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Tout Terrain Rally Cup: a week full of emotions in Greece



From Spain to Greece: the second round of the TT Rally Cup took place in Karpenissi, Grece, from 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May.

**Day 1**

In the prolog was the Italian Leonardo Tonelli to win with his Husqvarna. Second place for Matteo Cura (Husquarna), third for Milan Engel (KTM) from Czech Republic.

**Day 2**

After 260 km and five and a half hours of racing, once more was the Italian Leonardo Tonelli to rule. The German Dirk Von Zitzewitz (KTM) was second close to him. The third



was the Czech Republic Milan Engel, just 2 minutes behind.

#### Day 3

Italians riders ruled the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of competition: Leonardo Tonelli won in front of Edoardo Cavicchi and Matteo Cura. 5<sup>th</sup> position for Milan Engel.

#### Day 4

At the end of a long day and 120 km the winner was the Czech Milan Engel. Second place for Tonelli in front of Alessandro Cavicci and Matteo Cura (both with Husqvarna). Spain shone with Francisco Rico (KTM), fifth.

#### Day 5

The Italian leadership remained: Matteo Cura was in the lead, Leonardo Tonelli was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Roberto Barbieri 3<sup>rd</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> position for the Spanish Francisco Rico, while yesterday's winner Milan Engel was 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### Day 6

On day 6 riders met the snow at a height of nearly 2.000 meters. First position for Matteo Cura, 2<sup>nd</sup> for Leonardo Tonelli and 3<sup>rd</sup> for Milan Engel.

#### Day 7

Amazing last day with Milan Engel as the fastest in front of Matteo Cura and Edoardo Cavicci. 6<sup>th</sup> position for Leonardo Tonelli, who is the winner of the event: behind him 2<sup>nd</sup> position for Milan Engel and 3<sup>rd</sup> for Matteo Cura.



EMX 250 European Championship and EMX 125 European Championship 2T:  
Rubini and Guyon fight to French EMX wins

Saint Jean D'Angely, France, hosted the FIM Europe's EMX250 and EMX125 presented by FMF Racing championships.



As the third round in the 2019 EMX250 Championship, the round of France followed a month and half hiatus since the last stop at Trentino. Coming into this weekend all eyes were on Maddii Racing Husqvarna's Alberto Forato as led the championship following his perfect races in both the UK and Italy.

The first race of the two took place on Saturday after morning qualifying provided an entry list of the top 40 riders. As the gates dropped in race 1 it was Yann Crnjanski taking the holeshot ahead of Honda Redmoto Assomotor's Stephen Rubini and Bud Racing Kawasaki's Jimmy Clochet as Forato was buried in the pack. Before the first lap was finished both Rubini and Clochet had made it past their fellow Frenchman Crnjanski in 1st and 2nd. Behind the leaders F&H Racing Kawasaki's Roan Van de Moosdijk and SDMCORSE-Yamaha EMX250's Ruben Fernandez collided sending both to the dirt. Taking advantage



of the pair's crash was Forato who took over 5th behind Buildbase Honda Racing's Josh Gilbert. Crnjanski lost third to Gilbert the same lap both then both fell and gave way to Forato who had lost his seat 2 laps prior. The lack of a seat made the challenging conditions and tough competition even more difficult and after 2 laps of pressure from Yamaha Europe's Thibault Benistant he lost the spot. At the finish it was a win for Rubini ahead of Clochet and Benistant for an all French top three.

Race 2 was led by SteelsDrJack's Nicholas Lapucci with the Van de Moosdijk and Benistant in 2nd and 3rd. Both Forato and Rubini had poor starts but the both worked forward throughout the race. Lap after lap Van de Moosdijk pressured Lapucci for the lead but it wasn't until the 14th of 15 laps that the Dutchman made it past. At the finish it was a well-deserved race win for Van de Moosdijk with Lapucci 2nd while Forato took third from Benistant on the last lap.

The overall however went to Rubini for the first time in his career with his 1-6 scores. The top podium was completed by Forato and Benistant while Clochet and Van de Moosdijk rounded out the top 5.

**EMX250 Overall Top Ten:** 1. Stephen Rubini (FRA, HON), 40 points; 2. Alberto Forato (ITA, HUS), 38 p.; 3. Thibault Benistant (FRA, YAM), 38 p.; 4. Jimmy Clochet (FRA, KAW), 35 p.; 5. Roan Van De Moosdijk (NED, KAW), 34 p.; 6. Nicholas Lapucci (ITA, KTM), 25 p.; 7. Josh Gilbert (GBR, HON), 25 p.; 8. Karlis Sabulis (LAT, KTM), 24 p.; 9. Rick Elzinga (NED, YAM), 23 p.; 10. Isak Gifting (SWE, KTM), 17 p.; 11. Giuseppe Tropepe (ITA, YAM), 16 p.

**EMX250 Championship Top Ten:** 1. Alberto Forato (ITA, HUS), 138 points; 2. Stephen Rubini (FRA, HON), 120 p.; 3. Roan Van De Moosdijk (NED, KAW), 97 p.; 4. Karlis Sabulis (LAT, KTM), 74 p.; 5. Ruben Fernandez (ESP, YAM), 73 p.; 6. Rene Hofer (AUT, KTM), 68 p.; 7. Giuseppe Tropepe (ITA, YAM), 67 p.; 8. Pierre Goupillon (FRA, HON), 67 p.; 9. Jimmy Clochet (FRA, KAW), 66 p.; 10. Thibault Benistant (FRA, YAM), 60 p.



Saint Jean d'Angely served as the 4th round of EMX125 presented by FMF Racing, just two weeks after the last round took to the drastically different conditions of Mantova. Just like in EMX250 all eyes were on the series points leader Mattia Guadagnini from Maddii Racing Husqvarna.

Of the 68 riders who started the weekend 40 qualified for Saturday's race 1. The 2-strokes were led by F4E Racing KTM's Eddie Jay Wade on the opening laps but with the French crowd behind him Team VRT's Tom Guyon took the lead 3 laps in Saturday and never looked back. Guadagnini wasn't off to the best of starts and had to work past a couple of riders such as RFME MX Junior Team's David Braceras Martinez and KINI KTM Junior Pro Team's Mike Gwerder to get into 4th. After chasing down F4E Racing KTM's Guillem Farres Plaza for 4 laps Guadagnini made a pass for third which is where he would finish behind Wade and the race winner Guyon.

Race 2 started even better for Guyon who led every lap in front of the even bigger Sunday home crowd. Second from start to finish and unable to make a pass for the lead was Guadagnini while Yamaha Europe EMX125's Florian Miot fell out of 3rd and the race.



Taking over the vacant spot was Rockstar Energy Husqvarna Factory Racing's Kay De Wolf but it was Gwerder making the biggest moves forward in the race. Starting around 10th Gwerder made it up to 4th by the finish while Guyon took the race win.

The overall clearly went to Guyon with his 1-1 results with Guadagnini 2nd, Gwerder 3rd, Wade 4th, and Braceras Martinez taking the final spot in the top 5. Guyon's home win gains him 8 points on Guadagnini in the championship which will return in just over a month at Teutschenthal for the round of Germany.

**EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing Overall Top Ten:** 1. Tom Guyon (FRA, KTM), 50 points; 2. Mattia Guadagnini (ITA, HUS), 42 p.; 3. Mike Gwerder (SUI, KTM), 36 p.; 4. Eddie Jay Wade (GBR, KTM), 34 p.; 5. David Braceras Martinez (ESP, KTM), 29 p.; 6. Kay de Wolf (NED, HUS), 27 p.; 7. Oriol Oliver (ESP, KTM), 26 p.; 8. Gerard Congost Aguilera (ESP, KTM), 22 p.; 9. Jorgen-Matthias Talviku (EST, HUS), 21 p.; 10. Saad Soulimani (FRA, HUS), 20 p.

**EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing Championship Top Ten:** 1. Mattia Guadagnini (ITA, HUS), 185 points; 2. Tom Guyon (FRA, KTM), 158 p.; 3. Kay de Wolf (NED, HUS), 117 p.; 4. Oriol Oliver (ESP, KTM), 117 p.; 5. Jorgen-Matthias Talviku (EST, HUS), 116 p.; 6. Mike Gwerder (SUI, KTM), 109 p.; 7. Simon Laengenfelder (GER, KTM), 88 p.; 8. Guillem Farres Plaza (ESP, KTM), 87 p.; 9. Eddie Jay Wade (GBR, KTM), 76 p.; 10. Liam Everts (BEL, KTM), 66 p.

**EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship South West zone: 3<sup>rd</sup> round in Portugal**

Fernao Joanes in Guarda, Portugal, hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship South West zone on a technical hardpack track.

In EMX85 the qualifying race was won by the French Prugnieres Quentin in front of the Spanish Canet Edgard and Puig Victor. Thrilling the EMX65: the Spanish Joel Canadas and the French Cayenne Danion changed places 15 times from start to finish, followed by another Spanish rider, Jose Zambudio.

EMX 85 race 1 was ruled by qualifying winner Prugnieres, while second position for Maxime Grau. Situation unchanged at the end of the race. The Italian Valerio Lata took the 3th position in the last corners and arrived in front of the Spanish Victor Puig.

Double victory for Prugnieres, who won also the second heat leading from the start to the end. The Spanish Puig and the Italian Lata finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.



EMX 65 first heat is won by the Frech Cayenne Danion in front of the Spanish Canadas Joel, who passed Jose Zambudio in the last lap. Pre-round leader Cardineau finished 6<sup>th</sup>.

Canadas Joel, qualifying winner, got the holeshot and stayed in front for the whole second heat. Second and third position for Pigois and Danion.

SEC Speedway European Championship: the weekend in Hungary



Fans in Nagyhalasz, Hungary, find their brick surface as a great one, because it brings many passes on the distance and the first race of the evening only confirmed this thesis. Fantastic fight was presented by Logachov and Bellego. Ultimately, after an attack on the last lap, it was Logachov enjoying first win of the night.

The Russian Grigorii Laguta came back to speedway after a two-year break and showed to be the one riders have to be afraid of. "Grisha" was unstoppable and finished the meeting with maximum points. His advance hadn't been under danger even for a second.

In Hungary, there was no time to be bored at all. Nearly every heat brought tons of emotions, but on the other hand, we had many crashes. The worst one came in heat no.15, when Peter Kildemand and Robert Kovacs fell on the track. Unfortunately, Dane left the stadium in ambulance. Early statements came with a report of a broken nose.

At the end of the day, behind Grigorij Laguta's back, we had Michael Jepsen Jensen, whose 13 points were also the ones to be impressed with. Dane also joined the SEC 2019 line up.





In the meetings like SEC Challenge, there are always some out-of-focus riders, silent heroes. That could be a description of David Bellego, who felt like a duck to water. 12 points and effective racing made him go through to the last chance heat, where four riders were fighting for three spots giving a promotion. Next to French rider, we had Kacper Woryna, Vaclav Milik and Anders Thomsen.

Bellego and Milik going through to the final heat, where Czech fell as well, after Jepsen Jensen's attack. Laguta won the final heat, Bellego was second and Milik got himself on the lowest step of the podium.