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EMX Quad European Championship: Patrick Turrini crowned champion



For the third and final round of the 2021 European Quadcross Championship, we found ourselves once again in Czech Republic, this time however the stakes were much higher; a championship had to be won. Mathematically, 4 riders were still in the title hunt but Kevin Saar, who came into the weekend with a 147 point advantage, was a whole 34 points ahead of second placed rider Christopher Tvaraen and could potentially take the crown in the first outing! Tvaraen would be absolutely giving it his all to overturn this deficit, which was bound to lead to some exciting racing.

Qualifying

Under a beautiful cloudless sky, the gladiators of the EMX Quads championship made their way into the Kramolin arena, ready to fight for the gate picks. Twenty-five minutes was the duration of the session, and within the first five minutes, Saar had already set a



fantastically high bar of a 1:42.562. This lapttime stood for the first half of the session until Christopher Tvaraen, the man closest to Saar in the championship, blew that time out of the water and went sub-1:41 for the first time. It was very much Saar vs Tvaraen throughout this qualifying session, which concluded with Tvaraen taking first blood over Saar by +0.263. Also fighting for the rostrum positions were the Italian duo of Patrick Turrini and Paolo Galizzi. They may be compatriots, however they are in complete contrast to one another in terms of this years championship. Galizzi scoring points in each of the 6 races so far this year, with Turrini making this weekend his first appearance of 2021 in the Europeans championship. The battle for the final rostrum position was not only involving the Italians, but also local riders of Jiri Kasper, Adam Tucek and David Susa. This closely contested battle saw the Italians third and fourth, with the home heroes having to settle for positions outside of the top six.

Results

1. Christopher Tvaraen	1.39.689
2. Kevin Saar	+0.263
3. Patrick Turrini	+2.271
4. Paolo Galizzi	+2.617
5. Miro-Romeo Cappuccio	+2.651
6. Jiri Kasper	+2.967
7. David Susa	+3.392
8. Adam Tucek	+3.530
9. Kacper Mieszkowski	+3.792
10. Jakub Kostelecky	+4.594

Race 1

Sixteen quadcross warriors lined up at the gate, prepared and ready for the twenty-five minute race + two laps duration. As soon as the five second board was thrown aloft, the air was filled with a thick 4-stroke crescendo which was only interrupted by the drop of



the gates. Into turn one we saw the local rider David Susa claim an early lead, but the ominous figure of Kevin Saar soon dived to the inside and took a hold of the race. Main championship rival was bogged down in fourth place, however some impressively daring moves saw him move into second place with one goal in mind; to take the fight to Saar. The two protagonists of this 2021 EMX Quadcross championship were, at quite a rapid rate of knots, opening up the gap between themselves, and the battle for third which consisted of both Italian riders and an abundance of local racers looking to upset the regulars. Throughout the entirety of the race it was Saar who had the upper hand over Tvaraen, even when contending with lapped riders and yellow flags which hampered Tvaraen's charge, even by just a small amount. While this fierce battle raged on at the front, Patrick Turrini and Paolo Galizzi were slowly edging away from not only the Czech challengers, but also themselves. This positioning would remain the same during the course of the race which is in complete contrast to what was happening at the front.

Two laps were left in this epic clash of the titans, and Tvaraen decided that this was the best time to attack. Saar had done an absolutely sublime job of defending his lead but unfortunately for the Estonian, he left the door ajar and this gap was quickly filled by a determined young Norwegian. Saar tried to fight back but Tvaraen had superior pace and in the end, would take the chequered flag ahead of the championship leader, thus reducing the championship deficit to thirty-one points...or so we thought. Patrick Turrini crossed the line in the bronze-placed position with Galizzi a creditable fourth.

There was one more unexpected twist in the story as it became known that the man who crossed the line first, Christopher Tvaraen, had been given a penalty for a noise infringement, so those vital twenty-five points were soon reduced to eighteen.

Results

1. Kevin Saar
2. Patrick Turrini
3. Paolo Galizzi
4. Christopher Tvaraen



5. Zdenek Polacek
6. Adam Tucek
7. Jakub Kostelecky
8. Kacper Mieszkowski
9. David Susa
10. Lukas Prochazka

Race 2

This was it then, the final day of the European Quadcross Championship was upon us. Kevin Saar came into this race with a forty-one point advantage over Christopher Tvaraen after his penalty had been applied. Paolo Galizzi was now out of title contention so it came down to a two-horse race for the title. Could Saar take the title yet again, or did Tvaraen have something up his sleeve?

For the penultimate time, the gate dropped and it was a scrap between all sixteen riders to scramble their way towards the front with Saar being the man to take control of the race. Patrick Turrini slotted into second place and for the first half of the race, looked as though he was going to challenge the champion-elect for the lead! The Norwegian, Tvaraen was bogged down in sixth place in the early stages of the race but soon plucked away and found himself in third place, by which time it was too late, Saar and Turrini were long gone.

With around ten minutes remaining, plus those important two laps that would conclude proceedings, Turrini was struggling to match the pace of the race leader but was still putting the gap between himself and Tvaraen who, it would seem, was being forced to settle for third. A heroic effort from Christopher was put on display but the honour of being crowned European champion was slipping through his fingers.

Further down the order we had a brilliant battle between both Jakub Kostelecky and Kacper Mieszkowski, with Miro Cappuccio adding some extra ferocity into the challenges. This was for eighth place, and Cappuccio eventually found his way through and was flying



up the track. Come races end, he was charging hard after Adam Tucek and David Susa, the two leading home riders putting on a patriotic display for the crowd.

The chequered flag beckoned the three-time European champion Saar and he took the win by seven seconds over Turrini, and a surprise third place finish for Paolo Galizzi who put in a sterling final handful of laps to overcome Tvaraen who eventually finished in yet another fourth place.

With Saar scoring twenty-five points and Tvaraen on eighteen, the gap opened up to an insurmountable forty-eight points, and with only one race left to go in the final round of this fantastic season, Kevin Saar became European champion once again. The podium completed by the Italian duo of Turrini and Galizzi, and let's not forget that these positions means that going into the final race of the 2021 season, the battle for vice-champion is still being fiercely fought over with only nine points separating Tvaraen and Galizzi.

Results

1. Kevin Saar
2. Patrick Turrini
3. Paolo Galizzi
4. Christopher Tvaraen
5. Adam Tucek
6. David Susa
7. Miro-Romeo Cappuccio
8. Zdenek Polacek
9. Kacper Mieszkowski
10. Jakub Kostelecky

Race 3

The final race of the season got under-way much to the delight of the fans lining the circuit. Re-crowned European champion Kevin Saar was the man who got the best jump



off of the line, but he was very closely tailed by home hero David Susa who had improved no end as the weekend had progressed. Paolo Galizzi was fighting hard inside the top five however Christopher Tvaraen was languishing down in seventh in the first few turns. Patrick Turrini muscled his way into the runner-up spot but just as quick as he got there, he was soon tumbling his way down the order as a rare mistake saw him hit the deck. Throughout the next five minutes, Susa and Galizzi were matching each other blow for blow and were writing the script of what could've been a brilliant way to end the season. However, with seventeen minutes remaining in the race, the red flag was brought out due to an incident involving Zdenek Polacek and this meant that the race was to be re-run in its complete form. Our best wishes go out to the twenty-five year old Czech.

Race 3 re-run - For the final time then, the gates dropped and the now-fifteen pairs of rear tyres gripped the surface, sending the riders hurtling towards the first turn. Again, it was Saar who took up an early race lead ahead of Patrick Turrini and David Susa. This time, Saar left the field wondering where he had gone as he opened up the deficit to a substantial level. Second place was in complete contrast as Susa had Turrini all over the back of him and this battle would rage on for the first half of the race before a bold move from the Italian saw him muscle his way past Susa who, as a direct consequence of this move, found himself upside down on the outside of the circuit. He would eventually make his way to inside the top ten but we were left wondering of what could have been for the Czech rider.

Back at the front, Kevin Saar had slowed right down and Tvaraen reclaimed the lead. It soon became clear that the lack of pace of Saar was due to a puncture of the front-left tyre. He moved to the inside of the circuit and got the tyre somewhat fixed, not quite to the extent he would've liked but either way, he was still circulating and looking to score good points.

Tvaraen was left unchallenged at the front of the race, and the win the eluded him in the first two encounters was his for the taking. Twenty-five points for Tvaraen meant he had



cemented his place as vice champion, fourteen points ahead of his Italian rival Paolo Galizzi.

Results

1. Christopher Tvaraen
2. Patrick Turrini
3. Paolo Galizzi
4. Adam Tucek
5. Kevin Saar
6. Jakub Kostelecky
7. Tomas Trojan
8. Martin Dopita
9. Pavel Kashov
10. David Susa

Overall Results

1. Patrick Turrini	66
2. Kevin Saar	66
3. Christopher Tvaraen	61
4. Paolo Galizzi	60
5. Adam Tucek	49
6. Jakub Kostelecky	40
7. David Susa	38
8. Kacper Mieszkowski	34
9. Martin Dopita	32
10. Lukas Prochazka	31

Moto Guzzi Fast Endurance European Cup: first winner ever is Team Pablo



Last round for the Moto Guzzi Fast Endurance European Cup at Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli, in Italy.

The pole position went to team #67 - Autotech.it (Minganti M. - D'Onofrio B.).

Sunday Race won was spectacular event in which 31 teams composed by 62 riders provided great battles. Typical autumn weather offered tricky race with continuous position changes especially for the last 20 minutes of the race when started to rain and race finished under wet conditions.

The winner of the event was #67 Team Autotech.it, second position for #77 Team VMS Benty 2, third position for #87 Team Moto Club dei Rapaci.

The first Moto Guzzi European Cup Winner ever is #800 Team Pablo (Rovelli Paolo - Curinga Francesco). Silver medal for #77 VMS Benty 2 (Leardini Marco - Nari Stefano) and bronze for #93 Altinier Motorsport & Biker's (Bellucci Emiliano - Totti Tommaso).

**EMX 125 and 250 European Championship:
Fredriksen and Lata secure EMX Overall victories in France**

Day one of race action in Lacapelle Marival has concluded with Riley Racing's Haakon Fredriksen and MRT Racing Team KTM's Valerio Lata taking overall victories in EMX250 and EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing at the round of France.

The first day of the French Grand Prix did not disappoint as a large crowd of fans gathered at the Georges Filhol circuit to support the home riders.



EMX250

The first EMX250 race of the day saw SM Action Racing Team YUASA Battery's Kevin Horgmo who took the holeshot ahead of Jeremy Sydow of Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing, Riley Racing's Haakon Fredriksen and Tom Guyon of Team VHR KTM Racing Team. Championship leader Nicholas Lapucci of Fantic Factory Racing Maddii was unlucky in the first lap as he got caught up behind some riders and started way down the order in around 19th place.



There was a change for the lead as Horgmo crashed and so did Sydow. Fredriksen was the new race leader with Guyon second, Cornelius Toendel of Riley Racing third and Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing's Andrea Bonacorsi in fourth.

At one stage Toendel was the fastest rider on track as he set his sights on catching Guyon for second position. Once he was able to catch him the pair then had a nice battle, trading places a couple of times before the Norwegian was able to make a pass stick.

Fredriksen then led the race by 5.066 seconds over Toendel and Bonacorsi caught onto the back of Guyon once again as he searched for a way past the home rider. Eventually he was able to get it done.

Further down the order, Lapucci was struggling to make a comeback as he was stuck in 17th. Eventually he came back to 12th.

Though as the chequered flag fell, it was Fredriksen who took his first race win of the season ahead of Bonacorsi who managed to get past Toendel, who finished third.

In race two, Lapucci was not messing around as he got out in front from the very beginning. The Italian took the holeshot ahead of Guyon, Fredriksen and Emil Weckman from Honda Racing Assomotor.

Horgmo started the race in seventh ahead of Liam Everts of KTM Liamski.

Guyon then came under attack from Fredriksen who was keen to repeat his success of race one as Horgmo made up two spots and moved into fifth. But then Bonacorsi was able to get past the Norwegian, pushing him back to sixth.

Lapucci then led Fredriksen by 3.933 seconds, as Weckman came under attack by Bonacorsi who was pushing hard to get fourth place. And not long after he did just that. A couple of laps later the Fin then came under more pressure as Horgmo, Everts and Rick Elzinga of TBS Conversions Racing Team all line up behind him.

Horgmo went through first as Everts followed. Weckman dropped to seventh. Everts then got Horgmo as did Elzinga, with the GasGas rider dropping back down to seventh position. Lapucci extended his lead to 7.445 as Bonacorsi started to close in on Guyon. In the end the Italian was able to find his way through.

In the final few laps there was no change in the top five, as Lapucci secured his eighth race win of the season, with Fredriksen second and Bonacorsi third. Despite winning the race, Lapucci failed to mount the podium as Fredriksen took the overall win, with Bonacorsi second and Guyon third overall at his home round.

Lapucci still leads the championship by 36 points heading into the final four rounds in Italy.

Haakon Fredriksen: *“This year has been a big struggle, so it is really nice to have the overall today. I had two good starts and two solid races which was good enough for the overall, so I am really happy. Of course, it’s a big confidence boost to know that I am also here competing on hard pack because I have been a little bit off the speed in the past. Now it seems that I have figured it out, so it’s a big confidence boost”.*



EMX125

In the first EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing heat it was Marc-Antoine Rossi of Tech32 Racing Team who was flying out of the gate and led the race from early on. Ferruccio Zanchi from Yamaha Europe EMX125 was second, followed by Sacha Coenen of 9MM Energy Drink BUD Racing and Bobby Bruce of ASA United GasGas Racing. Meanwhile the



championship leader Valerio Lata from MRT Racing Team KTM started the race down in sixth position.

Coenen then went down, while Bruce set the fastest lap of the race as he started to close in on Zanchi, passing him not long after. The gap between Bruce and Rossi was 2.549 at that point in the race.

Meanwhile Lata had Kay Karssemakers of Husqvarna SKS Racing NL and Juliu Mikula just ahead of him and needed to be smart to make up those positions fast.

Bruce then took over the lead, but it did not last long as the Brit crashed out. This allowed Rossi back in the driving seat, as the Frenchman was encouraged by the enthusiastic home fans.

Lata then got Karssemakers to move into fourth, while Ivano Van Erp of Yamaha Europe EMX125 fought way down the order in 25th after hitting the gate in the beginning of the race.

The second 9MM Energy Drink BUD Racing rider Lucas Coenen was also fighting his way up the order as he got around Mikula to take seventh. A couple of laps later Coenen picked up two more spots which put him fifth and that's where he finished the heat.

In the end, it was Rossi who took his first ever race win in the EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing category, crossing the line 8.282 seconds ahead of Lata and Bruce who managed to come back to third.

In the second heat it was Zanchi with the holeshot ahead of Lata, Van Erp and Sacha Coenen. Despite having a much better start in race two, Van Erp once again found himself in trouble, as he went down on the opening lap.

While at the top end of the field, by the end of the opening lap Zanchi already had a 5.050 second lead over Lata who was quick to set some fast laps to chase down the Yamaha rider for the win.

Once again, Sacha Coenen might have had issues in the first few laps as he started well but was not showing inside the top 20, while his brother Lucas was climbing up the field. Zanchi continued to lead Lata, Bruce, Karssemakers and Lucas Coenen, as Van Erp made a good comeback to 13th with 15 minutes plus two laps left.



Lucas Coenen then went after Karssemakers for fourth, as Karssemakers worked hard to defend his position, while Lata started to work away at the 5 second lead that Zanchi held. Some laps later, Coenen was finally able to find a way past Karssemakers who did not make it easy for the Kawasaki rider, as Bruce went down and out of third position. As two laps remained, it was Lata's final chance to chase down Zanchi and while he was doing that, Coenen was able to close in and apply the pressure onto the series leader. Eventually it was Zanchi with the race win as Lata held on to second place, with Coenen finishing third.

With 2-2 result in the race, Valerio Lata stood on the top step of the podium for the first time in EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing category, while Marc-Antoine Rossi celebrated his first EMX podium on home soil ahead of Lucas Coenen who secured his second consecutive podium with third overall.

Heading into the next round in Spain, Lata leads the championship by 17 points ahead of Karssemakers and Bruce.

Valerio Lata: *"It was a good day. I am very happy. The track was tough, but I had a good second race. I had the first victory in the European Championship this year. I want to thank everyone, my family, team, sponsors and see you next week in Spain".*