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EMX Open and EMX 2T European Championship:
Anderson wraps up his third EMX2T title a round early in Pietramurata

Two solid results during yesterday's EMX2t Presented by FMF Racing heats saw Brad Anderson of Verde Substance KTM claim his third European title, a round early, as he also placed second overall on the day, with two consistent second place finishes.

While Anderson sealed the deal in terms of the championship, it was actually Nicholas Lapucci who made a memorable debut in the EMX2t Presented by FMF Racing category with the Fantic Racing team, as he was victorious in both of the races which helped him claim his first European podium on home soil here in Italy. Lapucci was unmatched in both races, as he won the heats with a 14.628 and 7.142 second gap over the 2020 champion.

Meanwhile Husqvarana Junior Racing Maddii's Federico Tuani finished third on the box today, with a 3rd and a 4th in the races, which has also helped him move up into second place of the championship standings. Two tough races have seen his teammate Eugenio Barbaglia drop from second to fifth in the championship, as Loris Freidig has moved up into the bronze medal position, as we head into the final round this Saturday.

A podium finish was the perfect way for Anderson to claim his 3rd European title, after narrowly missing out on the gold plate last season to Mike Kras. This season the Brit has been strong. He entered the first three rounds in Faenza with confidence, as he claimed 5 out of the 6 possible race wins to win all three rounds and now has secured the title a round early.

EMX2T Presented by FMF Racing - Race 1 - Top 10 Classification: 1. Nicholas Lapucci (ITA, Fantic), 29:07.716; 2. Brad Anderson (GBR, KTM), +0:14.628; 3. Federico Tuani (ITA, Husqvarna), +0:21.667; 4. Kade Tinkler-Walker (CAN, Suzuki), +0:31.005; 5. Manuel Iacopi (ITA, Yamaha), +0:43.649; 6. Loris Freidig (SUI, Yamaha), +0:48.106; 7. Paolo Ermini (ITA, Husqvarna), +0:49.316; 8. Emanuele Alberio (ITA, KTM), +0:56.763; 9. Eugenio Barbaglia (ITA, Husqvarna), +0:59.460; 10. Jonas Nedved (CZE, KTM), +1:00.707;

EMX2T Presented by FMF Racing - Race 2 - Top 10 Classification: 1. Nicholas Lapucci (ITA, Fantic), 29:09.388; 2. Brad Anderson (GBR, KTM), +0:07.142; 3. Manuel Iacopi (ITA, Yamaha), +0:11.395; 4. Federico Tuani (ITA, Husqvarna), +0:24.818; 5. Kade Tinkler-Walker (CAN, Suzuki), +0:35.402; 6. Loris Freidig (SUI, Yamaha), +0:45.682; 7. Emanuele Alberio (ITA, KTM), +0:47.071; 8. Nikolaj Skovgaard Christensen (DEN, KTM), +0:57.225; 9. Martin Michelis (EST, KTM), +0:58.150; 10. Mario Tamai (ITA, KTM), +1:22.665;

EMX2T Presented by FMF Racing - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Nicholas Lapucci (ITA, FAN), 50 points; 2. Brad Anderson (GBR, KTM), 44 p.; 3. Federico Tuani (ITA, HUS), 38 p.; 4. Manuel Iacopi (ITA, YAM), 36 p.; 5. Kade Tinkler-Walker (CAN, SUZ), 34 p.; 6. Loris Freidig (SUI, YAM), 30 p.; 7. Emanuele Alberio (ITA, KTM), 27 p.; 8. Nikolaj Skovgaard Christensen (DEN, KTM), 22 p.; 9. Mario Tamai (ITA, KTM), 21 p.; 10. Martin Michelis (EST, KTM), 20 p.;

EMX2T Presented by FMF Racing - Championship Top 10 Classification: 1. Brad Anderson (GBR, KTM), 191 points; 2. Federico Tuani (ITA, HUS), 135 p.; 3. Loris Freidig (SUI, YAM), 124 p.; 4. Kade Tinkler-Walker (CAN, SUZ), 119 p.; 5. Eugenio Barbaglia (ITA, HUS), 111 p.; 6. Mario Tamai (ITA, KTM), 109 p.; 7. Emanuele Alberio (ITA, KTM), 104 p.; 8. Marco Lolli (ITA, YAM), 103 p.; 9. Manuel Iacopi (ITA, YAM), 102 p.; 10. Martin Michelis (EST, KTM), 82 p.

In the EMX Open category, the title chase is just heating up, following some interesting racing during today's penultimate round. There is now just 11 points in it between championship leader, Karel Kutsar and Kim Savaste of 137 KTM Motorsport.

Though it was Toms Macuks who was the man of the day, as he claimed his second overall victory this season, with two consistent second place finishes which was enough to put him on the top step of the box. Joining him on the podium was Savaste, who had two different races. The Finnish rider was victorious in the first EMX Open race, while in the second heat, he struggled with the start, though he managed to get back up into 5th, to claim a podium spot. This was his first podium since the Latvian triple-header. Kutsar was the third rider on the box, with two consistent third place finishes, which gave him his fourth podium of the season and helped him maintain a decent gap for the title, heading into the final round this weekend. Last round winner, Jimmy Clochet had an unlucky day, as he crashed out in the start during the first race, though managed to get back up inside the top 10. However, the Frenchman had a bike issue, for which he claimed sound testing at the end of the race and was docked a couple of positions to 13th. Though in the second race he was back to winning ways, as he got out of the gate well and then consistently led every lap of the race to claim the win with a 10.947 gap to Macuks.

As it stands, Kutsar and Savaste are separated by 11 points in the standings with two more races to go, while Macuks is third a further 18 points down.

EMXOpen - Race 1 – Top 10 Classification: 1. Kim Savaste (FIN, KTM), 30:21.425; 2. Toms Macuks (LAT, KTM), +0:02.793; 3. Karel Kutsar (EST, KTM), +0:05.291; 4. Cornelius Toendel (NOR, Honda), +0:18.505; 5. Davide De Bortoli (ITA, Honda), +0:21.071; 6. John Adamson (GBR, KTM), +0:23.054; 7. Mathias Gryning (DEN, Yamaha), +0:30.708; 8. Paul Haberland (GER, Honda), +0:38.249; 9. Martin Michek (CZE, KTM), +0:38.901; 10. Dan Thornhill (GBR, Honda), +0:41.767;

EMXOpen - Race 2 – Top 10 Classification: 1. Jimmy Clochet (FRA, Kawasaki), 30:06.498; 2. Toms Macuks (LAT, KTM), +0:10.947; 3. Karel Kutsar (EST, KTM), +0:13.889; 4. Cornelius Toendel (NOR, Honda), +0:17.402; 5. Kim Savaste (FIN, KTM), +0:38.451; 6. Martin Michek (CZE, KTM), +0:39.162; 7. John Adamson (GBR, KTM), +0:44.634; 8. Dan Thornhill (GBR, Honda), +0:48.220; 9. Mads Sjoholm (DEN, KTM), +0:55.893; 10. Davide De Bortoli (ITA, Honda), +1:02.724;

EMXOpen - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Toms Macuks (LAT, KTM), 44 points; 2. Kim Savaste (FIN, KTM), 41 p.; 3. Karel Kutsar (EST, KTM), 40 p.; 4. Cornelius Toendel (NOR, HON), 36 p.; 5. Jimmy Clochet (FRA, KAW), 33 p.; 6. John Adamson (GBR, KTM), 29 p.; 7. Martin Michek (CZE, KTM), 27 p.; 8. Davide De Bortoli (ITA, HON), 27 p.; 9. Dan Thornhill (GBR, HON), 24 p.; 10. Mathias Gryning (DEN, YAM), 23 p.;

EMXOpen - Championship Top 10 Classification: 1. Karel Kutsar (EST, KTM), 203 points; 2. Kim Savaste (FIN, KTM), 192 p.; 3. Toms Macuks (LAT, KTM), 174 p.; 4. Stefan Ekerold (GER, SUZ), 134 p.; 5. Cornelius Toendel (NOR, HON), 109 p.; 6. Miro Sihvonen (FIN, HUS), 101 p.; 7. Andero Lusbo (EST, HUS), 93 p.; 8. Domantas Jazdauskas (LTU, HUS), 93 p.; 9. Jimmy Clochet (FRA, KAW), 83 p.; 10. Juuso Matikainen (FIN, HUS), 83 p.

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