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Enduro European Championship: last round in Finland



Day 1

The partly heavy rain had made the track and special stages at the finale of the European Enduro Championship in Heinola, Finland, particularly difficult and demanding. On the slippery stones and smooth roots the motorcycles had to set the best times.

At first, 19-year-old Roni Kytönen was able to use his home advantage and took the lead - but always the Englishman Jed Etchells was at the back. After the first lap, he found the right suspension setting on his new Sherco and pushed the Finn in front of him. At the end of the second lap he was able to take the lead with less than a second. But already in the next special stage Kytönen took the lead back again. But then Etchells drove 13 seconds faster than all other riders in the next test and laid the foundation for his first overall victory of the day. "In the rain and mud and right through the woods, I trained a lot in the winter, conditions like these suit me," the 18-year-old junior rejoiced afterwards.



In the championship, Kristof Kouble, the leader, had not started due to injury and then Albin Elowson from Sweden, who was on third championship position, dropped out after a crash in the morning on his way to the first special stage, also dropped out after a crash.

This allowed Kytönen to take the lead in the championship and further extend his lead over the competition.

In the cubic capacity classes, the first champion was already crowned prematurely:

Patrik Markvart from the Czech Republic can already be celebrated as the champion in the 250 cc four-stroke engine class: The KTM rider had already won all the races this year and is therefore already unbeatable in the lead, although there are still two days to go.

In the women's event, day winner Hanna Berzelius from Sweden may be able to secure her title on the second of the three driving days: competitor Nieve Holmes from England still suffers from her injured shoulder and, in addition, she jumped down the drive chain twice in the special stage, which is why she lost the shot.

Day 2

Local hero Roni Kytönen was able to clinch both possible titles early, on the second day of the European Enduro Championship finale in Heinola, Finland.

With an overall victory of the day, the Husqvarna rider not only clinched the title in the small cubic capacity class juniors E1, but also the European Champion title in the overall standings of all drivers.

But in the first of the three laps it didn't look like that yet: In the second special stage, the 19-year-old had crashed and lost about 20 seconds to the competition. He followed this gap and made up for it in five tests. At the beginning of the third lap he was able to take the lead again and then kept his nerve and extended his lead to over 15 seconds.

Jed Etchells, the Briton, was the only one who had a real chance to win the title. He "excused" his second place on the day by saying that it wasn't as wet and slippery as it have been on the first day.



At the same time some titles in the different classes were decided prematurely.

With another day's victory the Swedish Hanna Berzelius on her Husqvarna secured the title in the women's singles with another day's victory. Her only 17-year-old compatriot Max Ahlin became European Champion in the juniors under 21: The Husqvarna pilot took no risks, was in the class, so far unbeaten only second behind his compatriot Albin Norbbin, but that was enough for the early title.

In the cubic capacity junior class E2-E3, Jed Etchells, beaten by Kytönen, won the day on the Sherco by almost two minutes and at the same time won the early title. He thus follows in the footsteps of his British compatriots Steve Holcombe and Brad Freeman, who were also successful in the European Championship.

Although local hero and guest starter Mika Tamminen beat Jiri Hadek from the Czech Republic today, the KTM rider still won the European Championship title in the two-stroke 250 cc class early.

After Patrik Markqvart had already been awarded the title in the small four-stroke class up to 250 ccm on the first day, the title in the large four-stroke class over 250 ccm went to local hero Eemil Pohjola on the second day. He won all the races with his TM.

At the final Motocross on the last day on the former Motocross World Championship track in Heinola, besides the victories in the event classification, the championship titles for the seniors and the small two-strokes up to 250 cc have to be ridden out.

Day 3

On the third and last riding day at the finals of the European Enduro Championship in Heinola, Finland, the national teams' scores were decided:

The "Heinola MotoKlub" (HeMK) had prepared the final motocross on the former MX World Championship track very well and could therefore be carried out without problems.

The riders went to the start in classes, but their results were also evaluated across the board for the teams.



In the end it was not surprising that host Finland won the Trophy with Roni Kytönen, Antti Hänninen, Mika Tamminen and Eemil Pohjola. Second was the Trophy from Slovakia and third was the team from Sweden.

Finnish rider Pohoja had already secured his individual title as European Champion in the class over 250 ccm four stroke the day before. But the most outstanding rider from the Finnish team was undoubtedly Roni Kytönen: The 19-year-old junior not only won the European Champion title in the junior class E1, but also became champion of all classes in the overall ranking. In addition with the Trophy (see above) and his team from "Kytönen Motorsport" he also won the Trade Team title.

20 years after his father Vesa had become World Champion, his son Roni now had the greatest possible international success in the finals of the European Enduro-Championship.

In the Junior Trophy the team from Sweden won with individual European Champion Max Ahlin, Albin Norrbin, Oscar Ljungström and Noah Largen, ahead of Finland and France.

The Swedes were also at the top of the women's podium: They won the women's trophy with European Champion Hanna Berzelius, sisters Martina and Emilia Reimander and Emma Wennbom, ahead of Finland and England.

But the Finns were successful again in the senior category: the senior trophy was won by Janne Mukkala, Santeri Enjala, Mika Paavola and Marco Leponiemi ahead of Sweden.

But because the championship had not been decided prematurely in all classes, attention in the second race of the day was focused on the leader Sebastian Krywolt: The Pole defended not only his lead but also his European championship title in the senior class with a day's victory.

The Italian Maurizio Micheluz didn't have such an easy time: the Husqvarna rider started the last day with a lot of points advantage, but in the cross-race of the 250 cc two-stroke class he only finished third. But that was enough for the already 36 years old rider, to also defend the European Championship title in the 250 2-stroke class.

EMX 2T European Championship: Mike Kras is the new champion



The MXGP of Afyon, Turkey, hosted the final round of the EMX2T championship presented by FMF Racing where Ecomaxx Fuels' Mike Kras not only won the day, but was also crowned 2019 EMX Champion. The Dutchman went 3-1 for the victory and finished just one point ahead of Verde Substance KTM team's Brad Anderson, who went 2-2 for second overall, and second in the championship. Third in the championship was Todd Kellett. Team JK Racing Yamaha's Manuel Iacopi, who took the opening race win in the class, but could not finish the second race while in second place, still managed to finish third overall with 1-6 results.

The first EMX2T championship presented by FMF Racing race saw an early lead from Kras after being close to Anderson in the first and second corner, then Anderson went down in the second corner but was quickly into third and then moved into second, but it was Iacopi who re-passed first Anderson on lap six and then Kras on lap eight when the Dutchman stalled his bike. Kras tried to come back, but was rattled and Anderson also moved past,



and into second place. Kras faded badly in the second part of the race, but still finished third. The Italian Iacopi won his third race of the season from Anderson and Kras.

The second race was the all-important championship decider. Iacopi led from Kras and Anderson, with Dimitrios Baxeanis and Francesco Galligari in fourth and fifth. Kras moved into the lead quickly and Anderson also past Iacopi. After a lap Kras was already nearly five seconds ahead of Anderson, with Iacopi seven seconds back in third place. As the race moved into the fifth lap Anderson started closing up on Kras and it was just two seconds behind, but Kras clocked the quickest lap of the race to stay in front. Making the championship complicated Iacopi caught Anderson and was all over the British who started struggling and lost a position to the Italian rider. The lead by Kras was just under two seconds, but then all of a sudden just as Iacopi caught and tried to pass the leader, his bike stopped, and he ended up last. Kras held a big lead over Anderson and went on to win the race and the championship.

Martin De Graaff, FIM Europe President

“It was an amazing experience here in Turkey. I’m so impressed by the beautiful track, the organization and the assistance of many well cooperating people of the club and the federation. Congratulation to Mike for the title and the thrilling fight”.

EMX2T championship presented by FMF Racing - Championship Top Ten: 1. Mike Kras (NED, KTM), 280 points; 2. Brad Anderson (GBR, KTM), 279 p.; 3. Todd Kellett (GBR, YAM), 200 p.; 4. Vaclav Kovar (CZE, GAS), 180 p.; 5. Andero Lusbo (EST, HUS), 162 p.; 6. Andrea Gorini (SMR, YAM), 102 p.; 7. Gianluca Deghi (ITA, KTM), 93 p.; 8. Manuel Iacopi (ITA, YAM), 90 p.; 9. Youri van t Ende (NED, KTM), 88 p.; 10. Brad Todd (GBR, YAM), 86 p..

Supermoto S2 European Championship: the title goes to Chareyre



With the sun out over the mountains of the Piemonte region, Sestriere, Italy, was ready for the final round of the 2019 S2 Supermoto European Championship season. With the last preparations done on the track in the heart of the Italian Alps, teams and riders were ready for some racing action. The sunny, cold but good weather conditions made that the people came already early to race track to find a perfect spot in the hills with its stunning views over the track and the mountain. After two spectacular races, full of action and tension it was TM Factory Racing rider Thomas Chareyre who took the overall victory and the 2019 S2 Supermoto European championship title in style. In the Junior and Lites Cup the titles went to Jannik Hintz and Gioele Filippetti.

Race 1

The first race in Sestriere started at 12:00 hours with 18 riders on the start grid. With the sun out high above the mountains, it was Phoenix Racing rider Markus Class who took the hole shot into the first very tight right corner of the track. Class was followed by TM



Factory Racing rider Thomas Chareyre and his teammates at Phoenix Nicolas Cousin, Milan Sitniansky and Elia Sammartin who all had good starts as well. Gazza Racing rider Emerick Bunod got stuck in the first corner and had to start the first race from fourteenth position. Straight from the from the start Class and Chareyre tried to get away from the rest of the field, but Cousin, Sitniansky and Sammartin stayed close behind the two championship contenders leaving no room for errors for them. The three Phoenix Racing riders started their own battle and lap seven Sitniansky managed to pass Cousin in one of tight corners in the streets of Sestiere making him third in the race. Elia Sammartin tried to do the same but Cousin kept the door closed. In front it was still Markus Class who was in the lead, but Thomas Chareyre started to push the German rider to the limit, making the gap between them closer and closer each lap. In lap nine the battle for the victory was unfortunately over as Markus Class got a flat tyre and had to go into the pitlane to change the wheel. Class entered the track again in last position. Due to the crash of Class, Thomas Chareyre had a gap of three seconds to the number two in race, which was now Milan Sitniansky. Sitniansky was still closely followed by Nicolas Cousin and Elia Sammartin. Fifth position halfway the race was for Jannik Hintz who had a good start. Hintz was fighting with Luca d'Addato and Gioele Filippetti. These three soon got company from Emerick Bunod who had a great race after his bad start. Bunod managed to get back to seventh place at the end. In the lead Thomas Chareyre was in full control and took the victory in the first race in Sestriere. Milan Sitniansky finished second on 3.352 second from Chareyre. Third position wasn't decided yet as Elia Sammartin was making his final attack on Nicolas Cousin, but the Italian Phoenix Racing rider couldn't pass his teammate in the last corners making him fourth and Nicolas Cousin third. Jannik Hintz won the battle for fifth position from Luca d'Addato. Runner up in the championship Markus Class finished in thirteenth position after his bad luck in the beginning of the race. With his victory and the thirteenth position of Class, TM Factory Racing rider Thomas Chareyre took the 2019 Supermoto European championship title already in this race.



Race 2

The second race of the day and the last of this season started at 14:30 hours in Sestriere. Again it was Phoenix Racing rider Markus Class into the first right corner, followed by TM Factory Racing rider Thomas Chareyre. Third place was for Nicolas Cousin who was in his turn followed by Gazza Honda rider Emerick Bunod who had a good start this race. In fifth position it was another Phoenix Racing rider, Milan Sitniansky in front Luca d'Addato and Elia Sammartin. After the first lap it was still Markus Class in the lead with right behind him Chareyre. The new European championship however made a small mistake in the first corner and crashed. Chareyre quickly took his bike, but had to restart the race in eighth position behind Sammartin. Class had a small gap towards the rest of the field, but second rider Cousin had other plans. The Frenchman pushed his Honda to the limit and lap five Cousin managed to overtake Class in the narrow Cobra chicane before start finish. Cousin tried to get away from Class, but the German rider attacked straight back and in the next lap Class was back in first position. Lap after lap the two Phoenix Racing rider kept fighting for the lead. Another rider who was on fire was Thomas Chareyre. Halfway the race Chareyre got back in third position and started open the throttle of TM completely getting closer and closer to the leaders lap by lap. Behind the top three, Emerick Bunod, Milan Sitniansky and Luca d'Addato had their own race for fourth position. Bunod kept his head clear and didn't make any mistakes giving Sitniansky and d'Addato no chance to overtake him. Elia Sammartin was still in seventh position. The Italian rider gave all he got but couldn't get close enough to the others. With five laps to go Thomas Chareyre found the connection with Cousin and Class and on all over the back from them. Class made a small mistake, after the race it seems he had again a puncture in his tyre, which made him fall back to third position. This was the sign for Chareyre to go for the victory in race two as well. Cousin tried all he could but with five laps to go, the World and European champion of 2019 passed him fellow countryman for the lead in the race. Where the other riders had to slow down their pace, Thomas Chareyre kept pushing. When he crossed the finish line after 20 laps in first position, Chareyre had a lead of 4.799 seconds on number two Nicolas Cousin. Even with his puncture Markus Class managed to keep third place in race



two. Fourth place in the second race was for Emerick Bunod who had an excellent weekend in Sestriere. The top five was completed by Milan Sitniansky.

With his double race wins, Thomas Chareyre off-course took the overall victory and the Supermoto European championship title. Second place on the podium was for Nicolas Cousin and the last spot was for Milan Sitniansky. In the European championship Markus Class finished second in front of his teammate Elia Sammartin. In the S2 Junior Cup the title went to German Husqvarna rider Jannik Hintz. The 2019 title in the Lites Cup went to Birba Racing rider Gioele Filippetti.

S2 Overall Top Ten: 1. CHAREYRE Thomas (FRA, TM) Pts. 50,000 (25+25); 2. COUSIN Nicolas (FRA, Honda) Pts. 42,000 (20+22); 3. SITNIANSKY Milan (CZE, Honda) Pts. 38,000 (22+16); 4. BUNOD Emerick (FRA, Honda) Pts. 32,000 (14+18); 5. SAMMARTIN Elia (ITA, Honda) Pts. 32,000 (18+14); 6. D ADDATO Luca (ITA, Honda) Pts. 30,000 (15+15); 7. HINTZ Jannik (GER, Husqvarna) Pts. 29,000 (16+13); 8. CLASS Markus (GER, Husqvarna) Pts. 28,00 (8+20); 9. FILIPPETTI Gioele (ITA, TM) Pts. 24,000 (13+11); 10. PALS Patrick (EST, TM) Pts. 23,000 (11+12).

S2 Championship Top Ten: 1. CHAREYRE Thomas (FRA, TM) Pts. 250; 2. CLASS Markus (GER, Husqvarna) Pts. 189; 3. SAMMARTIN Elia (ITA, Honda) Pts. 183; 4. SITNIANSKY Milan (CZE, Honda) Pts. 176; 5. COUSIN Nicolas (FRA, Honda) Pts. 169; 6. FILIPPETTI Gioele (ITA, TM) Pts. 125; 7. HINTZ Jannik (GER, Husqvarna) Pts. 124; 8. GAYA Jaume (ESP, Suzuki) Pts. 110; 9. MONTICELLI Diego (ITA, TM) Pts. 108; 10. MADISSON Eero (FIN, KTM) Pts. 94.

Dragbike European Championship: last event in Great Britain



Last round for the Dragbike European Championship in Santa Pod, Great Britain.

Junior Dragbike

Final classification:

1. Blade Dummer, England
2. Liam Holgate, England

Champion:

Blade Dummer, England

Super Street Bike

Final classification:

1. Steve Veneables, England
2. Mogens Lund, Denmark

Champion:

Steve Venables, England



Pro Stock Bike

Final classification:

1. Martin Newbury, England
2. Fredrik Fredlund, Finland

Champion:

Fredrik Fredlund, Finland

Super Twin Bike

Final classification:

1. Marcus Christiansen, Denmark
2. Niel Midgley, England

Champion:

Marcus Christiansen, Denmark

Top Fuel Bike

Final classification:

1. Filipos Papafilippou, Greece

Champion:

Filipos Papafilippou, Greece