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European 250cc Pairs Speedway Cup:

Final 2



Second date for the European 250cc Pairs Speedway Cup: a few days after the Final 1 in Poland the best riders of the Speedway discipline went back on track in Pardubice, Czech Republic, for the Final 2.

Team Denmark won (26 points) closely followed by Poland (24 points) and Sweden (20 points). Team from Czech Republic finished fourth with 18 points, while Germany close the top five with 14 points.

Mikkel Andersen, recently crowned European 250cc Youth Speedway Champion, ruled the race becoming the best rider of the meeting.



During this week, riders had the unique opportunity to race in 4 meetings in 6 days in Central Europe (Poland and Czech Republic). This represents not only a reduction in cost, but also allow riders to focus on racing.

The last event of the series will be race on August 6th in Denmark.

Final classification:

1. Poland 52
2. Denmark 48
3. Sweden 34
4. Czech Rep. 33
5. Great Britain 32
6. Germany 28
7. Latvia / Finland 25

**Moto2 European Championship and European Talent Cup:
second half of the season sparks to life in Portimao**





The Autodromo Internacional do Algarve produced exhilarating action, as the Portuguese circuit hosted the 5th round of the Moto2™ European Championship and Hawkers European Talent Cup.

Moto2

The first race of the day for the Moto2™ European Championship saw Lukas Tulovic (Liqui Moly Intact GP Junior Team) take an early lead to the race, but after a series of gear selection mistakes the German was forced to carve his way back through the pack to take second. Trying to capitalise on Tulovic's mistakes, the rookie sensation Senna Agius (Promoracing) put the hammer down at the front, until he eventually crashed out of the race at Turn 5. It was Alex Escrig (Yamaha Philippines Stylobike Racing Team) who eventually took the win, fending off Tulovic to take back-to-back wins with Xavier Cardelus (Promoracing) rounding out the podium.

It was the usual suspects again in Race 2 with Tulovic taking an early lead to the race and controlling it from the front for the majority of the race. Senna Agius (Promoracing) was on a mission however, and the young Australian fought his way through and put Tulovic to the test with some incredible moves in the closing stages of the race. A last lap scrap saw Agius dive up the inside of Tulovic at Turn 13, for Tulovic to then steal the win on the line after a superb exit out of the final corner. Alex Escrig (Yamaha Philippines Stylobike Racing Team) was just hanging onto the coattails of the top 2, and brought his Kalex home in 3rd. Dani Muñoz was the winner for Stock class in both races.

ETC

The Hawkers European Talent Cup got off to a rough start after poleman Dodó Boggio (Aspar Junior Team) high sided out of the lead on lap 1, causing chaos on the first lap and bringing out the red flags. The restart saw a race-long battle with the front guys which was decided by just 0.006s with Brian Uriarte (Team Estrella Galicia 0,0) beating Joel Esteban (Aspar Junior Team) to the line. Casey O'Gorman (VisionTrack Racing Team) rounded out the top 3, scoring back-to-back podiums for his 2022 Hawkers ETC campaign.



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**Yamaha R3 bLU cRU European Cup:
Bergamini does the Donington double in fourth round**



At the fourth round of the Yamaha R3 bLU cRU European Cup at the Donington Park circuit, Italy's Devis Bergamini starred, winning both races to reignite his championship chances, as he now sits second in the standings.

Championship leader Enzo Valentim finished twice on the podium, alongside pole-sitter Andrea Pizzoli in Race 1 and fellow Brazilian Kevin Fontainha in Race 2, seeing him head into the second half of the season with a 26-point lead.

From second on the grid, Bergamini charged out front at the start of Saturday morning's opening race, with Pizzoli slotting in behind. However, with eight riders having to take long lap penalties, the order was quickly mixed up and it was Australia's Archie McDonald who hit the front.

Having served his penalty early on, Valentim was already back to the lead by the end of lap four, which he held for most of the race. However, on the final lap Bergamini managed to overtake the Brazilian and went on to take his second victory of the season.

Valentim held on for second, with Italy's Pizzoli rounding out the top three. Indonesia's Wahyu Nugroho was an impressive fourth from 16th on the grid, with McDonald scoring his best result of the season in fifth.

Fontainha ended the race in sixth, just 0.045s ahead of Thailand's Krittapat Keankum, who scored his first points of the season. Poland's Jurand Kusmierczyk was eighth, with Spain's Carlos Gimenez and Brazil's Gustavo Manso rounding out the top 10.

In Race 2, Pizzoli maintained his lead off the start, but as the race settled in quickly became a 12-rider battle for victory. Manso and Valentim also took turns out front throughout the early stages, before Bergamini made his move. With two laps to go, the #13 rider took the lead and defended valiantly on the final lap to take a second win of the weekend.

Fontainha was second for the fourth time this season, with Valentim scoring his sixth podium in third. Nurgoho and McDonald were fourth and fifth once again, with Kusmierczyk and Pizzoli both receiving penalties to be classified in sixth and seventh.

Brazil's Eduardo Burr was eighth overall, with French youngster Clement Rouge and Gimenez ninth and 10th.

EMX 2T European Championship

EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship Finals:

Marek, Bauer and Macuks secure EMX gold medals in Loket





The future stars of motocross battled at the old-school track of Loket as the MXGP of Czech Republic hosted the finals of the EMX65, EMX85 and the one-round EMX2T series that saw the fastest riders in Europe go head-to-head for gold, silver and bronze medals!

EMX65

In EMX65 race one, it was Harry Dale who led Francesco Assini, Louis Morette, Jekabs Hudolejs and Jorge Salvador out of the gate. Meanwhile last year's champion Lucas Leok started down on 17th.

There was a change in the lead quite quickly, as Alex Novak moved into first ahead of Assini who remained second with Hudolejs also moving up to third.

Leok was making good progress in the first few laps, as he managed to get himself up to 11th, then eighth and sixth, before dropping back down to 10th by the end of the race.

Assini then dropped out of second to sixth, meanwhile Ricardo Bauer was making his way up the order and was in second by the fourth lap. Bauer battled closely with Novak in the closing stages of the race, before making the pass with just two laps to go.

Bauer was the race winner ahead of Novak and Salvador who got himself up to third, followed by Pau Ruiz Caudet and Hudolejs.

In the second race, the holeshot went to Dale once again, as Rafael Mennillo followed in second ahead of Enri Lustus, Morette, Bauer and Leok. But the first lap saw a change for the lead as Bauer went from fourth to first.

The Austrian then led Leok, Caudet Ruiz, Mennillo and Salvador, as Leok set the fastest lap of the race and looked to keep close to the leader. Dale dropped to sixth.

Assini then got around Hudolejs for ninth before dropping back to 13th by the end of the race.

Back in the lead, Bauer was fully in control as Leok followed behind. Bertram Thorius managed to make a good pass with two laps to go on Salvador to take his position. In the end, Bauer was the race winner and with it secure the gold medal in the EMX65 category, while Caudet Ruiz was given the silver medal and Salvador the bronze.



EMX65 - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Ricardo Bauer (AUT, KTM), 50 points; 2. Pau Caudet Ruiz (ESP, KTM), 38 p.; 3. Jorge Salvador (ESP, GAS), 36 p.; 4. Lucas Leok (EST, HUS), 33 p.; 5. Alex Novak (SLO, KTM), 32 p.; 6. Bertram Thorius (DEN, YAM), 31 p.; 7. Jekabs Hudolejs (LAT, YAM), 30 p.; 8. Louis Morette (FRA, HUS), 28 p.; 9. Carlos Martín Jimenez (ESP, KTM), 24 p.; 10. Francesco Assini (ITA, GAS), 22 p.

EMX85

In the opening EMX85 race of the weekend, the holeshot went to Filippo Mantovani as he led Felix Cardineau, Ryan Oppliger and Mano Faure. Though there were a lot of passes made in the opening lap which saw Gyan Doensen go from seventh and into the lead by the official first lap of the race. Cardineau remained second while Mantovani dropped to third.

Meanwhile local hero and defending champion, Vitezslav Marek started down in ninth, before making his way up to fifth by the end of the first lap.

By the third lap, Marek was already up in third and just over a lap later was second after passing Cardineau and Mantovani.

By that point, Doensen was 11.858 seconds ahead, though Marek was looking fast and was taking time out of the leader.

In the final few laps, we saw a close battle between first and second as Marek worked hard to pass the Dutchman. In the end, Doensen was able to manage under pressure to secure his first EMX win of the season. Marek was second ahead of Mantovani, Cardineau and Faure.

In the second race, Faure was the early leader ahead of Mantovani, Cardineau, Douwe Van Mechelen and Marek, while race one winner Doensen started in 11th.

By the end of the first official lap, Mantovani was the leading rider, as Marek moved into third. It took the Czech rider another lap to go from third to first, which sent the local crowd wild. He then opened up a decent four second gap over Mantovani, as Doensen worked his way into fourth. Several laps later, the Dutchman climbed into third and then



got by Mantovani with just four laps to go and despite his best efforts to catch the leader, was forced to settle for second.

Marek won the race ahead of Doensen, Mantovani, Freddie Bartlett who fought from eighth into fourth and Niccolo Mannini who rounded out the top five.

A 2-1 result meant that Marek was the winner for the second year in a row as he secured the gold medal and gold plate, while Doensen finished second ahead of Mantovani who took home the bronze medal.

EMX85 - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Vitezslav Marek (CZE, KTM), 47 points; 2. Gyan Doensen (NED, HUS), 47 p.; 3. Filippo Mantovani (ITA, GAS), 40 p.; 4. Freddie Bartlett (SWE, KTM), 32 p.; 5. Amaury Maindru (FRA, KTM), 28 p.; 6. Mano Faure (FRA, KTM), 28 p.; 7. Ian Ampoorter (BEL, KTM), 22 p.; 8. Jarne Bervoets (BEL, KTM), 19 p.; 9. Felix Cardineau (FRA, HUS), 18 p.; 10. Niccolo Mannini (ITA, KTM), 16 p.

EMX 2T

In the opening race, it was Haakon Osterhagen of Fantic Factory Team Maddii who took the holeshot and led the way ahead of Alessio Bonetta, Meico Vettik, Robin Lang of JWR Honda Racing and Toms Macuks.

Bonetta then dropped down to fourth as Vettik and Macuks got around the Italian while Osterhagen was already looking to open up a gap.

Macuks then clocked the fastest lap of the race, as he looked to challenge Vettik for second.

The race leader, Osterhagen, then dropped out of first place as a result of a bike problem, that saw him fall to outside the top 20.

Vettik then led the way with Macuks, Johannes Klein of Sturm STC Racing Team, Mathias Joergensen and JK Yamaha Racing's Manuel Iacopi behind. At that point Macuks saw his opportunity to pounce as he closed the gap to Vettik and got onto his rear wheel.

The pair battled before the Latvian took over the lead on lap eight and then got comfortable as Vettik began to fade. Though in the final laps the Estonian was looking to



fight back, as Macuks started to struggle himself. Though the Latvian managed to keep Vettik at bay and claim the win in race one.

In the second heat, the holeshot went to Osterhagen once again, as he led Florain Hellrigl, Jiri Matejec, Kai Haase and Macuks. Meanwhile Vettik started down in 19th, which left him with a lot of work to do.

Macuks then made a move into fourth, as Osterhagen set the fastest lap of the race as he got comfortable in the driving seat. Vettik also had a couple of good laps and before he knew it was inside the top 10.

At the halfway stage of the race, Macuks upped his pace as he began to take time out of Hellrigl for second and by the 12th lap he was able to make the pass stick.

While Vettik continued his fight up the order, he crashed with just a few laps to go. While he managed to get up quickly, an altercation with the rider that he crashed with meant that he was disqualified for un-sportsmanship like behaviour and lost his chance to secure a medal.

In the end, Osterhagen won with an 8.325 second advantage over Macuks and Hellrigl. A win and a second gave Macuks the overall victory, which also mean that he was the 2022 winner and gold medallist. Osterhagen was second ahead of Klein who occupied the third step of the podium.

EMX2T - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Toms Macuks (LAT, KTM), 47 points; 2. Haakon Osterhagen (NOR, FAN), 40 p.; 3. Johannes Klein (AUT, KTM), 36 p.; 4. Mathias Joergensen (DEN, YAM), 33 p.; 5. Florian Hellrigl (AUT, KTM), 32 p.; 6. Jiri Matejec (CZE, KTM), 32 p.; 7. Manuel Iacopi (ITA, YAM), 28 p.; 8. Paolo Ermini (ITA, HUS), 26 p.; 9. Morgan Bennati (ITA, HUS), 24 p.; 10. Meico Vettik (EST, KTM), 22 p.

European U19 Pairs Speedway Championship: Polish team crowned champion!



Riga, the capital of Latvia, hosted the single round of the European U19 Pairs Speedway Championship. The city is the largest in the three Baltic states and lies on the Gulf of Riga at the mouth of the Daugava river where it meets the Baltic Sea. Founded in 1201, its historical centre is a Unesco World Heritage Site noted for its Art Nouveau/Jugendstil architecture and 19th century wooden architecture.

The race, well prepared by the Riga Speedway Club, went very dynamically and smoothly thanks to the perfect condition of the track and the Referee, Mr. Pawel Slupski.

It was a tight fight until the last: at the end the pairs from Poland claimed the victory ahead of Latvia and Sweden.



**E-Bike European Enduro Cup:
Italy hosted the first edition ever**



The first edition ever of the E-Bike European Enduro Cup was raced in a warm and sunny day in Italy, in Pasquilio, the Apuan part of Versilia, in conjunction with the fifth round of the Italian Championship.

The race, organized with the collaboration of Off Pro Racing and Versilia Corse, had five special tests, three of which of about 8 minutes, one of 7 and one of 5.

At the end of the brand-new challenge Paolo Bertozzi won the Overall with a time gap of more than one minute from Francesco Petrucci, brother of the well-known MotoGP rider Danilo Petrucci. Third position for Thomas Bonuccelli.

The Senior class was won by Stefano Passeri, the Junior by Luca Grossi, the E2 by Andrea Sassoli and the E3 by Andrea Di Luca.