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Vintage Road Racing European Championship at Sachsenring (Germany)

The riders of the FIM Europe Vintage Road Race Championship gathered at the Sachsenring circuit, which in just three weeks' time will host the German round of the 2018 Moto GP.
In a wet qualifying session 2016 Champion Peter Howarth was the fastest and took the pole position on his TZ350 Yamaha, closely followed by 2017 Champion Richard Peers Jones also on Yamaha. Paul Allender qualified third for a front row of the grid completely British.
The conditions were still wet for Race 1 and a close race ensued with Peers-Jones (Class 7b) beating Howarth to the flag for only 0.2 seconds. The fastest lap was set by Howarth on his final lap in his efforts to close the gap from the winner. Swedish Lars Sanberg (Class 5) and his trusty Seeley G50 finished third to complete the podium.
Other class winners in Race 1 were Tanya Hentschel (Class 2), Stanko Markotic (Class 2b), Hans Pallesen (Class 3) Tomas Karlsson (Class 4), Jouko Nieminen (Class 6) and Arrigo Vinsani (Class 7a)
Track conditions had improved for race 2 on Sunday morning but there were still damp patches. Richard Peers-Jones (Class 7b) did the hole-shot and led the race from start to finish. Early race rival Peter Howarth retired at the end of lap two leaving Paul Allender (Class 7a) and Lars Sanberg to battle for second and third places. The verdict went in favour of Allender for 0.3 seconds at the chequered flag.

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Other class winners in Race 2 were Tanya Hentschel (Class 2), Stanko Markotic (Class 2b), Hans Pallesen (Class 3) Tomas Karlsson (Class 4) and Luciano Garlassi (Class 6).
The Championship will move quickly on to the Swedish former Grand Prix circuit at Anderstorp for round two next weekend, followed by the third round at Donington Park in August and by the final round in September at Rijeka.

Photograph courtesy Mandy Peers-Jones
Left to right: Peter Howarth, Richard Peers-Jones Lars Sanberg

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