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EMX 125 European Championship and EMX 250 European Championship: Elzinga and Valk secure overall victories at French round



Rounds five of the EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing and EMX250 Championships have concluded in Ernée, France, with overall victories from Fantic Factory Racing's Cas Valk and Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing's Rick Elzinga.

EMX125

In the first EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing heat, it was Toni Giorgessi who took the holeshot ahead of Yamaha Europe EMX125 MJC's Ivano Van Erp and Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Alexis Fueri, as a number of riders went down in the first corner.



Van Erp briefly took over the lead, though Giorgessi responded immediately before the Dutchman was able to find his way to the front for good by the end of the opening lap. Further behind, Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Cas Valk was making progress up to the top three and by the third lap was leading the way with Karlis Alberts Reisulis of Yamaha Europe EMX125 MJC just behind him.

Van Erp crashed, as Valk also dropped a few positions, while K. Reisulis began to come under pressure from Fueri and by the seventh lap there was a new rider in the lead. The Frenchman stretched the gap out immediately and was looking solid for the next several laps.

As the rain intensified and track conditions became more challenging mistakes began to creep in amongst the field and with two laps left to go, we saw a change for the lead once again as Valk moved into first place.

In the end, Valk crossed the line 27.086 seconds ahead of Fueri who finished second, while K. Reisulis was third ahead of Van Erp and Mathis Valin.

In the second race, it was Van Erp who led the way ahead of K. Reisulis, Tom Brunet of Team CRT KTM Veritise, Fueri, Valin and Valk.

Reisulis was not looking to waste time as he made several attempts in the first half of the race to get around Van Erp. He really had to work for it but finally on the ninth lap got around the Dutchman and took over the lead.

Giorgessi then crashed out of ninth, as Valk progressed through the field. The Fantic rider made his way up to fourth and then after setting the fastest lap of the race was all over the rear wheel of Fueri. The two teammates battled, with Fueri eventually making a mistake and crashing which allowed Valk through into third and then up to second as Van Erp crashed with four laps to go.

In the end, K. Reisulis won the race with a 2.980 second advantage over Valk, Van Erp, Fueri and Marc-Antoine Rossi of Tech 32.

A win and a second gave Valk his third overall victory of the season, as he topped the podium ahead of K. Reisulis and Fueri. As it stands, Valk extends his championship lead to



212 points, while K. Reisulis now occupies second with 180 points, just two points ahead of Fueri who drops to third.

EMX250

In EMX250 race one, it was Lucas Coenen of Jumbo Husqvarna BT Racing who led the way ahead of Mike Gwerder of WZ Racing Team and Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Cornelius Toendel.

Gwerder briefly found himself in the lead, before being passed back by the Belgian, who led for three laps after that. Coenen then crashed which allowed Toendel into the driving seat after he got around Yago Martinez who was second at the time.

Meanwhile Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing's Rick Elzinga had to fight through the field as he started in around the top 10. At that point of the race, he was fifth behind his teammate Dave Kooiker who he passed on lap four.

Toendel looked solid in the lead, though made a slight mistake once, but with a big gap managed to hold on to first place. But he crashed once more on lap 10, which allowed Martinez to benefit and take over control of the race as the series leader dropped to ninth. Martinez managed to bring it home and secure his first EMX250 race victory ahead of Elzinga who fought back to second, while Jorgen-Mathias Talviku of Sahkar Racing crossed the line in third. Toendel finished ninth.

In the second race, Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Haakon Osterhagen was the leading rider into the first corner as Eddie Wade of Sahkar Racing, L. Coenen, Toendel, Martinez and Sacha Coenen of Jumbo Husqvarna BT Racing followed behind.

Wade then crashed moments later which allowed Toendel to move up to second as he also got around L. Coenen.

Further down the order, Elzinga was once again buried among the pack and had to work his way through. Though he did this fairly swiftly as he took sixth from Maximillian Spies of Schmicker Racing, then fifth from Martinez and by the fourth lap was already ahead of Osterhagen in third.

L. Coenen was another rider to pass Osterhagen, who was looking like he was struggling, as Elzinga set the fastest lap of the race and was focusing his attention on catching the leaders.

At the halfway stage, a three-way battle for the win began between Toendel, L. Coenen and Elzinga. A couple of mistakes crept in among all three, though Toendel was able to hold on, despite immense pressure from Coenen as Elzinga lost some ground to the leaders. In the end, it was a photo finish between Toendel and L. Coenen, as the Fantic rider crossed just 0.221 ahead of the Husqvarna rider, while Elzinga finished second, as Osterhagen held on to fourth ahead of Spies.

A second and a third-place finish gave Elzinga his third overall of the season, ahead of Toendel and Martinez who celebrated his first podium in the EMX250 category.

Heading into round six of the championship, Elzinga now holds the red plate once again, though by a very slim margin as he is just one point ahead of Toendel in the standings. Meanwhile Bonacorsi is third.

European Handy Bridgestone Cup: second round at Spa





The second round of the European Handy Bridgestone Cup took place at famous Circuit Spa Francorchamps together with the Endurance World Championship and Sidecar World Championship, at the presence of FIM Europe President Mr Martin De Graaff.

The event started on Thursday with free practices, while races took place on Friday and Saturday with riders from six different countries (France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Germany, Czech Republic), remarking the international aspect of this Championship.

Class 1000cc

At the end of a thrilling race 1 the French rider Benoit Thibal got the win ahead of Italian Emiliano Malagoli and Martin Horky from the Czech Republic.

In race 2 was Horky to win. Behind him great challenge for the second position between two Italian riders: at the end Alex Innocenti had the best on Malagoli.

As regards the special category "Lesser Impaired" 1000cc, reserved to riders with minor disabilities, the winner in both races was the Italian rider Umberto Troisi, who was also the poleman and the overall winner. He also set the best lap time of the whole weekend (2'24.814).

Class 600cc

In race 1 home rider Christophe Bernard won ahead of Italian rider Maximilian Sontacchi and French Nicolas Dandine.

In race 2 was Sontacchi to had the best followed by Bernard, while Dandine was forced to the withdraw due to a technical problem.

For the special category "Lesser Impaired" 600cc the Spanish Antonio Montoya Cazorla ruled both the races.

Next round of the European Handy Bridgestone Cup is scheduled on October 15th-16th at Jerez de la Frontera.

EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship - North West zone EMX Women's European Championship



Fourth round of the EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship - North West zone in Velhan, Germany, together with the fourth round of the EMX Women's European Championship.

Final classification

EMX 65cc

1. Harry Dale, GBR
2. Jamiro Peters, GER
3. Eeka Laaksonen, FIN

EMX 85 cc

1. Dani Heitink, NED
2. Gyan Doensen, NED
3. Freddie Bartlett, SWE



EMX Women:

1. Mathea Selebø, NOR
2. Line Dam, DEN
3. Laura Raunkær, DEN

EMX Women 125cc:

1. Alexandra Massury, GER
2. Tyra Bäckström Sweden
3. Pauline Amy Sczeponek