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Australia

Winterbottom dominates at Darwin Raceway

DEWALT Racing driver Mark Winterbottom triumphed in race 13 of the Repco Supercars Championship at Darwin Triple Crown, securing the first victory of the season for TEAM 18. A promising sign for the upcoming last two races of the season! // Page 3.



Austria

Courage and respect!

Supported by FUCHS Austria, Jakob Lorenz, a young wheelchair rider, secured first and second places in the FIM European Handy Bridgestone Cup. In a few days, Jakob will be participating in the 20th Rupert Hollaus Race, sponsored by FUCHS Austria. // Page 2.

Germany

BLACK FALCON triumphs in fourth NLS round

Mustafa Mehmet Kaya, Gabriele Piana, and Mike Stursberg delivered an extremely strong and flawless performance with their Porsche 992 GT3 Cup. After four hours of racing, the drivers celebrated their victory in the CUP2-AM class and delivered a solid finish in the CUP3 category. // Page 6.





Austria

A remarkable victory for Jakob Lorenz

At the age of 18, Jakob Lorenz's life took a tragic turn when he was involved in a serious traffic accident while riding his KTM 640 on his way home from work. Miraculously surviving the accident, he underwent numerous surgeries and learned of his spinal cord injury.

Far from giving up, Jakob embarked on a journey of recovery. After six months of dedicated rehabilitation, he initiated the ambitious racetrack project. His new ride became a converted Yamaha R6. Through rigorous training sessions and challenging races, he has now ventured into the competitive arena of the FIM European Handy Bridgestone Cup – a special championship tailored for disabled riders.

In the inaugural races at Vallengunga (Italy), Jakob showcased his exceptional prowess, securing sensational first and second positions. A testament to his determination, he is now gearing up for his participation in the 20th Rupert Hollaus Race in Spielberg, which has garnered support from FUCHS Austria.

"Special thanks go to the organizer, IGFC Formel Classic, for enabling Jakob's participation," stated Markus Kollenz, FUCHS Head of Application Engineering.

FUCHS lubricants that contributed to Jakob's success: Silkolene PRO 10W-50 XP, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene PRO PREP, Silkolene WASH OFF.



Australia

Winterbottom celebrates his first victory 2023 at Darwin

DEWALT Racing driver Mark Winterbottom scored Team 18's first ever race win as he took out race 13 of the Repco Supercars Championship at the Darwin Triple Crown at Hidden Valley Raceway.

2013 Bathurst 1000 winner and 2015 Supercars champion, Mark, qualified at a strong third position, before muscling past Broc Feeney into second place at turn one off the start and slotting in behind race leader Cam Waters. Driver Scott Pye ensured both cars progressed through to the final ten in qualifying and started from eighth position. A safety car was deployed on lap two after Waters encountered a nasty fire, as the team executed an outstanding double stack to put Mark back in the lead. He sustained pressure from Feeney after a later safety car restart to take the checkered flag by half a second.

Mark Winterbottom said: "We won the race! It's an incredible moment. It's been a lot of work from the guys and girls here at the track and back at the workshop, and all of our sponsors, fans, and supporters. It's a really cool moment and I can't thank everyone enough for the support. We've won one. It's not saying we're going to win them all, but it feels good to get a trophy. We'll celebrate this, we've still got tomorrow to race, but that's a trophy they can't take off us."

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE SYN 20, TITAN CYTRAC TD 75W-90





Zimbabwe

Two victories in a row for Rademeyer

Rounds three and four of the Zimbabwe Saloon B National Championship proved to be successful ones for Calvin Rademeyer with victory in both rounds in the tightly fought 2023 championship.

Round three was held on Rademeyer's home circuit in Bulawayo where he managed to qualify on pole for the national races. He won heat one, finished second in heat two, and secured the win overall for the day. In the Bulawayo 100 Main Race, starting fifteen on the grid, he managed to cut through the field to finish an impressive second place on the road. "We are happy with today's performance," said Rademeyer. "The championship is extremely tight this year, so these small gains and victories go a long way."

Round four was held in Harare at the Donnybrook Circuit, not the favorite track at all for Rademeyer, but the team was confident of a solid result. Qualifying saw him put his FUCHS Lubricants in Zimbabwe VW Polo 6 on pole position with a very quick time. "Heat one was not too difficult at all, despite some questionable start tactics. Other than that, we were able to pass cleanly and take the win." Heat two was a far simpler affair. "We reviewed footage of the start procedures and knew what we had to do." From there Calvin drove cleanly and quickly, producing some of his fastest times on his less preferred circuit. "Overall, we are happy with our victories today. The lap times were the quickest we have ever done around this circuit. Round five of the championship will return to the Bulawayo Motorsport Park for the FUCHS Lubricants in Zimbabwe John Love Race Day where the aim will be to try and win some races and take home some silverware baring the name of our title sponsors."

Team Rademeyer would like to thank FUCHS Zimbabwe for its unwavering support this season and is hoping to continue flying the FUCHS flag high.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN PRO RACE 10W-60, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-90, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN LL50, MAINTAIN Dot 5.1



Great Britain

Pritchard produces BHRC Masterclass on Epynt

Jason Pritchard secured his first FUCHS Lubricants British Historic Rally Championship victory in five years, after storming to a convincing win at the Tour of Epynt.

After a slow start, Pritchard and co-driver, Phil Clarke, overhauled current championship leader Nick Elliott during the rain-soaked afternoon loop of stages, to take the win and give his newly built Ford Escort MKII its perfect maiden outing.

Despite being in command for much of the morning, Nick Elliott and Dave Price had swapped their usual FIAT 131 for an Escort MKII for the weekend and would have to settle with second place, whilst Richard Jordan and James Gratton Smith secured their best BHRC result in third.

The arduous Epynt Military ranges signaled the championship's only asphalt round of the season and a small but competitive field set out to tackle almost 70 miles of challenging moorland tests.

"To come away with the win in the BHRC in a brand-new car is the icing on the cake," said Jason. "It's always good to be competing on Epynt and especially in the stunning Escort Scott Williams Motorsport have built for me. The changing conditions just added to it, and I love the challenge. We always enjoy the BHRC."

Elliott was a delighted second. He said: "We would have taken that result at the start of the day." His runner-up spot ensures that he strengthens his lead in the championship with just three rounds remaining in 2023.

Provisional BHRC points after round four: 1. Nick Elliott (100); 2. Tom Walster (91); 3. Roger Chilman (90); 4. Richard Jordan (84); 5. Jason Pritchard (59)



Germany

Sensational victory for BLACK FALCON

BLACK FALCON celebrated victory in the AM classification in the CUP2 class of the Porsche Endurance Trophy Nürburgring (PETN) in the fourth round of the Nürburgring Endurance Series (NLS). In addition, the team achieved top-ten results overall with both Porsche 992 GT3 Cup cars. In the AM classification of the CUP3 class in the PETN, the Porsche Cayman GT4 finished fourth.

Team Principal and Managing Director at BLACK FALCON, Alexander Böhm, commented: "After bad luck in the 24h Race, we are very happy about Mehmet's successful NLS comeback and the victory in the CUP2-AM. We would like to build on this in the

coming races and achieve as many good individual results as possible during the rest of the season. On the flip side, the IDENTICA duo had harsher luck with the machinery, the electric power steering failed in the last hour of the race. The problem occurred with several CUP-Porsches – obviously due to overheating. Upside was that the failure happened shortly before the entrance to the pit lane, so we were able to perform a reset and send the car back on the track. The Cayman GT4, on the other hand, went through without any problems. Cabell, Iceman, and Martin did very well in the strongly contested class and brought in a solid result."





Germany

BLACK FALCON successfully finishes heat battle at the 6h Race

At the 6h Race of the Nürburgring Endurance Series (NLS), BLACK FALCON celebrated class victory in the Porsche Endurance Trophy Nürburgring (CUP2 class) in the AM classification as well as second place in the PRO classification. In addition, the team assisted the Permit-B Porsche driver trio in achieving the first of three necessary results on their journey towards the Nordschleife Permit-A.

Team Principal and Managing Director at BLACK FALCON, Alexander Böhm, said: "Both 992 Cup cars have achieved excellent results thanks to strong driving performances. Our crew worked quickly and without errors during all pit stops and thus contributed decisively to the good results – many thanks to the entire team! With the Permit-B Cayman, we completed the race as planned and did not make any mistakes. This means that Oleksii, Matt, and Tom are one step closer to Permit-A and can achieve this milestone as early as at the 12h Nürburgring. Thanks to the high safety standards of the cars, nothing happened to the drivers in the high-speed accident of the #931 Cayman. We will rebuild the car and start in the 12h Nürburgring as planned."

The NLS will return with the season highlight, the 12h Nürburgring, and will take place as two independent 6h Races in the same weekend.





South Africa

Jamie Berry's winning streak

Jamie Berry started round four of the Western Cape Offroad Series with many hopes after winning the first 2023 rounds in the Junior 85 cc class. "I was so nervous because my bike wasn't working very well and I was just praying it would make it. I was dominating the race in the last lap when I heard a strange noise and realized the chain had stretched badly and saw the second-place rider entering in the pit. My dad and two mechanics worked very hard to clean the mud off and tighten the chain so I could finish the race. I managed to run steadily but fast, opened a gap with the runner up, and crossed the finish line first. Thanks to FUCHS for the awesome chain spray used by my dad to keep things running smoothly."

A few days later, Jamie Berry won the second round of the CSMX Regional. "I also managed to get the trophy for setting fastest lap time and I am currently leading the Junior 85 cc Championship."

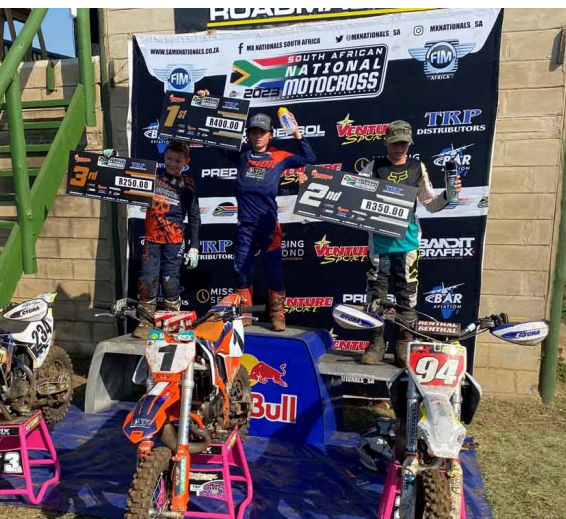
South Africa

Great results for Jayden Proctor

The sixth of seven rounds of the MSA MX Nationals Championship took place at the Teza Motocross Track. Jayden found some of the magic he had been looking for with a Honda CRF450R. He fought his way through the pack to a stunning third place in heat one, second places in both heat two and overall, in the MX1 class.

In the MX2 class, he did not get the start he was looking for but finished fourth overall keeping an incredible pace from start to finish. "I fell in lap one, so making top-five was a challenge."

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene MAINTAIN FOAM FILTER OIL, Silkolene PRO 4 10W-30, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene TITANIUM CHAIN LUBE



South Africa

Kretzmann achieves second place, frustration remains

Thanks to great practice in round five of the SA MX Nationals Championship, Trent Kretzmann started second on the grid. In heat one, he had a quick start and took the lead before making a foolish mistake which demoted him to second place. In heat two, Trenton started off with a bang. He led the race by eight seconds riding with great flow. In the last lap, he hit a rut and went down hard. He got up but unfortunately lost the lead and finished second. "I am extremely disheartened to have lost first place by five points."



South Africa

A podium for Marc Gleed and Dylan Bamberger

The 2023 Ice Block event was run in conjunction with the third round of the National Thundercat Championship. Like all flat-water events, a great amount of preparation goes into extracting every last bit of speed out of the race boats. FUCHS driver, Marc Gleed, and his co-driver, Dylan Bamberger, were pretty confident that they had the speed to compete against the top inland flat water specialist teams.

The closure of the road to travel to the Vaal Dam due to heavy rains did not allow the team to test the boat so they decided to fit their circuit race engine even if the set-up was still far from perfect.

Despite this setback, the team claimed third place in heats one and two. "These results saw us lining up in fourth position out of the twelve boats for the start of the nine-lap final. We got off to a good start around the first turn buoy. The race was extremely close with a few kamikaze-like drivers trying some wild overtaking moves, they had nothing to lose as they were not in the championship running. We finished third overall for the day, we were extremely happy."

In the next race, the team fitted its long-haul race engine for the start of the 160 km event on the vast area of the Vaal Dam. "This was a new experience for us. We once again had very limited time to set up the boat. All in all, the 2023 Ice Block was a successful event for us scoring valuable championship points. A big thank you must go out to FUCHS for the continued support and supply of superior products."



South Africa

In extremis on the podium

Ian Rall raced an incredible fourth round in the GXCC Championship. "That was a crazy dusty one! After a good start and fun battles, I had two avoidable crashes that made me work hard to finish third in class and overall, in the day. Thanks to FUCHS Silkolene FOAM FILTER OIL, absolutely no dust entered my bike, and it was flying!"

Ian is now tied for the first place in the GXCC Championship. "I am focused on the goal to get the next wins in the bag."

South Africa

Double victories for Marc Ansley

Round three of the Womza Interprovincial Motocross Championship and round two of the Womza National Motocross Championship took place at the Teza Motocross Track. "With its big jumps and well prepped soil, this track is one the best tracks in the country at the moment, but not for the faint hearted!"

Marc Ansley secured first place in the qualifying of the MX3 Masters class. "In heat one, I got the holeshot and led throughout the first lap. A good flow helped me pull away from the rest of the pack. The technical track suited my riding style, and I was able to win by over a minute. In heat two, I got another holeshot and by now the track was rough and rutted. By riding smoothly I was able to pull away and claimed another victory in Moto 2. It was a good day's racing with a great turn out of spectators."

With these two victories, Marc celebrated the first place overall in the MX3 Masters class.



South Africa

Terry Wilford prevails over technical challenges

The second round of the 2023 Mobil 1 V8 Supercar Championship unfolded at the Red Star Raceway in Delmas.

After three practice sessions, the 640HP FUCHS Ford Mustang was ready for the qualifying. "We posted the fastest time in the day but on the last lap an integral component on the rear suspension failed."

Within minutes the team decided to take the car back to the race shop to repair it. After working through the night, they made it back just in time for the morning qualifying and managed a tidy third place on the starting line.

"In race one, despite a good start, we realized that there was still something hampering the pace of the car. For race two, we made every set-up change we thought necessary. We pushed to make up as many positions as possible with limited places to overtake and still struggled without apparent reason. In the end, we finished with a disappointing overall sixth place but on inspection it turned out that this was achieved with an unnoticed component failure. We thank FUCHS for a fantastic oil that keeps our engine at full power."

Photo credit: Mobil 1 V8 SUPERCAR Photography



South Africa

Jason Coetzee celebrates podium wins

The fourth of seven rounds in the Investchem Formula 1600 took place at the Aldo Scribante Circuit. Jason Coetzee performed strongly and finished second in races one, two, and overall, with the fastest laps. "A really great weekend all around, we showed some really good paces. We made a few mistakes, but we will learn from them and fix it for the next round at the East London Grand Prix Circuit."

Jason Coetzee also raced in the fourth round of the SA Nationals Rotax Max Challenge. He finished second in race one, fifth in race two, and second in race three with the fastest lap.

South Africa

Johan Vogelesang is ready for news adventures

In order to be ready for the fifth round of the SA MX Nationals Championship, Johan Vogelesang decided to race in the fourth round of the Free State & Northern Cape MX Regional Race. "I had an awesome day with two out of two holeshots and race wins, extending my championship points lead."

Pursuing the same goal, Johan participated in the second round of the Inland National and Interprovincial Motocross. This was a great opportunity to test his skills against his main competitors. "The Teza National Track is considered to be one of the best circuits in the race calendar. I was lucky to have tested it before the race which is an opportunity I rarely get. During race one, I tried to skim a difficult whoop section in an attempt to make a pass and I went down hard. I walked away with no major injuries. The positive points are that I was able to make changes to the bike and I now know I have the speed to run with the front-pack riders."

After the crash, Johan was not able to follow with the SA MX Nationals Championship. "Leading up to Teza, I was feeling really good, I had a few great weeks of training before the event and definitely found some speed and confidence. Unfortunately, I made an error in race one and could not showcase the work that I have been putting in. I look forward to running up front and getting strong results in the next rounds."

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Alessio di Siena



Dumél du Plessis on the second step



Kevin Leigh

South Africa

FUCHS riders showcase their talent

The TITANS Racing Team is composed of riders running in the FUCHS Silkolene Farm Jam Series. The third of the five rounds sponsored by FUCHS took place in Middelburg.

Luca Di Siena claimed first place in the S3 Amateur class with a Sherco SE 125 factory 2022.

Alessio Di Siena finished fourth in the S3 Novice class. "I got FUCHS CHAIN LUBE as a top-five prize and really just had a great day, thanks to FUCHS for all the support."

Kevin Leigh had a great bar-bashing race with his 250 two-stroke against the big 350 four-strokes. "I got a joint fastest for the overall lap and came second in the S2 PRO class by four seconds. It was my first time racing in the series and can't wait to race the next FUCHS Silkolene Farm Jam event."

Dumél du Plessis won the second place in the S1 Pro class with a Sherco 300. "This was a great day out with some tight and intense battles. I raced against the 450 four-strokes, and it was one hell of a race. The mud and rocky track along with fast grass sections made it great for racing. A few bottlenecks changed the race. A big thank you to the FUCHS Silkolene products which made my bike run like a dream."

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene FOAM FILTER OIL, Silkolene FOAM FILTER CLEANER, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene TITANIUM DRY GEL SPRAY, Silkolene COMP 2 PLUS, Silkolene PRO 4 XP 15W-50, Silkolene WASH OFF



Luca Di Siena

South Africa

FUCHS riders showcase their talent (part two)



The incredible feat of Brody Griffin

Round three of the Lowveld Hard Enduro series took place in the beautiful Hazyview bordering the Kruger National Park and offered some very challenging tracks. TITANS FUCHS rider Brody Griffin claimed a victory in the Silver A class with an outstanding ride an hour ahead of his closest competitor.

“At the start of the race, I was immediately battling for first position with the rider in front of me. My rear brake lever caught on a rock and snapped clean off on the very first hill descent, costing me time and energy for the remainder of the race. To compensate, I pushed harder on easier sections. The rest of the race was without further incidents, and I managed to grab first on the day. I am thankful to the TITANS Racing Team for the awesome pit support and FUCHS for the lubricants that keep my bike in tip-top condition.”

Young prodigy rider, David Clark

After two successful years working his way through the 65 and 85 classes, the decision was made for David Clark to move early to the High School class and to the 150 cc bike at the tender age of 13.

This season, David won the last round of the Enduro World XC Championship (EWXC) High School class in Heidelberg. This win also secures David's grasp in the Enduro World High School 2023 Championship with a KTM 150 XCW.

In 2021, David ran the 65 EWXC Championship and in the same year became the youngest ever Silver class finisher at the multistage Impi in Drakensburg Mountains.

Last year, having moved up permanently to an 85, David won the EWXC Championship, the Lowveld Enduro Championship, and the big one, the South African J3 (85) Extreme Enduro Championship. In 2022, David went on to become the youngest ever finisher of the Impi in the Gold class.

He said: “I am very happy to secure the Enduro World XC Championship in my first year in the High School class and I am looking forward to the next challenge for my fifth Impi in the Gold class. Last but not least a big thank you to TITANS, FUCHS, and LEATT for all their support.”

