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EMX 250 European Championship and EMX 2T European Championship:

Van de Moosdijk and Bengtson win EMX rounds in Latvia

The Latvian round for European Championship classes of EMX250 and EMX2T presented by FMF Racing proved exciting atmosphere with two dominant winners. In the EMX250 class it was Roan Van De Moosdijk from F&H Kawasaki team who scored the win with 1-1 results, and in the EMX2T Presented by FMF Racing Swedish rider Ken Bengtson also went 1-1 for his first ever win in the class.



F&H Kawasaki team's Roan Van De Moosdijk proved to be very strong in the sand of Kegums and also closed up on new series leader Team Maddii Racing Husqvarna's Alberto Forato, who finished second overall with 3-4 results. Third overall in the EMX250 class was Jeremy Sydow with 2-5 results obtaining his first podium of his career.



The opening EMX250 race saw Van De Moosdijk leading from Jeremy Sydow and Jorgen-Mattias Talviku, while Honda Redmoto Assomotor's Stephen Rubini was down in 13th place. Van De Moosdijk continued to lead and after two laps held a three second lead over Sydow and a further two seconds over third placed man Talviku. On lap three Rubini moved into the top ten with ninth place, and KTM Junior Racing's Rene Hofer had moved into 14th place.

Hutten Metal Yamaha Racing's Raivo Dankers moved into third place as he passed Talviku, and after six laps the lead was eight seconds with Van De Moosdijk in total control. Rubini in the meantime moved into seventh place on lap seven. Buildbase Honda rider Josh Gilbert held down a consistent fifth place.

After nine laps Van De Moosdijk extended his lead to 10 seconds, Rubini moved into sixth position and Gilbert dropped to eighth. On lap 11 Rubini moved into fifth place but was quickly back in sixth. A brilliant battle for fourth place featured Yamaha Europe EMX125 MJC's Thibault Benistant and Forato, who tried to get the upper hand. Eventually it was Forato who finished ahead of the Frenchman. Van De Moosdijk ended ahead of Sydow and Forato.

Rene Hofer led the second EMX250 race ahead of Sydow, Van De Moosdijk, Talviku, and Team Maddii Racing Husqvarna's Mattia Guadagnini, while Rubini was down in 16th place. Van De Moosdijk was quickly in second and then moved into the lead by the end of lap 1.

After two laps Van De Moosdijk held a three second lead over Sydow, who had also passed Hofer, with Rubini up to 11th place. Van De Moosdijk looked brilliant up front, floating his way around the technical sand circuit in Latvia and managing to lead the whole race.

Rubini kept climbing through the field moving into seventh place on lap four, while race leader Van De Moosdijk was six seconds ahead of Sydow, and Hofer was a further four seconds behind Sydow.

Rubini made a small error and fell, then dropped back to a spot after moving into sixth position, but more importantly lost a lot of time on the guys in front.

Van Moosdijk had built up a lead of around nine seconds and once again was controlling the race up front. Guadagnini moved past Hofer for third place. While the Dutchman led up front, Rubini was trying to keep his red plate and moved into fifth place to secure it for now.

With an 18 second lead, it was an easy sailing for Van De Moosdijk, and Rubini moved into third place with the ride of the race. Guadagnini moved into second as Sydow dropped to fourth. Also an epic race from Alberto Forato, who finished fourth after a poor start in 24th and managed to take back the red plate leading into Germany next week. Van De Moosdijk won race 2 from Guadagnini and Rubini.

EMX250 - Overall Classification Top 10: 1. Roan Van De Moosdijk (NED, KAW), 50 points; 2. Alberto Forato (ITA, HUS), 38 p.; 3. Jeremy Sydow (GER, HUS), 38 p.; 4. Stephen Rubini (FRA, HON), 36 p.; 5. Raivo Dankers (NED, YAM), 32 p.; 6. Mattia Guadagnini (ITA, HUS), 29 p.; 7. Rene Hofer (AUT, KTM), 28 p.; 8. Bastian Boegh Damm (DEN, KTM), 27 p.; 9. Thibault Benistant (FRA, YAM), 24 p.; 10. Giuseppe Tropepe (ITA, YAM), 18 p.





Sweden's Ken Bengtson might have made his debut in the EMX2T presented by FMF Racing but he looked solid in the sand of Kegums. With second place overall, Team Ecomaxx Fuels team's Mike Kras scored 2-2 results leading the series points with a two point over Verde Substance KTM team's Brad Anderson. Third overall was Andero Lusbo with 4-3 scores.

The first EMX2T presented by FMF Racing race started with Brad Anderson leading from Mike Kras and Nick Leerkes. Anderson rode safe early getting a one second lead over Kras after a lap, and Ken Bengtson and Todd Kellett moved into third and fourth positions. Bengtson was on fire as he caught and passed Kras for second place on lap three, and after four laps the lead by Anderson was still around one second.

Showing great sand skills Bengtson moved past Anderson on lap six, but the British rider fought back to take the lead again. The two then battled backwards and forward. Behind them Kras was nearly five seconds off the pace, with Kellett and Andero Lusbo in fourth and fifth.

On lap seven Bengtson again led and quickly got away from Anderson and Kras was suddenly just a second behind Anderson. On lap nine Kras flew past Anderson as the Dutchman showed why the riders from Holland are considered the best sand riders in the World. The lead by Bengtson was nearly four seconds.



As the race closed down Bengtson continued to control the front pace, and despite Kras did his best the Swedish rider won from Kras and Kellett.

In the second EMX2T presented by FMF Racing race Anderson took the lead early from Leerkes, Kay Ebben, Del Coco, Jeff Oxelmark. Mike Kras was back in seventh place.

After two laps the lead by Anderson was four seconds, and Bengtson had moved into second place, with Kras third. Just as he had done in the opening race, Bengtson started putting pressure on Anderson and on lap four the two were locked together in a battle.

To make things more interesting, Kras joined the two leaders and the beautiful sand of Kegums was making for brilliant racing once again. After huge pressure, Bengtson moved into the lead in the air, over a jump. Kras was quick to follow and also moved past Anderson.

Lusbo closed up on Anderson and on lap nine Lusbo moved into third place, knocking Anderson off the podium. Todd Kellett made nice ground as he moved into fifth place on lap eight.

Bengtson and Kras had pulled well away from the others, with Lusbo and Anderson around 10 seconds behind as they continued to battle for third and fourth places. A small mistake by Bengtson and Kras was all over him for the lead.

Bengtson held on for the race win and took the overall victory. Kras was second in the race and in the overall. Third in the race and overall was Lusbo.

EMX2T Presented by FMF Racing - Overall Classification Top 10: 1. Ken Bengtson (SWE, HUS), 50 points; 2. Mike Kras (NED, KTM), 44 p.; 3. Andero Lusbo (EST, HUS), 38 p.; 4. Todd Kellett (GBR, YAM), 36 p.; 5. Brad Anderson (GBR, KTM), 34 p.; 6. Mario Tamai (ITA, KTM), 29 p.; 7. Gianluca Deghi (ITA, KTM), 28 p.; 8. Vaclav Kovar (CZE, GAS), 26 p.; 9. Nick Leerkes (NED, KTM), 23 p.; 10. Andrea Vendruscolo (ITA, YAM), 20 p.

EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship South East zone and EMX Open European Championship: the round in Croatia



EMX 85

In race 1 Laszlo Tecsi and Luka Kunic presented the same scenario as in qualifying. Tecsi wins a hole shot and soon he made a safe gap to second Kunic. Third position for Dino Loncar.

Race 2 was like the first one. Tecsi took the lead getting a clear win in front of Kunic and Loncar.

Overall winner was Tecsi.

EMX 65

In race 1 great start for Ferenc Orlov and Adam Horvat, who took the lead. Bad start for Casey Tzemach, but soon he got close to the leader winning the round in front of Horvat and Orlov.

In race 2 Horvat was again leader at the start followed by Orlov, Tzankov and Tzemach. But once more is Tzemach to win in front of Horvath and Orlov.

Overall winner was Tzemach.

EMX OPEN



Championship leader Martin Michek won both race 1 and race 2. In the first heat Matija Kelava and Petr Bartos fought for the second position and at the end Bartos overtook Kelava finishing second. In race 2 second position for Bartos and third for Michalec. Overall winner was Martin Michek.

Road Racing Hill Climb European Championship and Vintage Hill Climb European Championship: the race in Austria

The second round of the Road Racing Hill Climb European Championship was race in Julbach, Austria, on 15th-16th June in very good weather conditions.

The first and the second practice was on Saturday afternoon, while the third one was on Sunday morning.

In 250 class Guido Testoni from Italy won both the races. Double victory too for Rafael Neuner in Supersport class. The first heat of Superbike class was dominated by French rider Jean Luc David, who in race 2 recorded the new track record (1'05''343) receiving a special price from the organizer.

In Supermoto open class double win for the Austrian Josef Frauenschuh.

Vintage Championship: Gundinger/Gundinger won 8a category, Neubauer/Stobich won 8b category, Greil/Greil won 8c category.

EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship North West zone and EMX Women's European Championship: Steffi Laier got the title in the Netherlands

Multiple Women's Motocross World Champion Steffi Laier conquered the European Motocross title at Arnhem, in the Netherlands. Under perfect sunny skies, the German rider did enough with one third and one second place, getting the title.



Hard-fought the 85cc class. Lucas Bruhn from Denmark took the overall with 3-1 scores, and Andrea Krogh Jensen finished second with a pair of runner up spots. Third overall was Nikolai Skovbjerg with a race win and a fourth place. Bruhn also topped the regional qualifying standings, while Sacha Coenen from Belgium looked set for the top spot in the qualifier series, but a broken chain in the second heat put paid to his chances.

In 65cc class Lotte Van Drunen claimed the victory in front of her home crowd. In the first race she finished second behind Tyla Van de Poel after a storming catch-up ride. In the second heat she led from start to finish to secure the overall victory ahead of Van der Poel and Gyan Doensen.

The best ten riders in 65cc and 85cc class will participate to the European Championship finals at Locket, Czech Republic, on 27th-28th July.



**Supermoto S3 and Supermoto SM Junior:
the round in Ulman and Neychev ruled in Bulgaria**

The third round of the Supermoto Championship was raced this weekend in Pleven, Bulgaria.

SM Junior Race 1 went with no problems. Jan Ulman took hole shot and made straight away a gap from second rider Ivan Mosin. Nice fight between 3rd and 4th place riders Radostin Mihaylov and Aksel Partelpoeg. In Race 1 Radostin Mihaylov made a falstart and received a Start & Go penalty. Race 1 Aksel Partelpoeg finished in 3rd place.

SM Junior Race 2 again Jan Ulman took holeshot and took save gap from Ivan Mosin. Aksel Partelpoeg took a good start and was in 3rd place till the last two laps. He lost his 3rd position to Radostin Mihaylov.

At the end overall 1st place - Jan Ulman, 2nd place - Ivan Mosin, 3rd - Radostin Mihaylov. S3 Race 1 had a clear start and Viktor Neychev took the lead, Dimitar Petrov behind him, Kristjan Siilak in the 3rd position.

S3 Race 2 saw a crash among three riders in the second lap - Ares Bengic, Denis Fligr, Kristian Ivanov. After crash it took quite a lot of time to get riders back to the track. Victor Neychev took the 1st place, Dimitar Petrov - 2nd place, Kristjan Siilak - 3rd place. In overall results Victor Neychev won the 1st place, Dimitar Petrov - 2nd place, Kristjan Siilak - 3rd place.