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**Enduro European Championship: double victory for Kytönen****Day 1**

At the third round of the European Enduro Championship in Latvia the juniors fought for the overall victory until the last special-test on the first competition-day. Up to this time the Finnish Roni Kytönen was still back: "Things didn't go so well in the very first test, but I almost caught up until the end. I knew that I simply had to risk everything. – The Husqvarna rider did as he said and even managed to take seven seconds off championship leader Kristof Kouble. So finally the Finn finally won the day.

"In the end, Roni was simply faster than me" - Kouble admitted without envy, but he still keeps his lead in the championship for a long time. Of course, both riders also won their respective cubic capacity classes at the same time: Kytönen the Junior class E1, and Kouble on the KTM the Junior



class of the more powerful E2 and E3 machines - ahead of the Brit Jed Etchells.

The next Finn, Eemil Pohjola, took third place in the overall standings, but he was also able to win the big four-stroke class ahead of Albin Elowson from Sweden.

Directly behind these two riders, the Swede Max Ahlin rode his brand new 125cc Husqvarna to fifth place in the overall standings and once again clinched a victory in the class of the youngest riders with the small 125cc motorcycles. Ahlin had just switched from KTM to Husqvarna the week before.

It also became highly international in the two-stroke class: the Italian Maurizio Micheluz won the small-capacity category and the German Dennis Schröter won the large-capacity category.

A total of seven different nations were represented in the top 14 of the overall standings!

## Day 2

The junior 19 years old Rony Kytönen from Finland won the third round of the European Enduro Championship in Madona, Latvia, on the second day with another day's victory in the class and overall ranking. He extended his lead in the Junior E1 too. For the young rider this is the first overall victory in the European Championship. *"This gives me a lot of self-confidence"* said the Husqvarna rider, whose father Vesa, a former Enduro World Champion (1999), had accompanied him on this trip.

Second place for Albin Elowson, only 18 seconds behind. But the Swedish was ill just before the competition and had to take antibiotics. He was also reconciled with the fact, that he naturally won the big four-stroke class and, despite his retirement in Slovakia, slipped back to second place in this championship. *"I had a small crash on the very last special stage, which certainly cost me ten seconds"*.

In the small-capacity category won Maurizio Micheluz from Italy; while in the large-capacity category the victory goes to Dennis Schröter from Germany.

In the senior category, defending champion Sebastian Krywult from Poland was able to win the second day one despite his knee injury and extend his lead.

The British rider Nive Holmes did not manage the trick: after her right shoulder was dislocated on the first day when she came into contact with a tree, she could only ride the second day in pain.

Nevertheless, she finished third, but lost the championship lead to Hanna Berzelius from Sweden. The upcoming final, in early September in Finland, will certainly be exciting: Kytönen has shown that he can beat the still overall leader Kristof Koube and in Finland he would also have a home advantage.

Next and last event: 6th-8th September, Heinola, Finland

### Supermoto S2 European Championship: Thomas Chareyre takes his third victory of the season



With the sun out and temperatures rising to a blistering 38 degrees the third round of the 2019 S2 Supermoto European Championship was held on 30th June in Poland on the racetrack of Tor Poznan in the region of Greater Poland. The track with its long very fast corners and technical off-road part hosted the European championship multiple times and the races are always full of action and speed for the spectators alongside the circuit. After a hot day of racing it was TM Factory Racing rider Thomas Chareyre who took his third victory of the season in Poznan.



### Race 1

When the lights dropped for the first time in Poznan the temperature outside already reached 32 degrees in Poznan. At the start it was Phoenix Racing rider Markus Class who took the holeshot into the first long right corner of the circuit. Behind Class, it was TM Factory Racing rider Thomas Chareyre who was followed by the teammates of Class at Phoenix Racing Elia Sammartin and Milan Sitniansky. Sixth place was for TM Factory Racing rider Diego Monticelli who in his turn was pushed by another Phoenix rider Nicolas Cousin. The fast Frenchman however had to enter the pitlane in the first lap with a technical problem. Cousin could restart the race but was in last position in the race leaving the battle for sixth place for a group of young riders. Jannik Hintz, Gioele Filippetti and Jaume Gaya has their own race with Hintz leading this group. In the lead it was still Markus Class in first position but Chareyre was getting closer and closer. In lap three the leader in the championship braked very late into the off-road section and closed the gap. Chareyre kept pushing and overtook Class in the technical dusty off-road part of the track. Chareyre tried to create a gap towards the competition but Markus Class stayed at the backwheel of the TM rider leaving him no room for mistakes. Elia Sammartin was also not far behind and kept sight of the riders in front of him. Place four was still for Milan Sitniansky, just in front of Diego Monticelli. Behind the top five, Birba Racing rider Gioele Filippetti managed to overtake Jannik Hintz for sixth place. With Jaume Gaya was closing in on Filippetti and Hintz, but the Spanish rider's attack came just too late to overtake them. The battle for the lead between Chareyre and Class was intense, as both Class kept pushing Chareyre pushing both and their tyres to the limit on the hot asphalt. Chareyre however didn't make any mistakes and blocked every attack from his German competitor, taking the victory in the first race of the day in Poznan. Markus Class finished in second on 1:065 seconds followed by his teammate Elia Sammartin who took third place. Fourth place was for Milan Sitniansky and Diego Monticelli completed the top five. Nicolas Cousin who had to restart from pitlane managed to finish thirteenth. With the temperatures still rising the second race of the day here in Poland, will be extremely difficult for man and machine.





## Race 2

Race two started at 15:00 hours in the afternoon with a hot blistering sun and a temperature of 38 degrees. At the start it was TM Factory Racing rider Thomas Chareyre who entered the first right corner in first position followed by Phoenix Racing riders Markus Class, Milan Sitniansky and Elia Sammartin. Chareyre didn't lead the race for long as after a few corners Markus Class overtook Chareyre and went into the lead. Behind the top four it was TM Factory Racing rider Diego Monticelli in fifth position just in front of MTR KTM rider Eero Madisson and Phoenix rider Nicolas Cousin. As in the first race, Jannik Hintz, Gioele Filippetti and Jaume Gaya had their own battle again for eighth position. In front of the race, Markus Class was still in the lead but Thomas Chareyre was right behind the German rider, looking for an opportunity to overtake the lead again. Class however didn't want to give up his leading position and pushed his Husqvarna to the limit on the hot tarmac of Tor Poznan. In lap seven Chareyre had a perfect exit out of the chicane and pushed his bike before Markus Class at the end of the long straight. Milan Sitniansky and Elia Sammartin were not far behind the two leaders but slowly they had to let them go as Chareyre and Class pulled away. Monticelli was having his own race. With ten seconds behind the top four and five seconds in front of Nicolas Cousin the Italian TM rider had to settle for fifth position in race two. Cousin was in the same position as Monticelli but behind the Phoenix rider, Gioele Filippetti had moved up to seventh place in front of Suzuki Grauer rider Jaume Gaya. Jannik Hintz was also in this battle from the start of the race but had to let the others go losing several positions. Meanwhile in the lead, Thomas Chareyre was pushing his TM to the limit determined to win the second race as well. With a few laps to go, the Frenchman created a gap of 4.793 seconds toward Markus Class and crossed the finish line in first position. Second place was again for Markus Class and the top three of race two was completed by Milan Sitniansky. Elia Sammartin pushed hard until the end but had to settle for fourth position in race two. With his two race wins, Thomas Chareyre also took the overall victory and extended his lead in the championship. Second place on the podium was for Markus Class and the last step was for Milan Sitniansky.

The next round will be held at Forcarei, Spain on Saturday 24 August 2019.

**S2 Overall Top Ten:** 1. CHAREYRE Thomas (FRA, TM) Pts. 50,000 (25+25); 2. CLASS Markus (GER, Husqvarna) Pts. 44,000 (22+22); 3. SITNIANSKY Milan (CZE, Honda) Pts. 38,000 (18+20); 4. SAMMARTIN Elia (ITA, Honda) Pts. 38,000 (20+18); 5. MONTICELLI Diego (ITA, TM) Pts. 32,000 (16+16); 6. FILIPPETTI Gioele (ITA, TM) Pts. 29,000 (15+14); 7. GAYA Jaume (ESP, Suzuki) Pts. 26,000 (13+13); 8. COUSIN Nicolas (FRA, Honda) Pts. 23,000 (8+15); 9. TSCHUPP Raul (SUI, TM) Pts. 23,000 (11+12); 10. PALS Patrick (EST, TM) Pts. 22,000 (12+10).

### Vintage Road Racing European Championship: the opening round in Sweden



Richard Peers-Jones #33, Colin Sleigh #29 & Bjorn Gunnarsson #74

On 28th-29th June competitors in the FIM Europe Vintage Road Race Championship gathered at the former Grand Prix circuit Anderstorp for the opening round of the season.

The weather was perfect all weekend for racing with temperatures in the 20's and a dry track. Practice and qualifying went without any major problems for the FIME riders who all qualified.

In Saturday's races Lars Sanberg made it a double success when he took wins in both class 5 and 6. Other class winners were Tanya Hentschel (Class 2), Hans Pallesen (Class 3) Paul Allender (Class 7a)



and Richard Peers-Jones (Class 7b), but in the new class 9b all four riders had problems and did not start.

Sunday was the hottest day of the weekend, testing the reliability of the bikes and it showed in the results. Tanya repeated her Class 2 success of Saturday and you could see how delighted she was as her Aermacchi crossed the line. In the Class 7a race the Yamahas of Paul Allender and Sven Erik Johanson only managed two laps between them and didn't trouble the timekeepers after that, leaving Jurgen Riedel and his Honda to pick up the 25 points. There was a superb battle for the lead between Richard Peers-Jones and Colin Sleigh in Class 7b until Sleigh's 250 ran out of brakes at half distance and retired. Lars Sanberg, with a little help from his Minnovation engined G50, pulled out a comfortable lead in Sunday's Class 5 race then settled into a consistent rhythm to come home ten seconds in front of Franz Glauser in second place. The final race of the day was for the new Class 9b and was won by Peter Howarth.

The Championship moves on to the UK at Donington for the second round. The final round will be in September at Pau-Arnos, in southern France.

### **European Pairs Speedway Championship SF2: France wins the title**

It was a thrilling race with a lot of close racing and several passes, especially in the first half of the meeting despite hot and difficult track conditions the one raced in Terenzano.

Pre-meeting favourite France team lived the expectation with their two top guns Bellego and Berge who were always in control for the qualifying spot.

Second and last qualifying place went to hosts Italy thanks to a brilliant display of local hero Michele Paco Castagna. He was one of the most entertaining riders of the meeting and scored 13 points not all from the start. He won also the decider with Finland's Tero Aarnio for the delight of the partisan crowd.





Last place on the rostrum went to a depleted Finland team which lost the services of skipper Timo Lahti during the 16<sup>th</sup> heat.

### Superstock 1000 and Supersport 300 Cup: the third round in Hungary



Race 1 Superstock 1000 podium

Third round of the **Superstock 1000 and Supersport 300 Cup** at Pannoniaring, Hungary.





## Day1

### Supersport 300

Miroslav Hrava (CZE) won race1 at Pannoniaring class Supersport300. Second position for Jiri Nespesny (CZE), third for Manuel Rocca (ITA) after a big fight. Under the podium fourth position for David Kuban (CZE) and fifth for Mate Szamado.

### Superstock 1000

Cristopher Bergman (SWE) won race1 Superstock1000 class. Second step of the podium for Kamil Krzemien (POL) and third for Michal Prašek (CZE). Fourth final place for Michal Šembera (CZE).

## Day2

### Supersport 300

Big battle up to the finish line for the first step of the podium with three riders busy in a hard-fought race.

At the end David Kuban won 0''072 seconds in front of Jiri Nespesny and Miloslav Hrava, everybody from

Czech Republic.

### Superstock 1000

Cristopher Bergman won race2 FIME Superstock1000 class at Pannoniaring at the end of an amazing race. Kamil Krzemien finished second for just 0''050 seconds after a few overtakes in the first lap and a great battle with Michal Prašek, third. Arnaud Friedrich finished fourth, Tomas Svitok fifth, Michal Šembera sixth, Mate Laczko seventh.

### European Sidecar Championship: qualifying round in Germany



Haunstetten in Bavaria was the venue of the European Sidecar Championship qualification round.

12 teams were prepared to battle for 6 spots in the final.

The hot action on the track was only matched by the European heatwave with temperatures over 36 degrees. It was difficult for all involved with these conditions.

12 qualification heats provided the line ups for the 3 finals. Raphael San Millan with passenger Benedikt Zapf, the home favourite went directly to the A final with 9 points.

He was joined in the final by previously unbeaten British team of Josh Goodwin and Liam Brown. The B final provided the other 2 teams to the A final, Dutch pair of Sven Holstein and Martin Stockmeijer, and Dave Cavill & Dennis Smit.

A fierce heat ensued in the final with the German team coming out victorious, much to the delight of the home spectators. They were joined on the rostrum in 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sven Holstein and Martin Stockmeijer, with Josh Goodwin & Liam Brown taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

**EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship South West zone and EMX Open European Championship: last round in Slovenia**



The beautiful area around Sentvid Pri Sticni hosted on 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June the last round of the season.

Under a clear blue sky and over 30° temperature this final round has been very interesting as the top ten riders of the classification will take part to the final in Loket at the last weekend of July.

**EMX 65 class**

Sunday's race 1 was ruled from start to finish by the French Basile Pigois. Zone leader Joel Canadas started at 6<sup>th</sup> place: he moved up to second but a few mistakes in last lap led the Italian Filippo Mantovani to pass.

Mantovani had a start to finish win in race 2, while Canadas came back from 4<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Overall day classification: 1. Basile Pigois 2. Filippo Mantovani 3. Joel Candás





Overall zone classification: 1. Joel Canadas 2. Felix Cardineau 3. Basile Pigois

### EMX 85 class

Sunday's first race brought what we expected. Early in the beginning the French Prugnieres took the lead before Grau and Russi. Russi again passed Grau and for a few laps pushed Prugnieres for the first place, but a mistake made him finish 7<sup>th</sup>. The race was won by Prugnieres. Second position for Grau and third for Pavan.

Second holeshot for the French rider Maxime Grau. Two laps to the end Russo managed to pass Prugnieres, who finished second. Little local star Peklaj finished twice 8<sup>th</sup>.

Overall day classification top 3: 1. Marc Prugnieres Quentin 2. Maxime Grau 3. Simone Pavan

Overall zone classification top 3: 1. Marc Prugnieres Quentin 2. Maxime Grau 3. Valerio Lata

### EMX OPEN

Sunday's first race holeshot for local hero Gercar Klemen in front of championship leader Martin Michek and another local hero Jan Pancar. In the second lap Pancar passed Michek and 5 laps further he passed also Gercar getting the win.

Second holeshot of the day goes to Michek in front of Gercar. Jan Pancar started 6<sup>th</sup> moving up to 3<sup>rd</sup> and then 1<sup>st</sup> passing both Gercar and Michek. and passed both.

Overall day classification top 3: 1. Jan Pancar 2. Gercar Klemen 3. Martin Michek

Overall zone classification top 3: 1. Martin Michek 2. Petr Michalec 3. Kruk Oleh

**EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship North East zone: last round in Estonia**



This weekend the last round of EMX65/85 NE Zone was held on legendary Jaanikese track in Estonia and the 10 of each group, who got to the EC finals, were cleared.

In EMX85 class there was Latvian Karlis Alberts Reišulis (KTM) who was too tough for others to beat and the young Latvian won clearly qualification race and the both finals. In the first race Russian Zakhar Osmolovskii (Husqvarna) and Estonian Mikk Martin Lõhmus (KTM) battled for second and this time Russian was a bit quicker and took second place ahead of Lõhmus. In the second race Lõhmus didn't let anybody threaten his position and took second place, third Aleh Makhnou (KTM) from Belarussia, who finished sixth in the first heat. Overall winner Roberts Lusi finished 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Overall day classification top 3: 1. Alberts Reišulis 2. Mikk Martin Lõhmus 3. Zakhar Makhnou

Overall zone classification top 3: 1. Roberts Lusi 2. Alberts Reišulis 3. Zakhar Makhnou



Latvian Tomass Šaicans (KTM) won the first EMX65 race ahead of Estonian Gregor Kuusk and his countryman Ricards Alens Galcins (both Husqvarna). In race 2 the fastest was Russian Semen Rybakov (KTM) who finished the first race in fourth place who was followed by Šaicans and Lithuanian Marius Adomaitis (KTM) who crashed in the first moto and finished there at 7th place.

Overall day classification top 3: 1. Tomass Šaicans 2. Semen Rybakov 3. Gregor Kuusk

Overall zone classification top 3: 1. Semen Rybakov 2. Marius Adomaitis 3. Janis Martins Reišulis

**STAY TUNED!**

The EMX65 and EMX85 finals will be held on 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> July in Loket, Czech Republic, together with MXGP round.