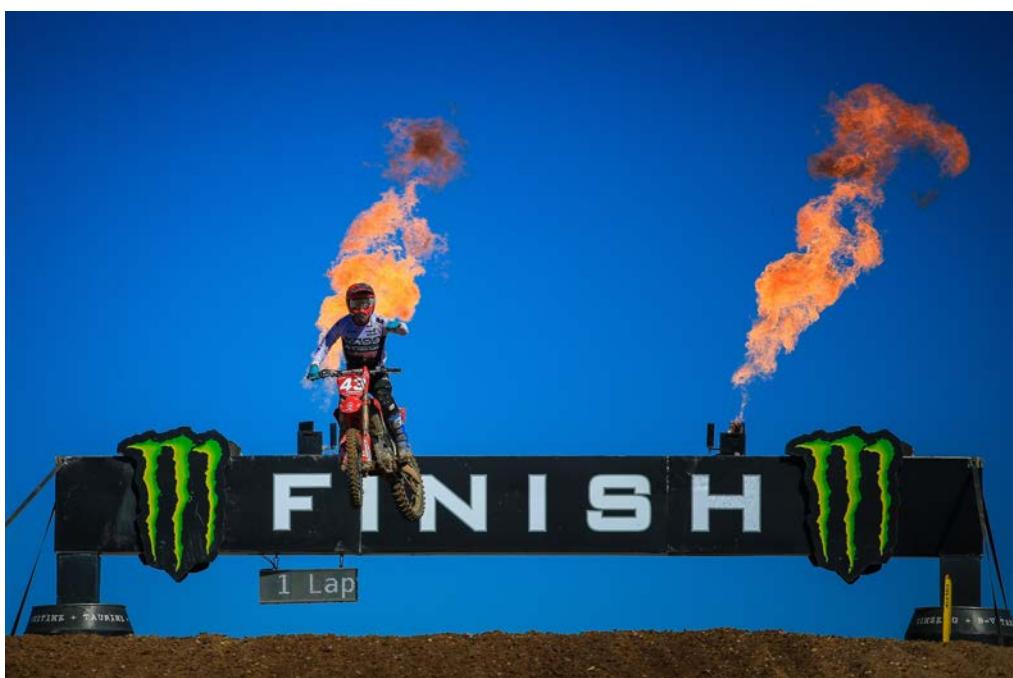




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EMX Open European Championship: round one of two in Turkey



EMX Open Championship leader Davide De Bortoli secured his first overall victory of the season in Afyonkarahisar, as he gets one step closer to wrapping up the EMX Open title with a round to go.

In the first race, it was De Bortoli who took the holeshot from Nicolas Dercourt of Honda SR Motoblouz ahead of JD Gunnex KTM Racing's Tomasz Wysocki and Simone Croci. Croci wasted no time to get around Wysocki, while Dercourt was keeping close to De Bortoli for the win. De Bortoli then set the fastest lap of the race as the gap opened up to 2.254 seconds though Dercourt was able to bring that back and get onto the Italian's back wheel as he searched for a way through.



The pair battled for the win for most of the race as they had a little bit of a gap to Croci and Wysocki who were in their own battle for third. Krisztian Tompa was having a good ride in fifth ahead of Matej Jaros and local rider Mustafa Cetin.

With three laps to go, the gap was at 3.089 and as the race came to a close Dercourt came under fire from a hard-charging Croci who was able to get the Frenchman on the final lap to finish second. Dercourt was forced to settle for third while De Bortoli took the win.

The second race saw Dercourt not line up for the heat which mean he was out of the podium fight and would end up losing vital points in terms of the championship.

As the gate dropped for the second heat, De Bortoli was first out of the start once again, while Croci was right there in second ahead of Wysocki and Tompa.

Sakir Senkalayci dropped two positions on the opening lap which allowed Batuhan Demiryol and Mehmet Celik through.

De Bortoli then edged out by 7.367 as Croci remained second with Wysocki slowly closing the gap to second place. For the rest of the race De Bortoli was fully in control keeping a steady gap to second and third as Corci and Wysocki battled for second.

Eventually, with four laps remaining, Wysokci was able to get around Croci to move into second position, with the Polish rider then setting his sights on chasing down the race leader.

In the end De Bortoli was the race winner, with Wysocki second and Croci third, ahead of Tompa and Jaros who rounded out the top five.

With two race wins, Davide De Bortoli stood on the top step of the podium for the very first time this season, Simone Croci joined him alongside on the second step, while Wysocki celebrated his first podium finish with third overall.

De Bortoli now takes the championship to the final round on Tuesday with a 37-points advantage over Nicolas Dercourt and Simone Croci who is just four points off second place.



EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship: NW and SW final rounds



South West zone

The final round was hosted in the beautiful area of Prilipe-Brezice, Slovenia, close to border with Croatia. In EMX65 more as 12 riders and in EMX 85 more as 15 riders are still in the run for top 8 positions which give them direct entrance to the finals in Riola Sardo, Italy.

In EMX65 race1 holeshot by zone leader Uccellini, who with a start to finish lead got the victory ahead of two Austrian riders, Ernecker and Bauer. In race2 Bauer took the lead and maintained it until 4 minutes before the end, when Uccellini comes to first place.

In EMX85 race1 holeshot by the Italian Mantovani. Barbieri took the lead but after a little mistake Ernecker moved up from second place. He was pushed to the finish by Barbieri who couldn't pass anymore. Third Tzemach from Israel.

In race2 Barbieri took the lead until finish ahead of Ernecker and Tzemach.

North West zone

Last round for the North West zone in Kaplice, Czech Republic.

In EMX85 the Dutch Lotte van Drunen ruled both races; same in EMX85 with the Dutch Dex van Den Broek winner in both races ahead of Stanislav Pojar and Max Meyer.



Yamaha R3 bLU cRU European Cup: double for Harrison



The fifth round of the Yamaha R3 bLU cRU European Cup was held in Magny-Cours, France. After Friday's free practices in wet conditions, the Superpole took place in dry track. Race 1 was a big battle for podium, but was red flagged in the final lap because of a few incidents the Race Direction. The British Fenton Harrison won the race, while the two main competitors in the standing Abella and Maxim Repak did not finish the race. Race 2 was hard-fought for the whole 9 laps. Championship leader Abella was forced to withdraw at lap 2, losing the leadership. Once more great performance for Harrison, who won ahead of Julian Giral Romero and Repak.

Race1 top three

1. #47 Fenton Harrison Seabright, GBR
2. #12 Humberto Maier, BRA
3. #74 Juan Antonio Conesa Benito, SPA

Race2 top three

1. #47 Fenton Harrison Seabright, GBR
2. #76 Julian Giral Romero, SPA
3. #16 Maxim Repak, SLO



Supermoto S2: Romain Kaivers wins in Sestriere in the S2 class



In dry and very good weather conditions the riders of the S2 class of the Supermoto European Championship were ready for the battle for the victory in the streets of Sestriere, a former Olympic village in the mountains of the region of Piemonte. The spectators around the track were already present and enjoyed every minute of racing. It was KTM MTR rider Romain Kaivers who took the overall victory in the S2 class, his first for the team of Franco Mollo.

S2 Race 1

At the start it was Gazza Racing rider Youry Catherine who took the holeshot into the first very fast corner of the track in Sestriere. Second position was for KTM MTR rider Romain Kaivers, who was followed by Husqvarna rider and leader in the championship, Andy Buschberger. Fourth and fifth was the teammates of L30 TM Factory, Luca Bozza and Steve Bonnal. Both TM riders were followed by Gazza Racing rider Andrea Stucchi. SMX Racing rider Romeo Fiorentino didn't start due to a crash in the warm-up session. From the start it looked like Catherine was quickly pulling away from Kaivers and Buschberger but after



a few laps both riders came better in their rhythm and closed the gap toward Catherine. Lap after lap all three riders had a great fight until Kaivers made a mistake and fell back to third place, making Buschberger second. For the Austrian rider this was the sign to increase his speed and soon he was at the back of Catherine who tried everything to keep Buschberger behind him. Kaivers in his turn was still third and pulled away from Bozza again and started his return to the leaders. In the last lap Buschberger opened the attack and tried to pass Catherine in the fast-uphill corner but Catherine kept the door closed. At his next attempt to take over the lead, Buschberger made a mistake and crashed. He could quickly restart his race but couldn't prevent that Kaivers took over second place. After 20 laps, Youry Catherine crossed the finish line in first place, followed by Romain Kaivers and Andy Buschberger. Luca Bozza finished in fourth and Steve Bonnal completed the top five.

S2 Race 2

Like in the first race Gazza Racing rider Youry Catherine had a great start and was the first rider to reach the top of the hill. Second position was for KTM MTR rider Romain Kaivers followed by the two L30 TM Factory riders Steve Bonnal and Luca Bozza. Championship leader Andy Buscherberg had to start from the pitlane. The Austrian rider was already a lap behind on the other riders but still he gave everything he got which made him the absolute favourite of the spectators. In the lead it was still Catherine in first position, but Kaivers was not far behind keeping the pressure full on the leader. Bonnal and Bozza had their own fight but kept the two leaders in sight. Halfway the race Kaivers started to push harder and in lap eleven the Belgium rider passed Catherine and took over the lead. Catherine didn't give up and stayed a second behind Kaivers. Kaivers however kept his head cool, didn't make any mistakes and kept Catherine behind him until the finishline. Catherine finished in second position and Steve Bonnal won the L30 TM Factory battle. With his victory in the second race, Romain Kaivers also took the overall victory with equal points to Catherine.