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EMX 125 and EMX 2T European Championship: Bonacorsi and Anderson make it three on the bounce in Faenza

The round of Emilia Romagna concluded stages three and four of the EMX2t Presented by FMF Racing and EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing series. Once again Verde Substance KTM's Brad Anderson and Andrea Bonacorsi of Fantic Racing repeated their success from the previous rounds, to both take their third consecutive overall victories.



The first race of the EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing saw Valerio Lata, the rider of Marchetti Racing Team KTM grab the holeshot. He was closely followed by Pietro Razzini and Constantin Piller from KTM Kosak Racing. It didn't take long for Bonacorsi to get himself into the top three as Guillem Farres of RFME GasGas MX Junior Team was also making moves as he got into fourth and followed Bonacorsi. It was clear that Razzini was looking for a way to move into the lead as early as possible as he got all over the back of Lata, as less than a second separated the two. Though on Lap five Lata was still the race



leader, as Bonacorsi set the fastest lap time of the race and began to close in. The Fantic Racing rider then found his way through into the lead the following lap, passing both Lata and Razzini. Razzini then came under fire from Farres who also managed to get around him with the Spaniard then setting his sights on Lata. The two were less than a bike-length apart with the GasGas rider eventually finding a way through on lap eight. Three laps to the end and Bonacorsi was leading by roughly three seconds, with Farres second. Razzini then found his way back up into third with one lap to go, pushing Lata down to fourth. In the end it was Andrea Bonacorsi who won the opening race of the day, with Farres and Razzini secure in the top three.

The second EMX125 race saw W-Z Racing's Max Palsson who was the leading rider out of the gate and into the first corner. Meanwhile race one winner and championship leader, Bonacorsi was outside the top 10 on the opening lap. David Braceras from RFME GasGas MX Junior Team then moved into the lead after Palsson and Lata. Bonacorsi was also making moves and was up in eighth with plenty of time on the clock to have a fighting chance for the win. Palsson was then the next rider to make a pass as he moved around Lata for second as Lata was looking to respond. Further down the field, Razzini made a mistake which Bonacorsi used to his advantage to pick up fifth on lap three. Palsson then lost third to Farres who was looking fast, joining his team-mate in the top three. The W-Z rider then came under fire from Bonacorsi who was wasting no time with 11 minutes plus 2 laps to go. Braceras continued to lead the way with fellow GasGas rider, Farres in second and Bonacorsi now a real threat in third. The top three were pretty close, as Bonacorsi was able to find a way past Farres for second position after a close battle with the Spaniard. The Bonacorsi set his sights on the win, though could be seen pushing a tad too hard at one point as he made a couple of mistakes. Though by lap 10, the Fantic rider was in the lead once again. With Braceras getting pushed to second, Farres used this as an opportunity to catch his team-mate and make a similar pass on the same part of the track as did Bonacorsi a lap earlier, to steal P2 from him. 2 laps to go and the top 10 was led by Bonacorsi with Farres second followed by Braceras, Quentin Marc Prugnieres of BUD



Racing Kawasaki, Palsson, Lata, Razzini, Meico Vettik, Matteo Luigi Russi and Saad Soulimani of Team VRT Nordpesca Holland.

On the last lap, Prugnieres then started to push Braceras for third, though it didn't work out as he was able to retain the position until the end. As the chequered flag dropped, Bonacorsi took his sixth consecutive race win, with Farres second and Braceras third.

In terms of the podium, Andrea Bonacorsi secured his third overall win in the EMX125 class, as Guillem Farres made his third podium appearance of the Italian triple-header with second overall, and his team-mate David Braceras finishing in third.

Bonacorsi continues to lead the championship, with Farres now in second and Razzini third in the standings.

EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing - Race 1 - Top 10 Classification: 1. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, Fantic), 30:17.718; 2. Guillem Farres (ESP, GASGAS), +0:04.141; 3. Pietro Razzini (ITA, Husqvarna), +0:07.656; 4. Valerio Lata (ITA, KTM), +0:09.388; 5. Constantin Piller (GER, KTM), +0:10.931; 6. Meico Vettik (EST, KTM), +0:11.589; 7. David Braceras (ESP, GASGAS), +0:14.308; 8. Andrea Roncoli (ITA, Husqvarna), +0:18.497; 9. Quentin Marc Prugnieres (FRA, KTM), +0:26.567; 10. Saad Soulimani (FRA, Husqvarna), +0:31.058.

EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing - Race 2 - Top 10 Classification: 1. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, Fantic), 30:41.232; 2. Guillem Farres (ESP, GASGAS), +0:02.848; 3. David Braceras (ESP, GASGAS), +0:04.987; 4. Quentin Marc Prugnieres (FRA, KTM), +0:06.207; 5. Max Palsson (SWE, KTM), +0:11.470; 6. Valerio Lata (ITA, KTM), +0:18.234; 7. Pietro Razzini (ITA, Husqvarna), +0:22.038; 8. Meico Vettik (EST, KTM), +0:26.778; 9. Matteo Luigi Russi (ITA, KTM), +0:32.211; 10. Saad Soulimani (FRA, KTM), +0:34.961.

EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing - Top 10 Overall Classification: 1. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, FAN), 50 points; 2. Guillem Farres (ESP, GAS), 44 p.; 3. David Braceras (ESP, GAS), 34 p.; 4. Pietro Razzini (ITA, HUS), 34 p.; 5. Valerio Lata (ITA, KTM), 33 p.; 6. Quentin Marc Prugnieres (FRA, KTM), 30 p.; 7. Meico Vettik (EST, KTM), 28 p.; 8. Max Palsson (SWE, KTM), 24 p.; 9. Andrea Roncoli (ITA, HUS), 23 p.; 10. Saad Soulimani (FRA, KTM), 22 p.

EMX125 - Championship Top 10 Classification: 1. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, FAN), 166 points; 2. Guillem Farres (ESP, GAS), 132 p.; 3. Pietro Razzini (ITA, HUS), 124 p.; 4. David Braceras (ESP, GAS), 109 p.; 5. Meico Vettik (EST, KTM), 104 p.; 6. Kevin Brumann (SUI, YAM), 102 p.; 7. Max Palsson (SWE, KTM), 76 p.; 8. Andrea Roncoli (ITA, HUS), 75 p.; 9. Saad Soulimani (FRA, KTM), 74 p.; 10. Valerio Lata (ITA, KTM), 73 p.



In the opening race of the EMX2t Presented by FMF Racing category, it was Eugenio Barbaglia of Husqvarna Junior Racing Maddii who got the holeshot and was closely followed by Verde Substance KTM's Brad Anderson as well as Mario Tamai of MGR Motocross Team. Barbaglia then led the race for a couple of laps before Anderson was finally able to find a way through. The two then had a nice gap to Manuel Iacopi of JK Yamaha Racing who was the rider in third. Tamai then came under pressure from Federico Tuani from Husqvarna Junior Racing Maddii and Marco Lolli, with the #974 losing two positions on the same lap, which pushed him down to sixth place in the race. A couple of laps later and Tamai found himself in trouble, as he was rapidly dropping down the field. Unfortunately, the MGR Motocross Team rider did not finish the race. Gianluca Deghi was another rider we lost early in the race, as he pulled off to the side of the track with a potential bike problem, as the rider didn't look hurt. By lap five, Kade Tinkler-Walker who was fourth at the time, was coming under fire from Tuani, though it took the Italian a further five laps to actually make the pass on the Canadian. Meanwhile at the top end of the field, Iacopi was starting to apply the pressure on Barbaglia as Anderson continued to lead by 2.584 seconds. With two minutes and two laps on the clock the top ten was led by Anderson, Barbaglia, Iacopi, Tuani, Walker, Emanuele Alberio, Loris Freidig, Marco Lolli, Jonas Nedved and Martin Michelis. A lap later Anderson had doubled his lead to 5.7 seconds, as Barbaglia was doing his best to fend off Iacopi. At one point he was pushing hard to pass him but made a



mistake on the pitlane turn and got a tad off line which gave Barbaglia some breathing room. Though on the last lap Iacopi was able to make a pass stick and move into second. Anderson crossed the line first to take the opening race win, while Iacopi was second and Barbaglia finished in third.

The second EMX2t race saw Manuel Iacopi with a flying start, as he became the early race leader. Though Anderson was just there in second, looking for a way to pass the JK Yamaha rider and get an early lead in the race. Barbaglia was having another strong start to the race and was third, with Walker and Tuani just behind him, rounding out the top five early on in the race. Iacopi did well to fend off Anderson for a couple of laps, though the Brit was able to use his experience as an advantage and get into the lead. Though Iacopi didn't make it easy as he quickly responded. A lap later and the two were still going at it and even at one point touched wheels coming into the pitlane corner. Soon after that, Anderson managed to finally pick up the pace and find a little bit of breathing room as the gap between him and Iacopi was 2.013 seconds. By lap three Anderson continued to lead Iacopi, Tuani, Alberio, Walker, Barbaglia, Lolli, Michelis, Freidig and Nedved. The leader then got his head down, setting the fastest lap of the race, slightly edging away from second. Freidig then started to apply the pressure onto Michelis for 8th and was able to find a way past to move up a position. Iacopi then started to fade a little, as Tuani and Alberio caught on to the back of the Yamaha rider, with all three having a nice battle for second position. By the following lap Iacopi had lost two positions as Tuani and Alberio passed him. Then the action continued between the three, as Alberio was able to find a way past Tuani for second. In the end Anderson won the second race to take his third consecutive overall win, with Alberio finishing second and Tuani third.

In terms of the podium Anderson took to the top step of the podium with Iacopi second and Tuani third.

As it stands, Brad Anderson leads the championship by 47 points, over Eugenio Barbaglia in second and Federico Tuani third.

EMX2T Presented by FMF Racing - Race 1 - Top 10 Classification: 1. Brad Anderson (GBR, KTM), 30:14.000; 2. Manuel Iacopi (ITA, Yamaha), +0:10.596; 3. Eugenio Barbaglia (ITA, Husqvarna), +0:21.006; 4. Federico Tuani (ITA, Husqvarna), +0:27.564; 5. Kade Tinkler-Walker (CAN, Suzuki), +0:36.345; 6. Emanuele Alberio (ITA, KTM), +0:42.626; 7. Loris Freidig (SUI, Yamaha), +0:44.087; 8. Marco Lolli (ITA, Yamaha), +1:07.346; 9. Jonas Nedved (CZE, KTM), +1:13.128; 10. Martin Michelis (EST, KTM), +1:28.199.

EMX2T Presented by FMF Racing - Race 2 - Top 10 Classification: 1. Brad Anderson (GBR, KTM), 30:38.312; 2. Emanuele Alberio (ITA, KTM), +0:13.088; 3. Federico Tuani (ITA, Husqvarna), +0:22.040; 4. Manuel Iacopi (ITA, Yamaha), +0:34.160; 5. Kade Tinkler-Walker (CAN, Suzuki), +0:40.207; 6. Marco Lolli (ITA, Yamaha), +0:52.152; 7. Jonas Nedved (CZE, KTM), +0:55.221; 8. Mario Tamai (ITA, KTM), +1:03.062; 9. Eugenio Barbaglia (ITA, Husqvarna), +1:04.779; 10. Martin Michelis (EST, KTM), +1:05.466.

EMX2T Presented by FMF Racing - Top 10 Overall Classification: 1. Brad Anderson (GBR, KTM), 50 points; 2. Manuel Iacopi (ITA, YAM), 40 p.; 3. Federico Tuani (ITA, HUS), 38 p.; 4. Emanuele Alberio (ITA, KTM), 37 p.; 5. Kade Tinkler-Walker (CAN, SUZ), 32 p.; 6. Eugenio Barbaglia (ITA, HUS), 32 p.; 7. Marco Lolli (ITA, YAM), 28 p.; 8. Jonas Nedved (CZE, KTM), 26 p.; 9. Martin Michelis (EST, KTM), 22 p.; 10. Nikolaj Skovgaard Christensen (DEN, KTM), 20 p.

EMX2T Presented by FMF Racing - Championship Top 10 Classification: 1. Brad Anderson (GBR, KTM), 147 points; 2. Eugenio Barbaglia (ITA, HUS), 98 p.; 3. Federico Tuani (ITA, HUS), 97 p.; 4. Loris Freidig (SUI, YAM), 94 p.; 5. Mario Tamai (ITA, KTM), 88 p.; 6. Marco Lolli (ITA, YAM), 88 p.; 7. Kade Tinkler-Walker (CAN, SUZ), 85 p.; 8. Emanuele Alberio (ITA, KTM), 77 p.; 9. Manuel Iacopi (ITA, YAM), 66 p.; 10. Jonas Nedved (CZE, KTM), 64 p.

Northern Talent Cup: round 2 in Lausitzring

Second round for the Northern Talent Cup in Lausitzring, Germany, with one win for the Belgian Luciano Lorenz and for the Czech_Jakub Gurecky.



Race 1

Lorenz Luciano (Junior Black Knights Team) was the first to taste Lausitzring glory in Round 2 of the Northern Talent Cup, with the Belgian just pipping home hero and points leader



Freddie Heinrich (PrüstelGP Junior Team) to the top step in Race 1 for his maiden win. JRT of Automotodrom Brno riders Jakub Gurecky and Jonas Kocourek duelled it out for third, with Gurecky coming out on top for a first NTC podium.

It was Gurecky who took the holeshot from pole, with Soma Görbe (HRE Team) slotting into second ahead of Heinrich. The number 42 then struck for and briefly held the lead, but it didn't last long for the Hungarian before Gurecky hit back. It was a lead group of six for the first half of the race, before disaster struck for one of them as Romanian Jacopo Hosciuc (Hos Racing Team) had to pull off, running wide over the cones.

That left a five-way fight for the win, with Gurecky seemingly in charge at the front but the Czech rider unable to break away. Heinrich struck for the lead on the penultimate lap though, and that allowed Luciano to edge a little closer as the gaps had started to ever-so-slightly increase.

It was neck and neck for the top two over the line to start the last lap, however, with Gurecky emerging ahead into Turn 1 for the early advantage. Heinrich wouldn't let that last long though, striking through the eases to take back the baton. Not long after that, Luciano also made his move. The number 81 sliced through for second and set his sights on Heinrich, with time running out to try and attack but the Junior Black Knights rider on a roll. Sure enough, he came saw and conquered, taking the lead and left to try and defend it over the last few corners of the lap.

Ultimately, he did just that, beating Heinrich by just 0.010 in an incredibly tight finish. Gurecky was forced to settle for third but his first NTC podium after pace but bad luck in Round 1, with his teammate Jonas Kocourek shuffled down to fourth.

Soma Görbe took a tumble on the last lap, out of contention for his second win of the year.



Race 2

Jakub Gurecky (JRT of Automotodrom Brno) has been the man starting from the front so far in 2020, but some bad luck hit the Czech rider in Round 1 and denied him the chance to contend for the win. In Round 2 those fortunes changed, with the number 59 backing up a Race 1 podium with a first win in Race 2 as he narrowly defeated home hero and points leader Freddie Heinrich (PrüstelGP Junior Team) at the Lausitzring. Race 1 winner Lorenz Luciano (Junior Black Knights Team) completed the podium.

Gurecky took the holeshot from pole, with Soma Görbe (HRE Team) once again the early rear gunner and Heinrich slotting into third ahead of Jacopo Hosciuc (Hos Racing Team). The classic group squabble began, but incredibly the Romanian was forced out of it once again: exactly the same as Race 1, pulling off and out of contention.

There were no such issues for Gurecky this weekend, however, and the number 59 continued at the head of the battle more often than not. It was an eight-rider train mid-race, with some picking up their pace from the morning. And yet, the familiar number 59 at the front.

It was Gurecky who still led heading onto the final lap, ahead of Luciano and Görbe, but the number 81 struck into Turn 1 to take over. Gurecky hit back, and then Heinrich was on the scene as he sliced through the dice for the win. Luciano defended and then lined



up a move to take back P1 from Gurecky, shooting through and running well wide. That was his chance of the win gone as the Belgian had to slot back into P3.

Gurecky held it to the line despite the slipstreaming Heinrich just behind, taking his first NTC win in style after an impressive performance in Round 2. Luciano held on for third, ahead of an absolutely stoked Tibor Varga (Forty Racing) as he took his best result yet in P4, beating a gaggle of riders to the line.