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## EMX 250 European Championship: Thibault Benistat on top at the round of Lombardia

The EMX250 round in Mantova saw Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing's Thibault Benistant have a successful end as he took a fourth consecutive overall victory in the category.



As the gate dropped for the opening EMX250 race, it was Meico Vettik who got off to a flying start and was the early race leader. He was followed by Emilio Scuteri of Celestini Racing and Tom Guyon of Team VRT Nordpesca Holland. Bastian Boegh-Damm of W-Z Racing didn't have such a good start to the race as he crashed out and seemed to be in discomfort as he hopped towards his bike. He did re-join for a couple of laps though eventually retired from the race. Meanwhile Husqvarna Junior Racing Maddii's Mattia Guadagnini and Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing rider Thibault Benistant didn't get off to the best start in the race, as both were down the field, with Guadagnini 10<sup>th</sup> and Benistant 14<sup>th</sup>. Another rider struggling in the beginning of the race was Rockstar Energy Husqvarna Factory Racing's Kay De Wolf who was further down the order in P17. Back with the leaders it was Vettik who had already pulled a 5.654 second gap over Guyon, as



Scuteri, Oriol Oliver and Hakon Fredriksen of Yamaha SM Action M.C Migliori - J1 Racing, were locked in a battle for third position. The second Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing rider Gianluca Facchetti was having a great ride in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Meanwhile Vettik could not afford to relax as his 5 second gap was being cut short rapidly as the group caught up. And things then went downhill for the Estonian who crashed out of the lead, though was able to pick himself up pretty quickly and re-join in 4<sup>th</sup> position. Guyon then moved into the lead, though this didn't last long as the KTM rider crashed out and was dropping down the race order fast. This then allowed Fredriksen to inherit the lead, all while Guadagnini was making good progress and was already up into 5<sup>th</sup> on lap 5 of the race. Fredriksen then continued to lead the race as he opened up a 7 second gap over Facchetti and Vettik, while Guadagnini was catching the pair as he searched for higher positions. The Italian eventually was able to find a way through into third pushing Vettik to fourth in the race. As the race progressed, Guadagnini then started to go after Facchetti and after several attempts was able to jump into second. At the same time the Husqvarna rider also set the fastest lap time of the race with a 1:56.878 with just 3 laps to go. Facchetti then was being caught by Vettik for P3, though was able to retain his position as Fredriksen crossed the line to win race 1. Guadagnini finished second.

In the second EMX250 race, it was Guadagnini and Guyon who led the way, though things changed quickly as Guadagnini went down. Guyon then came under fire from Benistant who was eager to get into the lead and finish the day with a solid result. As Guyon tried to hold off Benistant, this allowed Tim Edberg to get closer. Meanwhile further down the order, Vettik was not having the best start to the race as he was down in 18<sup>th</sup> on the opening few laps of the race. Guadagnini then continued to cruise around the circuit, passing pitlane and giving the crew a signal at the bike, which must've taken an impact from his crash a lap earlier. He continued to ride around for a few more laps before going out of the race. By lap 3, Benistant was the new race leader as he led Guyon, Edberg and De Wolf. Though Guyon looks to have made a mistake as he lost 2 positions and dropped to 4<sup>th</sup> in the race. Benistant then went on to set a fast lap of the race, with 12 minutes



plus 2 laps on the clock. Just 5 seconds separated the top 3 riders, as De Wolf was searching for a way into 2<sup>nd</sup> place and after several attempts was able to do just that as he moved up a position past Edberg. As the race progressed, Benistant continued to edge away from the rest of the field as he pulled a 10.441 second gap over De Wolf and Edberg who remained 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the end not much changed in the top 10, as Benistant claimed his first race win of the day, with De Wolf and Edberg crossing the line to finish in the top 3. A 5<sup>th</sup> and a win was enough to give Thibault Benistant the overall as Hakon Fredriksen claimed his first podium of the season to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tim Edberg also getting the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot on the box.

As it stands Benistant now leads the EMX250 Championship by 57 points, with Guadagnini and De Wolf tied on points in second and third.

**EMX250 - Race 1 - Top 10 Classification:** 1. Hakon Fredriksen (NOR, Yamaha), 29:47.089; 2. Mattia Guadagnini (ITA, Husqvarna), +0:12.463; 3. Gianluca Facchetti (ITA, Yamaha), +0:15.855; 4. Meico Vettik (EST, KTM), +0:17.032; 5. Thibault Benistant (FRA, Yamaha), +0:28.999; 6. Tim Edberg (SWE, Yamaha), +0:32.315; 7. Oriol Oliver (ESP, KTM), +0:33.759; 8. Jorgen-Matthias Talviku (EST, Husqvarna), +0:42.538; 9. Lorenzo Locurcio (VEN, Kawasaki), +0:42.770; 10. Emilio Scuteri (ITA, KTM), +0:45.622.

**EMX250 - Race 2 - Top 10 Classification:** 1. Thibault Benistant (FRA, Yamaha), 29:53.245; 2. Kay de Wolf (NED, Husqvarna), +0:10.129; 3. Tim Edberg (SWE, Yamaha), +0:12.670; 4. Tom Guyon (FRA, KTM), +0:15.289; 5. Lorenzo Locurcio (VEN, Kawasaki), +0:20.515; 6. Maximilian Spies (GER, Husqvarna), +0:38.570; 7. Gianluca Facchetti (ITA, Yamaha), +0:42.550; 8. Hakon Fredriksen (NOR, Yamaha), +0:42.942; 9. Meico Vettik (EST, KTM), +0:45.182; 10. Gianmarco Cenerelli (ITA, Husqvarna), +0:47.318.

**EMX250 - Race 2 - Top 10 Overall:** 1. Thibault Benistant (FRA, YAM), 41 points; 2. Hakon Fredriksen (NOR, YAM), 38 p.; 3. Tim Edberg (SWE, YAM), 35 p.; 4. Gianluca Facchetti (ITA, YAM), 34 p.; 5. Kay de Wolf (NED, HUS), 31 p.; 6. Meico Vettik (EST, KTM), 30 p.; 7. Lorenzo Locurcio (VEN, KAW), 28 p.; 8. Jorgen-Matthias Talviku (EST, HUS), 23 p.; 9. Mattia Guadagnini (ITA, HUS), 22 p.; 10. Maximilian Spies (GER, HUS), 19 p.

**EMX250 - Championship Top 10 Classification:** 1. Thibault Benistant (FRA, YAM), 215 points; 2. Mattia Guadagnini (ITA, HUS), 158 p.; 3. Kay de Wolf (NED, HUS), 158 p.; 4. Isak Gifting (SWE, KTM), 128 p.; 5. Tim Edberg (SWE, YAM), 126 p.; 6. Meico Vettik (EST, KTM), 114 p.; 7. Jorgen-Matthias Talviku (EST, HUS), 112 p.; 8. Hakon Fredriksen (NOR, YAM), 110 p.; 9. Lion Florian (GER, KTM), 87 p.; 10. Liam Everts (BEL, KTM), 87 p.

### Northern Talent Cup:

Görbe does the double ahead of a Hosciuc vs Heinrich photo finish at Hockenheim



#### Race 1

Soma Görbe (HRE Team) took his second Northern Talent Cup victory of 2020 in Race 1 of Round 3 at Hockenheim, coming out on top in a wet weather duel against Jakub Gurecky (JRT of Automotodrom Brno). The race was delayed and then shortened to an eight-lap dash, with the two at the front escaping into the distance as points leader Freddie Heinrich (PrüstelGP Junior Team) won the battle for third to keep his perfect podium record intact. Off the line it was Gurecky who took the holeshot ahead of Görbe, with Lorenz Luciano (Junior Black Knights Team) slotting into third. It was very much a case of carefully does it in the early stages as the riders tested out the conditions, but even by the end of Lap 1 there were two riders well ahead of the field: Gurecky and Görbe. It looked like it would then be a simple duel against each other and the slippery conditions, although there was a twist in the tale yet to come. Points leader Heinrich was initially down in fifth on Lap 1, and it looked like it would be a first finish off the podium for the German as Jonas Kocourek (JRT of Automotodrom Brno) suddenly bolted forward to join the fight for the rostrum. Catching the lead duo almost impossibly quickly, the Czech rider was right in touch by Lap 4. Heartbreak then hit not long after, however, as Kocourek's charge came



to an end in a crash and the fight for the win once more became a duel.

That's how it stayed, with nothing in it heading onto the final lap in true NTC style. Gurecky was the man behind but attacked and took the lead through Turn 1, before Görbe hit back himself. And then they went at it again: locked together, the Czech rider attacked once more, but this time the Hungarian was even quicker to respond as he sliced back up the inside. With only a couple of corners to go, it was now or never for Gurecky, but Görbe had hit warp speed. The number 42 kept it pinned to nail the final part of the lap, tucked in out the final corner and just hanging on. Gurecky tried to pip him to the line, but the Czech rider just fell short. Görbe met the flag first for his second NTC win, bouncing back in style from some heartbreak at the Lausitzring. Heinrich then came out on top for third after a storming last lap in that battle, the German keeping his lead in the standings as he denied Romanian Jacopo Hosciuc (Hos Racing Team) by just 0.023. Luciano completed the top five as the frontrunners once again proved a few familiar names.

## Race 2

Soma Görbe (HRE Team) has done it again. The Hungarian completed the double on Sunday at Hockenheim with another impressive victory in Race 2, coming out on top ahead of a superb photo finish to decide second. Over the line it was Jacopo Hosciuc (Hos Racing Team) ahead in the battle, beating Freddie Heinrich (PrüstelGP Junior Team) by just 0.002 as the two completed the podium. After an aborted and then delayed start, a shortened 10-lap race got underway with Jakob Rosenthaler (RTR - Racing Team Rosenthaler) making a stunning launch to take the holeshot. Görbe slotted into second, with Jonas Kocourek (JRT of Automotodrom Brno) in third early doors ahead of Hosciuc. It didn't stay that way for long, however, as Görbe struck for the lead and Hosciuc sliced through to second. The Romanian then going one better to take over at the front. Lorenz Luciano (Junior Black Knights Team) was next on the move, gaining on Kocourek to join that front battle and through on him on Lap 2, with Görbe then taking back the lead. It had become a close top battle in the top six, however, with Heinrich and Jakub Gurecky (JRT of Automotodrom



Brno) in the fray ahead of a small gap to Rosenthaler at the head of the next group.

By Lap 3, Görbe seemed to be making his move. Streaking away in the lead, the Hungarian had the hammer down and it looked like this could be the break; only Luciano able to stay with him. Sure enough though, the tightly-packed quartet behind were able to get back into the battle at the front by just the next lap, breakaway averted. Luciano then struck for the lead, but it was also a moot point as the battle raged on, six bikes so close there was nothing to choose between them. Just before the last lap, however, Heinrich pulled the pin. The German was able to take over at the front and start creating quite a gap, and it seemed like that was job done for the points leader to extend his advantage. On the last lap though, the PrüstelGP Junior then suddenly raised his hand and seemed to have a problem, dropping from the lead and slotting back into the podium fight. Was this the end of Heinrich's podium streak? We were about to find out, but Görbe was the man to gain as he took over at the front. That was how it would stay for the Hungarian, who needed no second invitation. Keeping it steady to the line, the number 42 took the Race 2 victory to complete the double at Hockenheim, seriously closing down the gap in the standings at the same time. Heinrich was back on it battling for second just behind though, back in the hunt, trying everything to find a way past Hosciuc as the two went neck and neck to the line. The Romanian took it by just 0.002, although Heinrich's P3 keeps his 100% podium record going and helps him retain a solid lead heading into the season finale at Brno. Luciano, Kocourek and Gurecky took fourth, fifth and sixth in that order, close together to the last, ahead of an impressive ride to seventh for Dustin Schneider (PrüstelGP Junior Team) as he found himself some clear air.

**Supermoto S2 European Championship:  
Diego Monticelli and Mickael Amodeo are the 2020 Champions**

Final round for the Supermoto European Championship and S Open Cup in Busca, Italy. After two rounds the titles were still open in each class and the riders were more than ready for last Saturday at the International Circuit of Busca in the region of Piemonte.



### **S2/S Open Race 1**

At the start of the first race of the combined S2 class and S Open Cup it was Gazza Racing rider Kevin Negri who took the holeshot in front of TM Factory Racing rider Diego Monticelli, Mario Schafler, L30 Honda rider Loucas Capone and Yannik Bartschi who had a good start from the back of the field. SMX rider Mickael Amodeo had a good start as well, but at the end of the first lap the French leader in S Open Cup crashed and had to restart his race from tenth. In the lead Kevin Negri didn't wait for anyone and lap after lap he extended his lead to Diego Monticelli. The battle for the third place was still in full swing with six riders only a few meters away from each other. This battle continued until a few laps before the end. Youri Catherine and Jannik Hintz start pushing harder and with four laps to go both riders passed Schafler and Capone making Catherine third and Hintz fourth in the race. Also Amodeo was on fire again and the Frechman also passed them after the



others in front of him made some mistake. With Amodeo's fifth place he did maximum damage control and still won the race of the S Open Cup. In front Negri was in full control and the Gazza rider took the victory in front of Monticelli.

Youri Catherine was able to stay in front on Hintz and completed the top three in this first race.

### **S2 Race 1 Top Ten:**

1. NEGRI Kevin (FRA, Honda) 15 laps in 20:03.960; 2. MONTICELLI Diego (ITA, TM) +07.137; 3. CATHERINE Youri (FRA, Honda) +09.393; 4. HINTZ Yannik (SUI, Honda) +10.423; 5. CAPONE Loucas (BEL, Honda) +12.235; 6. SCHAFLER Mario (AUT, Husqvarna) +15.028; 7. BONNAL Steve (FRA, TM) +15.054; 8. FIORENTINO Romeo (BEL, Husqvarna) +16.104; 9. BARTSCHI Yannik (SUI, Honda) +20.654; 10. KAIVERS Romain (BEL, Honda) +24.234; 11. BELLEMO Christian (ITA, Suzuki) +58.192; 12. CATRICE Florian (FRA, Kawasaki) +15 Laps;

### **S OPEN Race 1 Top Ten:**

1. AMODEO Mickael Bryan (FRA, Yamaha) 15 laps in 20:14.605; 2. DECAIGNY Nicolas (BEL, Honda) +11.130; 3. BELLEMO Christian (ITA, Suzuki) +47.547; 4. ZUGER Stephan (SUI, Honda) +51.489

### **S2/S Open Race 2**

The first race on Sunday was the second race for the Supermoto European championship and S Open Cup in Busca. At the start it was Gazza Honda rider Kevin Negri who took the holeshot into the first left corner followed by SMX rider Mickael Amodeo and TM Factory Racing rider Diego Monticelli. Fourth position was the teammate of Negri, Youri Catherine, who was followed by L30 Honda riders Loucas Capone and Yannik Hintz. In the second lap Monticelli passed Amodeo on the long straight. The Italian leader in the S2 class didn't want to waste any time as Kevin Negri was running away like in race one. A copy of race one was about to happen. Kevin Negri had created a gap after a few laps, but Monticelli and Amodeo had other plans this race. Amodeo stayed at the back of Monticelli, making sure Monticelli couldn't afford any mistake. Half way the race the speed of Negri got less due to some problems with his tyres and the numbers two and three started to close in on the leader and winner of the first race. Catherine meanwhile had a lonely race in fourth position, but the battle for fifth was still wide open. Capone, Hintz, Schafler, Bonnal and



Bartschi were battling for every meter of asphalt, but an mistake of Schafler splitted the group. Jannik Hintz passed his teammate Capone with only a few laps to go. Loucas Capone lost another position as Yannick Bartschi passed him as well. In the lead the problems for Negri got bigger and with only two laps to go Monticelli and Amodeo closed the gap. In the very last lap and corner Diego Monticelli went for the lead and passed Kevin Negri for first place with only a few meters to go to the finish line. Mickael Amodeo tried the same but Negri closed the door making him second and Amodeo third in this second race.

### **S2 Race 2 Top Ten:**

1. MONTICELLI Diego (ITA, TM) 15 laps in 19:50.992; 2. NEGRI Kevin (FRA, Honda) +00.334; 3. CATHERINE Youry (FRA, Honda) +14.507; 4. HINTZ Yannik (SUI, Honda) +23.559; 5. BARTSCHI Yannik (SUI, Honda) +25.066; 6. CAPONE Loucas (BEL, Honda) +27.951; 7. KAIVERS Romain (BEL, Honda) +34.435; 8. FIORENTINO Romeo (BEL, Husqvarna) +40.635; 9. SCHAFLER Mario (AUT, Husqvarna) +42.377; 10. BONNAL Steve (FRA, TM) +42.933

### **S OPEN Race 2 Top Ten**

1. AMODEO Mickael Bryan (FRA, Yamaha) 15 laps in 19:51.725; 2. DECAIGNY Nicolas (BEL, Honda) +50.664; 3. BELLEMO Christian (ITA, Suzuki) +1:02.922; 4. ZUGER Stephan (SUI, Honda) +1:04.514

### **S2/S Open Race 3**

At the start of the last race of the Supermoto European Championship and S Open Cup it was SMX rider Mickael Amodeo who took the hole-shot into the first corner, with behind him TM Factory Racing rider Diego Monticelli. Kevin Negri also started well but a crash in the first corner made him fall back to eleventh position. In the next corner the next crash happened and the bike of Florian Catrice took out a few riders, under which Jannik Hintz and Romain Kaivers. Due to the crashed the field was mixed up right from the start. In the lead it was still Amodeo and Monticelli, with behind them Loucas Capone, Youri Catherine, Mario Schafler and Steve Bonnal. Also Kevin Negri recovered quickly from his fall and closed back into the group of six riders fighting for third place. In front Mickael Amodeo tried to get away, but Diego Monticelli was out for another victory in Busca. Lap



by lap he slowly closed the gap and with a few laps to go, the connection was there. The TM riders tried everything, but Amodeo had an answer on every attack taking his victory in this combined class. Diego Monticelli finished in second place on only 00.086 seconds. The battle for third also ended on the finishline with Loucas Capone taking third position in front of Youri Catherinea and the teammate of Monticelli, Steve Bonnal. With his second place in race number three Diego Monticelli took the overall victory in the S2 class and the title in Supermoto European Championship 2020. Mickael Amodeo did the same but in S Open Cup.

### **S2 Race 3 Top Ten:**

1. MONTICELLI Diego (ITA, TM) 15 laps in 19:47.726; 2. CAPONE Loucas (BEL, Honda) +16.820; 3. CATHERINE Youri (FRA, Honda) +17.458; 4. BONNAL Steve (FRA, TM) +17.571; 5. NEGRI Kevin (FRA, Honda) +18.122; 6. BARTSCHI Yannik (SUI, Honda) +36.703; 7. FIORENTINO Romeo (BEL, Husqvarna) +37.011; 8. HINTZ Yannik (SUI, Honda) +1:00.823; 9. KAIVERS Romain (BEL, Honda) +1:10.015; 10. SCHAFLER Mario (AUT, Husqvarna) +1:10.016; 11. CATRICE Florian (FRA, Kawasaki) +1 Lap;

### **S OPEN Race 3 Top Ten**

1. AMODEO Mickael Bryan (FRA, Yamaha) 15 laps in 19:47.640; 2. DECAIGNY Nicolas (BEL, Honda) +41.997; 3. BELLEMO Christian (ITA, Suzuki) +1:11.274; 4. ZUGER Stephan (SUI, Honda) +1:15.372;

### **S2 Overall Classification Top Ten**

1. MONTICELLI Diego (ITA, TM) Pts. 72,000 (22+25+25); 2. NEGRI Kevin (FRA, Honda) Pts. 63,000 (25+22+16); 3. CATHERINE Youri (FRA, Honda) Pts. 60,000 (20+20+20); 4. CAPONE Loucas (BEL, Honda) Pts. 53,000 (16+15+22); 5. HINTZ Yannik (SUI, Honda) Pts. 49,000 (18+18+13); 6. BONNAL Steve (FRA, TM) Pts. 43,000 (14+11+18); 7. BARTSCHI Yannik (SUI, Honda) Pts. 43,000 (12+16+15); 8. FIORENTINO Romeo (BEL, Husqvarna) Pts. 40,000 (13+13+14); 9. SCHAFLER Mario (AUT, Husqvarna) Pts. 38,000 (15+12+11); 10. KAIVERS Romain (BEL, Honda) Pts. 37,000 (11+14+12)

### **S OPEN Overall Classification Top Ten**

1. AMODEO Mickael Bryan (FRA, Yamaha) Pts. 75,000 (25+25+25); 3. DECAIGNY Nicolas (BEL, Honda) Pts. 66,000 (22+22+22); 6. BELLEMO Christian (ITA, Suzuki) Pts. 60,000 (20+20+20); 7. ZUGER Stephan (SUI, Honda) Pts. 54,000 (18+18+18)

### **S2 Super European Championship Top Ten**

1. MONTICELLI Diego (ITA, TM) 222 Pts.; 2. NEGRI Kevin (FRA, Honda) 175 Pts.; 3. HINTZ Yannik (SUI, Honda) 157 Pts.; 4. CATHERINE Youri (FRA, Honda) 151 Pts.; 5. CATRICE Florian (FRA, Kawasaki) 131 Pts.; 6. CAPONE

Loucas (BEL, Honda) 129 Pts.; 7. SCHAFLER Mario (AUT, Husqvarna) 119 Pts.; 8. BARTSCHI Yannick (SUI, Honda) 118 Pts.; 9. BONNAL Steve (FRA, TM) 115 Pts.; 10. FIORENTINO Romeo (BEL, Husqvarna) 101 Pts.

#### S OPEN CUP Top Ten

1. AMODEO Mickael (FRA, Yamaha) 225 Pts.; 2. DECAIGNY Nicolas (BEL, Honda) 194 Pts.; ZUGER Stephan (SUI, Honda) 153 Pts.; 4. BELLEMO Christian (ITA, Suzuki) 151 Pts.; 5. MOSERITI Alberto (ITA, Husqvarna) 72 Pts.; 6. CUCCHIETTI Mauro (ITA, Honda) 62 Pts.; 7. PAOLONI Andrea (ITA) 44 Pts.; 8. TRAVERSA Matteo (ITA) 43 Pts.; 9. LEONE Vladimiro (ITA) 42 Pts.; 10. BERTRAND Thibault (FRA) 24 Pts.

### Hill Climb European Championship: double round in Italy



Double round for the Hill Climb European Championship in Italy, with the races in Pieve S. Stefano-Passo allo Spino.

Although the Covid-19 situation, a large number of participants took part to the events, with 21 riders participating at the series.

The races were gratefully organised by Pro-Spino Team in a familiar mood: if on Saturday the weather was good, on Sunday the rain had a key role in the fights.



**Race 1 classification**

**250 Open/GP**

1. Guido Testoni
2. Bernard De Pierreux
3. Marco Vigilucci

**600 SS**

1. Blanc Amalric
2. Salvatore Sallustro
3. Uwe Rademaker

**Supermoto**

1. Alexander Ponzellini
2. Steven Bellavoine
3. Stefano Leone

**SBK 1000**

1. Stefano Bonetti
2. Blanc Amalric
3. Uwe Rademaker

**Race 2 classification**

**250 Open/GP**

1. Guido Testoni
2. Bernard De Pierreux
3. Rolf Haller

**600 SS**

1. Daniele Stolli
2. Uwe Rademaker
3. Maurizio Bottalico

**Supermoto**

1. Steven Bellavoine
2. Alexander Ponzellini
3. Stefano Leone

**SBK 1000**

1. Salvatore Sallustro
2. Uwe Rademaker
3. Blanc Amalric

**2020 Champions:**

**250 Open/GP** - Guido Testoni

**600 SS** - Maurizio Bottalico

**Supermoto** - Steven Bellavoine

**SBK 1000** - Stefano Bonetti