We also gained great feedback in the Static Design Engineering Event, where the project is judged 360°, including studies, technological innovations, working method, and above all the materials used. We warmly thank FUCHS for the support they have shown and their trust in our project, hoping that this will be repaid through the passion we put in and the results obtained."



## Italy

### Andrea Nucita performs in the Rally 1000 Miglia

The 45th edition of the Rally 1000 Miglia was organized by the Brescia Automobile Club. 88 teams lined up for the nine timed stages in the sixth of the seven rounds of the Italian Absolute Rally Sparco Championship.

The Racing Network crew returned to the Italian championship after four years of absence. FUCHS TITAN brand ambassador, Andrea Nucita, and his co-driver, Rudy Pollet, performed strongly and won the fourth stage, securing second place overall at the end of that run.

A sudden change of weather at the start of the fifth stage put the brakes on their momentum. Nucita ran the whole stage under heavy rain and was slowed down by the competitor who preceded him and finished fifth. "Our continuous dialog with the engineers allowed

us to make the right choices for the front tires of the Skoda Fabia Rally2 Evo," said Nucita. Thanks to this strategy, Nucita won his second victory in the sixth stage and secured fourth place overall.

"It was a beautiful but difficult race. We are satisfied to realize that we are strong contenders in this championship, and I think we can go home feeling good. I thank Racing Network and FUCHS who allow us to give our best performance. There is a lot of work to do but we are on the right path."

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN SUPERSYN 10W-60, TITAN RACE PRO S 10W-60, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-140, TITAN GT1 FLEX 34 5W-30**



## South Africa

### Standing ovation for Jayden Proctor

The FIM Africa Motocross of African Nations Championship, the biggest motocross event in Africa, hosted the seventeen best riders from South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Kenya, and Tanzania. These remarkable riders fought fiercely for two days at the Victoria Raceway Park Garuga (Uganda). FUCHS South Africa supported Jayden Proctor and his team in the MX1 class B.

Jayden and his compatriots, Callan Broskie (MX2), Breece Romans (MX125), and Aiden Retief (MX65) won all rounds they ran in the championship and collected the maximum possible points in their categories. With four fantastic gold medal wins over seven classes, they finished first overall in the 2022 championship.

Jayden Proctor said: “During the practice, the track was very muddy, and many riders struggled through it. I tried to gauge difficulties and managed good jumps. The conditions were a little bit better during qualifying, so I got a good lap time but when I tried to improve it, I made a mistake and damaged the bike. The mechanics did a fabulous job to repair it before the next race.”

Thanks to a steady pace and great determination, Jayden dominated over his toughest competitors and won race one, a victory he sustained over the second run. “I took second place at the start in round three. About halfway through the race, I passed my main opponent and won my third victory as well as the title of African champion in the MX1 class B. Despite some ups and downs, the South African team won the Motocross of African Nations title one point ahead of the Zambian team. A big thank you to FUCHS South Africa for all its support. I could not have done it without them; my bike ran 100 percent the whole weekend.”

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## Portugal

### Ricardo Teodósio and José Teixeira shine at Rali da Água

Ricardo Teodósio and his navigator, José Teixeira, took part in the Rali da Água, the seventh of eight rounds in the Portuguese Rally Championship. In 2021, Ricardo Teodósio was crowned national champion for the second time with a Skoda Fábria. This season, the duo had changed teams and raced with a new car, a Hyundai i20 N Rally2.

Rali da Água is very popular and attracts thousands of racing enthusiasts in the Alto Tâmega region to watch 35 teams compete over nine timed stages.

The two-time FUCHS champions were among the main contenders of this event. They finished with a brilliant second place, only eight seconds behind the winner, but it was not enough to hold on to first place in the overall championship classification.

“My predictions were confirmed, and I can only be satisfied with this result, which is a fair reward for the work done by the team and shows the great potential of the Hyundai i20 N Rally2,” said Ricardo. “We are now focusing on the Vidreiro Rally, the last round of the championship.”

Sponsored by FUCHS since 2019, Ricardo Teodósio uses the FUCHS lubricants in his garage, but also in all the races of the national championship.

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







## Great Britain

### The race for the BSB Showdown is on

Cadwell Park marked the penultimate round before the BSB Showdown competitors are decided, meaning everything was still at play for FUCHS Silkolene-sponsored riders.

FUCHS rider Bradley Ray, on board the Rich Energy OMG Racing Yamaha, won race one and two further podiums to regain the top spot in the overall standings and crucially secure his place in the Showdown. After a poor couple of rounds, teammate Kyle Ryde found himself in a battle as he sat eighth overall.

FS-3 Kawasaki had a strong showing at the top with Rory Skinner, currently third in the standings, becoming the youngest rider ever to secure his position in the Showdown. Rory's teammate Lee Jackson is currently fourth and is hoping to secure his place in the Showdown during the upcoming round at Snetterton.

FUCHS Silkolene is also a technical partner of McAMS Yamaha. Lead rider Jason O'Halloran has already sealed his spot in the Showdown, currently sitting second overall, whilst Tarran Mackenzie is working hard to stay seventh.

Who will complete the BSB Showdown line-up? Can PBM Ducati's Josh Brookes regain his past form and gain his spot? The next round at Snetterton will reveal all.



## Great Britain

### Grehan grabs maiden BHRC win at Woodpecker

FUCHS LUBRICANTS is the title sponsor of the British Historic Rally Championship for the fifth year in a row. This year, the championship consists of an all-gravel season with seven high-quality forest events, tackling some of the best loose surface stages in the country. The first stage took place in February with the Riponian Stages Rally and will finish at the end of October with the Carlisle Stages.

The fifth of seven rounds of the championship, the

Woodpecker Stages Rally, makes its first appearance in the BHRC. Radnor is traditionally one of the most popular events in the UK rallying calendar and took place in September.

Henri Grehan from the host town of Ludlow and co-driver, Dan Petrie, hurled their Ford Escort MKII into a gripping battle with the FIAT 131 Abarth pairing of three-time British Rally champion Matt Edwards and co-driver, Hamish Campbell. But it was another

Ludlow man, Robert Gough, who took the runner-up spot with Sam Collis in their Escort MKII, whilst Nick Elliott and Dave Price upheld the FIAT honors with third and the final podium spot.

“You dream of days like this,” said Grehan. “After everyone’s efforts to help me achieve the win and to do it on home soil against very tough opposition including a three-time British champion who was driving very well himself, I’m very overwhelmed.”



## Great Britain

### Max Cook extends his Junior Superstock advantage

Binch Racing rider Max Cook took maximum points away from round seven of the National Junior Superstock Championship and consolidated his championship lead.

The British Superbike paddock competed at Cadwell Park. Good air and track temperature aided a perfect team strategy of opting for an early tire change for the 600 cc Yamaha R6. On fresh rubber, Max raised the pace and set the fastest lap in his sixth lap of the ten, which was good enough to secure another pole position.

Once in the pit lane with ten minutes to go, the clouds emptied giving a short burst of rain. Race officials declared a wet race, which meant the race would not be stopped to allow for a change of tires. The decision of wet or dry was now with every rider. Max opted to stay on dry tires.

Max made a perfect start and cautiously led the pack, aiming to get the tires up to temperature whilst navigating a few damp patches. Once comfortable, Max started to build a strong lead. In lap five, he was well clear of the chasing field with a gap of 4.84 seconds. He ultimately secured the valuable 25-point championship while the team secured a tremendous 43-point lead in the championship.



## Great Britain

### More championship glory for Bellerby RX

Following the penultimate round of the British Rallycross Championship, Dave Bellerby has claimed the BMW Mini Championship title; daughter Paige was titled vice-champion in the Super National Championship.

Dave's amazing win marks the third BMW Mini title obtained by a Bellerby Motorsport-built Mini. Paige suffered an electrical issue that kept her in second place, despite proving her strength in the Bellerby RX Lotus by setting the fastest laps.

With the titles all sorted, it will be interesting to see the team's strategies for the final round.

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



## Great Britain

### Thrills and spills for Power Maxed Racing at Thruxton

An excellent qualifying session saw PMR get its best starts of the 2022 campaign at Thruxton with Ash Hand securing sixth place and Michael “Creesy” Crees just behind in seventh.

With lights out, the action frantically unfolded with both Ash and Creesy having to avoid incidents, coming out relatively unscathed. By finishing fifth in race one, Ash crossed the line as the first independent driver and won the prize in this classification. Creesy managed eighth. Ash’s luck unfortunately ran out in race two as a head gasket failure brought an end to his race. Michael battled hard to finish ninth.

After an epic effort by the PMR crew involving a full engine change on Ash Hand’s car in just under two-and-a-half hours, they headed out to race three with Creesy’s car having been drawn to start third on the grid.

After a difficult start jostling in the first few corners, Creesy dropped down the order to ninth and eventually recovered to eighth at the finish.

Ash fought hard from his start position at the back of the grid due to his engine failure in race two and still managed to record the fastest lap before winner, Josh Cook, took the accolade late on. He ended in 17th place, narrowly missing out on a point finish after a final lap incident with Adam Morgan. Ash had nowhere to go other than into the back of the BMW.

Ash Hand said: “It was a great weekend in terms of speed and personal performance, we just need to carry that on to the end of the season now and keep building on what we have. This is our best result so far and will become one of many good results that come from our last nine races.”

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