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Trial European Championship: Round 1 in Pietramurata

Day1 - Spanish Pau Martinez (Vertigo) and Italian Alex Brancati (Beta) on top respectively in Youth and Women championship classes in Pietramurata, Italy, first round of the FIM Europe Trial Championship.

Dry terrain with the usual poor grip due to small rocks everywhere: this is the main feature of all the trials organized in the Trial Park of Pietramurata, and even this time sections resulted tricked for everybody.



Martinez - after a first lap of studying this different soil -got confidence enough to assure a clear victory, scoring almost half points of runner-up British Jack Dance (Gas Gas): 42 against 72. More uncertain the situation behind the new Spaniard star. An other British's, Ben Dignan (Gas Gas) ended in third , two marks more than Dance and ahead of many

riders separated by smooth gaps.

Favorite Brancati started a bit nervous due to too much pressure on her, but soon she recovered from some mistakes done in the first sections to gain the leadership and to keep it until the end. Her best challengers were what we forecast: Norwegian Inngveig Hakonsen (TRRS) and German Theresa Bauml (TRRS), finished in second and third position. Hakonsen beat Brancati in the second lap (14 to 17 points), but because her worse first lap (27) she was only able to reduce her lead from the winner.



In the Youth International class, Italian Cristian Bassi (Beta) triumphed, four marks clear of the couple, Italian Dario Doglio (Gas Gas) and Polish Milosz Zyznowski (Beta).

Between the young girls of the Women International, the best was French Naomi Monnier (Beta) who score just 9 points, a clear victory on Czech Petra Budinova (Beta) 24 and German Linda Weber (Beta).

Day2 - Matteo Grattarola (Sembenini Nils Redmoto Montesa), Matias Vold Gunvaldsen Jarand (TRRS) and Andrea Soulier (Beta) inaugurated the 28th edition of the FIM Europe

Trials Championship winning the first round, held in Pietramurata, North-East of Italy.



In the main class, former champion Grattarola, despite of his age, kept behind the long list of hardened aspirants, all younger than him. Smooth difference at the end: just one point less than Gabriel Marcelli (Montesa), 14 against 15 that means these two's had an unbelievable riding on the 15 sections to be repeat twice.

In third, but leader at the turning point, Ariol Gelabert (Scorpa), who fought with the mentioned two's until three sections from the end. Failing section 13, he finished a bit distant scoring 21 points, but the situation was on a razor's edge for the whole competition. Now more than ever the level of this championship is high. In five points out of podium, there are Francesc Moret (Montesa), then Gianluca Tournour (SPEA Gas Gas), Jack Peace (Sherco) and Toby Martyn (Beta).

Winner of the Junior class Vold Gunvaldsen started soon very well and gained a smooth lead on Marco Mempor (Beta) at the end of first lap: 16 him, 17 Mempor. In the second lap, he was able to still improve his score (15) while his rival made a couple of fives and ended with 22 marks. In third a rider from Venezuela, David Avendano Arocha (Vertigo) whose score was 41, tied with Gil Vila (Gas Gas) but with more cleans.

Soulier topped the Over 40 class - rich of blazoned champions - for a while (1 point) on Andrea Buschi (TRRS). Three riders ended the first lap with 6 points: besides Soulier and Buschi, Marco Andreoli (Vertigo), while John Van Veelen (Gas Gas) was chasing with 3 marks more. Only Soulier was able to repeat his performance. Buschi put one foot more, while Andreoli and Van Veeelen broke down, overtaken by a regular Markus Kipp (TRRS) who grasped the podium.



Philipp Emonts (Beta) won the International 2 class recovering from Simon Sordyl (Gas Gas), leader at the turning point. Third Luca Poncia (Beta).

The only one rider in the International 1 class was nice guy seventy years old Carlo Fabbri (Montesa), who rode just the loop for fun.

Next Saturday the second round in Monza circuit.

EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship North West zone



The very demanding sandtrack of Lommel, Belgium, host the second round of EMX 65 and 85 European Championship North West zone.

Under a blue sky and 25 degrees temperature both on Saturday and on Sunday, the Dutch Ivano Van Erp in 85 and Tchech Vitezslav Marek took the win in qualifying.





In EMX65 class Lotte Van Drunen from the Netherlands passed Marek Vitezslav from Czech Republik after lead the first heat and more than half of the second one. The fastest girl in EMX65 won the event with equal points with Marek. Two times third is Anton Isaksson from Sweden. Marek is still leader 8 points ahead of Lotte Van Drunen.

In EMX85 Ivano Van Erp completed the race with another double victory from start to finish. Second the Danish Andreas Krogh Jensen and third and Lucas Bruhn. In the standing Van Erp leads on Sacha Coenen from Belgium and Cas Valk from the Netherlands.

Final result class EMX 65:

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| 1. Lotte Van Drunen | NED | KTM |
| 2. Vitezslav Marek | CZE | KTM |
| 3. Anton Isaksson | SWE | HUSQVARNA |

Final result class EMX 85:

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| 1. Ivano Van Erp | NED | YAMAHA |
| 2. Andreas Krogh Jensen | DEN | KTM |
| 3. Lucas Bruhn | DEN | KTM |