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**EMX 125 European Championship and EMX 250 European Championship:  
the European season started in Great Britain**



The EMX250 and EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing opening rounds have concluded in Matterley Basin, with Fantic Factory Team Maddii riders Nicholas Lapucci and Haakon Osterhagen dominating the field with overall victories.

It has been the perfect day for racing with great weather and awesome British crowds who turned out to support the EMX riders as they kicked off round 1 of 2021.

### **EMX250**

In the EMX250 class it was Nicholas Lapucci of Fantic Factory Team Maddii who conquered the rest of the field, taking two race wins to secure the top spot on the podium as well as the championship lead. Joining him on the podium was the Norwegian, Kevin



Horgmo of SM Action Racing Team YUASA Battery who finished second overall thanks to two solid heats going 3-2. Occupying the third spot was Cornelius Toendel from Riley Racing who celebrated a first podium finish in EMX.

In the opening EMX250 race, Lapucci wasted no time to jump into an early lead with Maxime Grau of Rockstar Energy Husqvarna Factory Racing, Toendel and Liam Everts of KTM Liamski just behind.

Everts then came under pressure from Hakon Fredriksen of 9MM Energy Drink BUD Racing Kawasaki and then Horgmo, before dropping a couple of more positions to 6<sup>th</sup> and then crashing out of the top 10 a few laps later. He finished the race in 12<sup>th</sup>.

Toendel then squeezed down the inside of Grau to take second with Frenchman, then coming under more pressure as Fredriksen and Horgmo went through as well, dropping him down to 5<sup>th</sup>. Towards the end of the race all eyes were on Fredriksen and Horgmo, with the pair having an incredibly close battle for third, swapping positions on several occasions though Horgmo was able to hold on in the end to secure a top 3 finish.

Lapucci was the winner in race 1 with Toendel 2<sup>nd</sup> and Horgmo 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In the second race, it was Lorenzo Corti of S11 Motorsport DianaMx who got a great start, though not wasting any time once again was Lapucci who quickly jumped into P1. Fredriksen got around Corti next, with Horgmo doing the same not long after.

Horgmo then went after Fredriksen and was able to pass him much easier than in race one to move into second and it was game on as the Norwegian chased down the race leader. Setting fast lap after fast lap, Horgmo edged closer to Lapucci, though couldn't quite get close enough to attempt a pass and therefore settled for P2, as Lapucci took the win, with Emil Weckman of Honda Racing Assomotor Team securing a top 3 finish behind the pair.

**EMX250 - Overall Top 10 Classification:** 1. Nicholas Lapucci (ITA, FAN), 50 points; 2. Kevin Horgmo (NOR, GAS), 42 p.; 3. Cornelius Toendel (NOR, YAM), 38 p.; 4. Emil Weckman (FIN, HON), 34 p.; 5. Hakon Fredriksen (NOR, KAW), 30 p.; 6. Yago Martinez (ESP, KTM),



29 p.; 7. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, YAM), 26 p.; 8. Florian Miot (FRA, KTM), 24 p.; 9. Liam Everts (BEL, KTM), 20 p.; 10. Maximilian Spies (GER, FAN), 19 p.

### EMX125

In the EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing category it was another win for Fantic Factory Team Maddii as Haakon Osterhagen's 1-3 result in the races put him on the top spot of the podium. Ferruccio Zanchi of Yamaha Europe EMX125 MJC finished second overall while Brit Bobby Bruce of ASA United GasGas made the home crowd proud with a third-place finish.

As the gate dropped for race 1 it was Andrea Viano who got a great start, with Osterhagen not far behind as well as Sacha Coenen of 9MM Energy Drink BUD Racing Kawasaki and Zanchi.

It only took a lap or so for Osterhagen to get into the lead and he was quick to extend his gap to the rider in second who was Zanchi, as Viano dropped to third. Bruce then went after 5<sup>th</sup> as he searched for top positions.

With 5 minutes left on the clock Coenen got himself into second, with Bruce making his way up to 3<sup>rd</sup> followed by Zanchi and Marc-Antoine Rossi of Tech 32.

In the end it was Osterhagen with the win, as Rossi inherited P2 due to a penalty that was handed out to Bruce which dropped him 3 positions, as a result of leaving the track with gaining advantage. Sacha Coenen finished the race 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In race two Osterhagen led the way early doors once again, though shortly after the Fantic rider made a costly mistake which saw him crash and drop down the order, though not too far as he was able to recover vital positions quickly.

It was then Zanchi who led the rest of the field as he fended off the pressure from Bruce who was fighting hard to get into P1. Bruce made a brief appearance in the lead but didn't quite manage to hold onto it.

The second EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing heat was cut short due to a red flag incident involving Ferruccio Zanchi and Kay Karssemakers. The Italian rider was taken to the medical centre for observation, though despite having an unfortunate incident was

counted as the race winner as under a red flag incident the results are taken from the previous lap, which at the time Zanchi had led. Therefore, the race win went to Zanchi with Bruce in P2 and Osterhagen P3.

**EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing - Overall Top 10 Classification:** 1. Haakon Osterhagen (NOR, FAN), 45 points; 2. Ferruccio Zanchi (ITA, YAM), 43 p.; 3. Bobby Bruce (GBR, GAS), 37 p.; 4. Marc-Antoine Rossi (FRA, KTM), 36 p.; 5. Sacha Coenen (BEL, KAW), 33 p.; 6. Kay Karssemakers (NED, HUS), 32 p.; 7. Valerio Lata (ITA, KTM), 28 p.; 8. Luca Ruffini (ITA, KTM), 23 p.; 9. Cato Nickel (GER, KTM), 23 p.; 10. Scott Smulders (NED, HUS), 21 p.;

### Northern Talent Cup: action in TT Assen



### Race 1

Race 1 of Northern Talent Cup Round 4 didn't disappoint, with the battle going down to the final chicane and almost nothing deciding it at the line. But it was Belgian rider Lorenz



Luciano (Junior Black Knights Team) who came out on top, just 0.044 ahead of Stepan Zuda (Motoracing23 Klub V ACR) over the line as the Czech rider took his first podium of the season in second. His compatriot and points leader Jakub Gurecky (JRT Brno Circuit) took third, incredibly from P20 on the grid.

It was home hero Loris Veneman (Kahuna Security Racing) who took off like a shot from the front row, with some of the track wet and some dry but the Dutchman flying early. Behind him a group formed quickly though, with six riders initially battling for supremacy in the lead and Gurecky already one of them early on, the Czech rider shooting through from P20 on the grid to get in the mix.

Some were stronger in the wet, some in the dry, some around some sectors and some others, but the outcome was another classic freight train fight at the front. Zuda and Damian Boessenkool (Team KNMV) were making up ground hand over fist before they also joined the battle, making it eight riders vying for three places on the podium... and one win.

It all came down to the final chicane and a shootout to the line in the end, with Luciano playing it to perfection to gas it towards the flag and stay ahead. Zuda took second and his first podium of the season, with the fight for third then just as close as four riders fanned out across the track after a final chicane shuffle - but Gurecky was just ahead to make it a clean sweep of podiums so far this season.

Veneman was forced to settle for fourth but it's nevertheless an impressive race and qualifying for the Dutchman as he leads a trio of home heroes: Beekmans took fifth, with Boessenkool sixth. Only just over a tenth separated the number 65 from Gurecky on the podium, it was that close.

Lennox Phommara (Phommara Team) was back at the front again and the Swiss rookie took his turn leading before coming home in seventh a little off the group ahead, with Niklas Kitzbichler (Racing-Team-Kitzbicher) also a force to be reckoned with before ending up eighth after a couple of dramatic excursions late on that the Austrian was able to just about get back under control.



Ninth place went to polesitter Rossi Moor (FAIRIUM Next Generation Riders Team) as the Hungarian had a harder race day nearly a week after his first win. He was shuffled right back early on before recovering good ground, beating Jonas Kocourek (JRT Brno Circuit) to P9 by only a couple of tenths.

## Race 2

Rossi Moor (FAIRIUM Next Generation Riders Team) smashed it out the park at the TT Circuit Assen in Race 2, the Hungarian putting the pedal to the metal early to bolt away from a huge group battle for second. That was won at the line by Niklas Kitzbichler (Racing-Team-Kitzbichler) as the Austrian finally took that first podium, with points leader Jakub Gurecky (JRT Brno Circuit) once again pulling off an impressive recovery ride to third, from 20th on the grid.

With sunny skies overhead and some redemption to find, Moor wasted no time hitting the front and getting the hammer down. Initially Jacopo Hosciuc (Hos Racing Team) tagged onto the back of him but then early drama hit for the Romanian as he suffered a technical issue. For a while thereafter, Moor's gap to the pack hovered at a couple of seconds, but as the battle raged behind the number 92 slowly disappeared into the distance. Keeping it clean, tidy and quick throughout, he crossed the line with over seven seconds in hand to make quite a statement on Sunday.

Behind, the battle saw some of Race 1's usual suspects up at the front. Lorenz Luciano (Junior Black Knights Team), Kitzbichler, Loris Veneman (Kahuna Security Racing), Kas Beekmans (Team KNMV), Stepan Zuda (Motoracing23 Klub V ACR) and more were joined by Gurecky, FAIRIUM Next Generation Riders' Kevin Farkas, Tibor Varga (Forty Racing Team), Lennox Phommara (Phommara Team), Jonas Kocourek (JRT Brno Circuit) and Damian Boessenkool (Team KNMV) in an almighty showdown at the Cathedral.

Chopping and changing, it was anyone's race but this time as the final chicane dawned for the final time, Kitzbichler had put himself in the perfect position. The Austrian was almost neck and neck with Gurecky on the final push to the flag and a photo finish it was, split by just 0.009 as Kitzbichler put his Race 1 bad luck to bed to just pip the points leader.



Gurecky still took another podium to keep his 100% podium record in tact in 2021 though, and once again from P20 on the grid.

Loris Veneman was forced to settle for fourth and just missed out on the podium once again, but the Dutchman managed to fight off Race 1 podium finisher Zuda as the number 23 had another impressive race but couldn't quite get back on the box. Luciano was next up, losing out in the shuffle and forced to settle for a few fewer points than he likely wanted given Gurecky was on the podium.

Varga took a step to dice it out at the front on Sunday and takes home seventh, ahead of Kocourek and Farkas. Phommara fought in the group but then got a Long Lap for shortcutting through the green, the Swiss rookie taking it on the last lap and therefore forced to settle for tenth.

Boessenkool crashed out, and there was final chicane drama for Beekmans as he tagged Zuda and then Valentino Herrlich (Busch und Wagner Racing Team). Beekmans and Herrlich both went down, but riders ok.

### **Supersport 300 Cup - Superstock 1000 Cup**

#### **Women's European SS 300 Cup:**

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For the first time the Women's European SS 300 Cup approached out of Italy with the Grand Prix of Grobnik at Rijeka, Croatia.

Both race 1 and race 2 were a fight between Neila Santos and Sara Sanchez: one win each for the Spanish rider, with the Italian Roberta Ponziani third.



### Supersport 300 Cup

Double victory for the poleman Gasper Hudovernik, who won ahead the Croatian Fran Bebic and the Polish Patrycja.

### Superstock 1000 Cup

Poleman David Bozic from Serbia took the leadership, winning race 1 and race 2 at Grobnik. Both days second on the podium the Slovakian Tomas Svitok and third Strahinja Kovacevic from Serbia.

### EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championships and EMX Women' European Championship

### South East zone: third round in Serbia

Third round of the EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship South East zone in Krusevac - Globare, Serbia. Riders from Turkey, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania and Serbia took part to the race for the Final.

### EMX85

Once again, the Bulgarian Ventislav Toshev (HUSQVARNA) won both EMX85 races. Race 1 ahead of Bulgarian Danail Stefanov (GAS GAS), while in race 2 ahead of Hungarian Ferenc Orlov (HUSQVARNA) and Stefanov. The Hungarian rider missed the podium after crashing out in the first race, therefore the second overall position went to Stefanov. Mihnea Banu (YAHAMA) from Romania got the third step of the podium after finishing third in the first race and fourth in the second. Serbian Aleksa Milosavljevic (KTM) had to settle for fourth at his home race.

### EMX65

The EMX65 was won by Hungarian Aron Katona (HUSQVARNA) after a very close battle with Bulgarian Dani Tsankov (YAMAHA), first in race 2. As Katona won the second race, he won the overall too. Intense race for third step too, with a challenging fight between two riders from Romania: Mark Szoke Eross (HUSQVARNA) and Sami Dumitru (YAMAHA).





**South West zone and EMX Women' European Championship: second round in Italy**

**Women Overall**

1. Valk Lynn, NED
2. Van Der Vlist Shana, NED
3. Galvagno Elisa, ITA

**65cc Overall**

1. Uccellini Andrea, ITA
2. Diss-Fenard Leo, FRA
3. Lagain Tylan, FRA

**85cc Overall**

1. Gaspari Alessandro, ITA
2. Mancini Simone, ITA
3. Mantovani Filippo, ITA

**Supermoto European Championship:  
S2 and S4 season started in Ortona**

The first round of the Supermoto European Championship took place in Italy at the Circuito Internazionale d'Abruzzo in Ortona in the region of Abruzzo. The racetrack of Ortona is one of the best equipped in Italy and with its fast corners, long straights and challenging off-road section, action is guaranteed.



## S2 Race 1

At 11:30 hours the first race for the Supermoto European Championship took place in very warm and sunny weather conditions. All S2 riders were determined to set best results and they were ready for it. At the start it was Gazza Racing rider Youry Catherine who took the hole-shot in the first right corner of the racetrack on Ortona, right in front of Austrian Husqvarna rider Andreas Buschberger and KTM MTR rider Romain Kaivers. Right behind the top three the teammates at L30 TM Racing, Steven Bonnal and Luca Bozza were in fourth and fifth. In front Catherine tried to get away from his competitors and in the beginning it looked like the young French rider was succeeding but Buschberger had different plans. The Austrian rider closed in on Catherine and the two were fighting for every corner on the hot track. Kaivers was still in third but the Belgium rider made a mistake and he dropped back behind Bonnal and Bozza. The problems for Kaivers were not over as a flat tyre forced him to drop down the speed and Kaivers finished in last position. With Kaivers gone the two riders at the front had a big lead and for Buschberger it was time to attack. In lap nine he passed Catherine for first position but the Gazza Racing rider passed him straight back in the off-road section. Buschberger tried to get back into the lead but the Austrian made a mistake and crashed in one of the high speed corners of the track. He quickly grappled his Husqvarna but he couldn't avoid that Steve Bonnal passed him. After



some laps Buschberger found his rhythm again and with four laps to go he was in second position in front of Bonnal. Through the crash of the number two in the race, Catherine could control the race and finished in first position. Second place was for Andreas Buschberger and third for Steven Bonnal.

#### S4 Race 1

Under clear blue skies, the first race of the S4 class started at 10:40 hours in the morning. At the start it was Spanish rider Alex Ruiz Jimenez who took the holeshot into the first corner followed by FRT 2 Racing rider Marco Malone and L30 TM Racing rider Alessandro Sanchioni. In fourth it was Gazza Racing rider Jacopo Arduine. Straight from the start the race pace was very high. In the second round Malone overtook Ruiz Jimenez for first place but the Spanish rider stayed close behind. Sanchioni in his turn passed Arduine and also the teammate of Sanchioni at L30 TM Racing Kevin Vandi was closing in. In front Malone quickly got a gap towards his opponents and controlled the race until the finishline to finish first. The battle for second was hard behind four riders until technical problems happened for Ruiz-Jimenez. The Spanish rider could finish the race but dropped back to eighth place. Arduine meanwhile managed to overtake second place in front of Vandi and Sanchioni and it looked like he could finish in second, but Vandi did a last attempt in the very last corner and overtook second again. Arduine had to lift the gas a little bit, which gave Sanchioni the chance to him as well, making Vandi second, Sanchioni third and Arduine fourth in the first race,.

#### S4 Race 2

The last race of this weekend for the S4 class started at 13:30 hours. At the start it was Spanish rider Alex Ruiz Jimenez who was first into the righthand corner in front of L30 TM Racing rider Alessandro Sanchioni and winner of the first race FRT 2 Racing rider Marco Malone. In fourth it was Gazza Racing rider Jacopo Arduini followed by the teammate of Sanchioni, Kevin Vandi. In fifth place it was Federico D'Annunzio who wanted to recover from race one. In front Ruiz-Jimenez was still leading but the gaps were really close and

the complete top six was still in a few meters. In lap seven Arduine moved to third place and the Gazza Racing rider wanted more but a hard crash in one the fast corners threw him back to last position. Arduine had to visit the pitlane but could continue. The winner of race one Marco Malone made also an mistake and fell back to sixth place. D'Annunzio in his turn had moved up from sixth to third in a few laps time and the Italian rider was up for more. With a few laps to go Sanchioni passed Ruiz-Jimenez for first place but D'Annunzio did a double pass and went from third into first position in one lap. The others however didn't give up and tried all they could but they couldn't pretend that Federico D'Annunzio took the victory in race two. Second position was Alessandro Sanchioni and the top three was completed by Alex Ruiz-Jimenez. With his second place Alessandro Sanchioni took the overall victory in Ortona.

### SEC: Pawlicki won Final 2 in Germany



For the sixth time in history, the organizers of the European Championship were guests in Güstrow. It was the first competition to be held outside Poland since the coronavirus



pandemic turmoil. The initial runs showed us, that we could face a very fierce rivalry, because after two series of starts no specific favorites were detected and there was a lot of squeeze in the general classification. Lambert, Michelsen, Smektała and Bewley each had five points, Dudek and Logachev four each, followed by a group of four riders with three points in their account (Pawlicki, Milik, Huckenbeck, Madsen).

The situation did not change significantly after the third series of starts and was still tight. This only confirmed the belief that on this German track every point is precious, because the final decisions can be decided by tiny details. Polish fans were certainly satisfied that after twelve races only Dudek and Smektała were those with seven points and just behind them with six stitches was Pawlicki. It may have been a surprise that Milik and Logachev remained at the top of the standings. Madsen, the winner of the first round in Bydgoszcz, was quite colorless. At this stage of the competition, at least ten riders really counted in the fight for the final and the play-offs.

Before the last series of starts, Dudek became the independent leader, who added another three points to his account. Pawlicki and Smektała also showed up on the good side, but they won after two and were overtaken by Michelsen. It seemed the main candidates for the fight for direct promotion to the grand final. Behind them was seven players with seven or six points, which had a chance to play. It is worth mentioning that in his fourth run Madsen finally woke up and a weaker run was scored by Lambert and Bewley, who probably expected much more from themselves.

In the end, Dudek did not maintain his lead until the end of the main round, as in his fifth run he reached the finish line on third place. However, this did not prevent him from getting directly promoted to the final. Next to him in the most important run of the day also checked Pawlicki, who after twenty runs slipped to the lead in general. Smektała, Michelsen, Bewley and Madsen finally came into the play-offs. The most dissatisfied after the main round could have been Thorssell and Huckenbeck, who had the same number of points as Bewley and Madsen, but lost on behalf of them due to fewer threes, so they had to pack home. Once again, European Champion Robert Lambert was a big disappointment.

The play-off race provided great excitement, because after the start Smektała and Michelsen were on the first two places, but on the outside line Madsen was attacking and eventually overtook all his rivals. This meant that in the final, the former European Champion faced three Poles, because "Smyk" finally maintained second place in the last chance run.

The most important run of the day was finally dominated by Pawlicki, who best jumped out from the start. Behind him, Dudek fought Madsen for second place. In the end, the Dane was the better one and Smektała did not join the competition this time.

### European U19 Speedway Championship:



The third and last qualifying competition for the promotion to the finals of the new European Under-19 Individual Speedway Championship took place in Divišov, as usual. Sixteen riders from six countries fought for the five places of the final, that will take place in Riga, Latvia, on 7 August.



**Final results:**

1. Bartłomiej Kowalski, Poland
2. Drew Kemp, Great Britain
3. Leon Flint, Great Britain

**Hill Climb and Vintage Hill Climb European Championship: double round in Italy**

Second round of the Hill Climb and first one for the Vintage Hill Climb European Championship in Italy, in the mountains of Poggio-Vallefredda.

A hot weekend welcomed over 200 riders who took part to the race scheduled with the Italian Championship.

**Hill Climb race 1 and race 2 results:**

**250 GP**

1. Guido Testoni, ITA
2. Bernard Depierreux, BEL
3. Marco Vigilucci, ITA

**Supersport 600**

1. Maurizio Bottalico, ITA
2. Tiziano Rosati
3. Mauro Poncini

**Superbike**

1. Stefano Bonetti, ITA
2. Salvatore Sallustro, ITA



3. Reinhard Strack

**Supermono:**

1. Philippe Bongard
2. Cosimo Sozzo
3. Stefano Leone

**Vintage Hill Climb results:**

**Class Open**

1. Alpassi Carlo
2. Lombardi Giovanni

**Class 125 2T**

1. Testoni Guido
2. Mutti Pierluigi
3. Laureti Lucio

**Class 250 2T**

1. Avo Tommaso
2. Tedeschi Gino
3. Della Latta Roberto

**Class 250 2T GP**

1. Pazzaglia Thomas

**Class 750 4T**

1. Paniccia Domenico
2. Alonzi Williams



3. Fumarola Giovanni

**Class Sidecar**

1. Gundinger-Gundinger

**Class Special**

1. Angiolini Leonardo

