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### European U19 Speedway Championship: QR2 in Czech Republic



QR2 of the European U19 Speedway Championship was raced in a sunny Plzen, Czech Republic, about 90 kilometres west of Prague in western Bohemia and fourth most populous city in the country.

Wiktor Przyjemski (Poland) was the best winning ahead of Francis Gusts (Latvia), second after an additional run-off heat, and Norick Blodorn (Germany).

The Final of the European U19 Speedway Championship will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> in Nagyhalasz, Hungary.

#### Final classification

1. Wiktor Przyjemski
2. Francis Gusts
3. Norick Blodorn

## SEC - Final 3: Kołodziej wins in Łódź



Janusz Kołodziej won the third round of the TAURON SEC, which was held in Łódź, Poland. Before the grand finale in Pardubice, the Pole is on the lead of the interim classification of the series. Second in the table, Leon Madsen loses only one point.

After two series of starts, Madsen and Woryna were on the lead. The Dane showed a fantastic form and made up for his loss to the leaders. The only one to beat Madsen was Janusz Kołodziej. Thanks to his great performance, the Dane was promoted directly to the final and, equally important, moved to the first place in the interim classification already after the main round in Łódź.

Dudek started equally well as Madsen, taking advantage of Kołodziej's weaker start of the meeting, and after eight runs of the day he evened out in the standings. Dominik Kubera, who appeared in Łódź as a replacement for Kai Huckenbeck, joined the leaders just from the beginning. The rider started from second place and then crossed the finish line in first place three times.

The 2017 Individual European Champion, Andzejs Lebedevs, was doing well at Moto Arena too. The Latvian mixed victories with third places, which made him finish the main phase on third place.



The beginning of the competition was not easy for Janusz Kołodziej. The Pole approached the tournament as the leader of the classification, but two points scored in two series of starts caused him to lose the advantage raised in the previous rounds. Kołodziej added seven more points to his two and advanced to the last-chance heat as sixth.

Even with intense pain, defending champion Mikkel Michelsen was fighting for every point. The Dane suffered an injury during a track test before Friday's PGE Ekstraliga match and his performance was in doubt. In Łódź, Michelsen won his first heat, but ultimately finished with six points.

Dudek, Kołodziej, Lebedevs and Woryna competed in an extra heat about the final. The winner was last year's bronze medallist, who crossed the finish line ahead of Kołodziej. Thanks to this arrangement, the riders from the first three places of the interim classification - Madsen, Kołodziej and Dudek - faced each other in the final. Kubera completed the line-up.

In the final heat of the day, the youngest rider got the best start, but both Kołodziej and Madsen were extremely fast. In the end, Kołodziej overtook Madsen, won the tournament and returned to the lead of the interim classification of the TAURON SEC 2022.

### **EMX Open European Championship:**

#### **Butron celebrates the title with overall win in Turkiye**

The final round of the EMX Open European Championship in Afyonkarahisar, Turkey, saw JD Gunnex KTM Racing's Jose Butron celebrating the title from the top step of the podium as the Spaniard secured his second overall victory of the season!

The Turkiye podium was the same as the championship top three, with Tomas Kohut of Osicka MX Team and Michael Sandner of Rath's Motorsports joining the winner on the podium as they collected their second and third place trophies and silver and bronze FIM-Europe medals.





In the first EMX Open race, it was Butron who led the way ahead of Sandner and Michael Ivanov. Though Sandner took away the lead from Butron on the opening lap. Kohut made his way up to third with Butron in his sights.

By the end of the first lap, Butron was back in the driving seat as he took back first place from Sandner. The Spaniard then stretched his lead to 4.675 seconds as he set the fastest lap of the race, as Kohut began to come under pressure from a hard-charging Ivanov.

Butron was riding a race of his own, while Sandner crashed out of second, which allowed Kohut through. In the final two laps, Sandner dropped another position as Simon Jost of Osicka MX Team found his way past the Austrian.

In the end, Butron crossed the line first and celebrated his EMX Open title immediately, as Kohut finished second ahead of Jost, Sandner and Krisztian Tompa who rounded out the top five.

In race two, it was Butron who got a good jump out of the gate, though was beaten to the holeshot by Sandner who was the leading rider. Ivanov was second ahead of Butron, though Butron briefly found his way past the Bulgarian.

By the end of the opening lap, Ivanov was able to find the perfect opportunity to go from third to first, as Sandner remained second but Butron made a mistake and dropped to fifth. Ivanov was looking comfortable in the lead as he led Sandner with a 6.997-second advantage, but moments later a 'pending penalty' message was issued on the timing screen

for Ivanov who failed to respect a waved yellow flag and as a result, received a 10-place penalty.

At this point in the race Kohut was the fastest rider on track, in third place behind Sandner, but despite setting the fastest lap of the race, could not get close enough to the Austrian. In the end, Sandner was declared the race winner, due to Ivanov's penalty. Kohut was second ahead of Butron, Jost and Tompa.

Butron was declared the overall winner ahead of Kohut and Sandner, which was exactly how the final championship podium ended up too!

**EMXOpen - Championship Top 10 Classification:** 1. Jose Butron (ESP, KTM), 238 points; 2. Tomas Kohut (SVK, KTM), 211 p.; 3. Michael Sandner (AUT, KTM), 199 p.; 4. Simon Jost (SVK, KTM), 141 p.; 5. Michael Ivanov (BUL, HUS), 136 p.; 6. Simone Croci (ITA, HUS), 110 p.; 7. Giuseppe Tropepe (ITA, HUS), 104 p.; 8. Gert Krestinov (EST, HON), 76 p.; 9. Stefano Pezzuto (ITA, KTM), 64 p.; 10. Raf Meuwissen (NED, KTM), 60 p.

### EMX Quad European Championship: the title stays with Saar

Last round for the EMX Quad European Championship in Kaplice, Czech Republic.





A short four-round season with twelve races was nonetheless a good enough platform to deliver outstanding racing between the top two protagonists.

Behind them there were equally tight finishes as several top quad exponents threatened their supremacy. The Kaplice track lent itself to the Quad brigade very well, and speeds were high. A good crowd watched both days, with qualifying and three races to entertain them.

### Qualifying

The timed session to determine the gate was initially a four-way scrap between Kevin Saar, Christopher Tveraen, Joakim Granli and Rick Haverdil. The Dutchman sat out the final six minutes, giving the Polish rider Roman Gwiazda the chance to squeeze into fourth fastest. Lap times were faster than the sidecars, but that is the norm given the four-wheeled configuration and only one man aboard. It was close at the finish, but the Estonian Saar would start his title defence here in Kaplice from pole position.

### Race 1

This looked like being a Saar benefit and that proved to be the case. He got the holeshot from Joakim Granli and Rick Haverdil. Chris Tveraen and young Miro Cappuccio came next. Tveraen was swiftly through to second and looked like closing on the race leader.

He did in fact close Kevin Saar down, but then as he made a chasing move, he lost control over a series of ripples and crashed heavily, breaking the front suspension off the left side. That was game over, and virtually all hope of the title went in that moment.

After that, Saar simply pulled away every lap, with the field strung out behind. It became interesting again, when the Polish rider Roman Gwiazda closed own first Zdenek Polacek and then Haverdil. Gwiazda got the bit between his teeth and was right behind Cappuccio in third place at the finish. Norwegian Joakim Granli did a great job to finish in second, behind Kevin Saar. The winning margin for the defending champion was a huge fifty-seven seconds.



Then legislation intervened, and both Granli and Gwiazda were penalised five places for excessive noise.

#### Results

1. Kevin Saar (Yamaha), 2. Mira Romeo Cappuccio (Yamaha) 3. Rick Haverdil (Honda), 4. Jan Brhel (Yamaha), 5. Zdenek Olacek (Husqvarna), 6. Jakub Kostalecky (Yamaha), 7. Joakim Granli (Honda), 8. Adam Tucek (Yamaha), 9. Roman Gwiazda (Yamaha), 10. Tomasz Jamrozy (Honda).

#### Race 2

It looked like a holeshot for Saar, but Joakim Granli had other ideas. He flew past the champion on the first downhill drop to grab the lead. Saar slotted into second, with Haverdil in the mix too. Another catastrophe for Tveraen came to be when he and Roman Gwiazda became locked together at the start and were at least fifty seconds getting separated. Meanwhile, Saar had shot past Granli and set about opening a gap at the front. Lapping around two seconds quicker, he steadily pulled away with Granli doing a great job in second.

Behind, Haverdil held third, with a great scrap for fourth between Zdenek Polacek, David Susa and Jan Brhel. This went on for several laps with Cappuccio also closing at one point. Next time around, Chris Tveraen was hurtling through the field and demolishing places before him. He was eventually to claim fourth from the back of the grid. This was small consolation for what was turning out to be a bad weekend.

The title had gone, and second place was now coming under threat from Haverdil.

#### Results

1. Saar, 2. Granli, 3. Haverdil, 4. Tveraen, 5. Susa, 6. Brhel, 7. Kostelecky, 8. Jamrozy, 9. Gwiazda, 10. Cappuccio.

#### Race 3

It was another flying start for Kevin Saar aiming to put the gloss on his show. For thirty minutes he did just that ahead of Chris Tveraen, Joakim Granli and the chasing bunch.





A massive start-line crash took out Rick Haverdil on the narrow run to the first turn. His bike cartwheeled down the straight and he was given medical attention trackside. His third place in the standings was now at risk from Joakim Granli with the Norwegian being in such good form. He was involved in fighting off Czech rider Jan Brhel and the young German Cappuccio throughout the race. He managed to bring it home into second place behind Christopher Tveraen who inherited first place when Saar went out.

For lap after lap Saar had extended the gap by virtue of faster lap times every time over the line. Then on the penultimate lap disaster struck when his transmission failed, and he was side-lined.

His winning points margin was safe, having clinched the title in race 2.

### Results

1. Tveraen, 2. Granli, 3. Brhel, 4. Cappuccio, 5. Gwiazda, 6. Susa, 7. Tucek, 8. Jamrozy, 8. Polacek, 10. Prochazka.

### Overall classification

1. Granli, 2. Saar, 3. Bhrel, 4. Cappuccio, 5. Tveraen.

### Final Standings

1. Saar 274, 2. Tveraen 235, 3. Haverdil 201, 4. Granli 199, 5. Gwiazda 157, 6. Cappuccio 130, 7. Jamrozy 96, 8. Brhel 91, 9. Phoelich 91.

### NTC: Moor secures the Cup, Farkas is runner up and Schneider takes third overall

Rossi Moor (FAIRUM Next Generation Riders Team) is the 2022 Northern Talent Cup winner at the end of the race at Red Bull Ring, Austria.

The Hungarian put together an impressive season of wins and visits to the podium, ultimately sidelined from the finale but his lead proving just enough. Second overall in



2022 after likewise proving unable to take the race starts in Spielberg is Kevin Farkas (Agria Racing Team), whose late season charge was something to behold.

German rider Dustin Schneider (Goblin Racing) secured third overall, showing great progress throughout a season that also saw him take his first win. Congratulations to our top three, and to all the class of 2022!



## Race 1

Tibor Varga (Forty Racing) is now a Northern Talent Cup race winner! The Hungarian came out on top in an incredible race to the flag to take victory by just 0.013, with Dustin Schneider (Goblin Racing) forced to settle for second after a duel round the final corner. Valentino Herrlich (Busch und Wagner Racing Team) completed the podium, just winning his own drag to the line against Martin Vincze (Chrobak Motorsport Egyesület). As the lights went out it was Matteo Masili (FAIRIUM Next Generation Riders Team) who took the holeshot, with Jurrien van Crugten (BB64 Academy), Schneider and Varga slotting in, but the number 44 was quick to strike for the lead. Initially it was a group of eight, but by Lap 4 five riders had broken away slightly.

That didn't last too long, with another freight train forming at the front. Meanwhile there was another race within the race as Loris Veneman (TeamNL OpenLine), van Crugten and



Lennox Phommara (Team Phommara) all had double Long Lap penalties to take, with all pushing to try and move through. Veneman and van Crugten got right back in the fight at the front, able to get back into the group before the final laps.

In the end it all came down to the final couple of corners, in classic Red Bull Ring style. Race leader Varga came under attack as Schneider sliced through on the inside and Herrlich even thought about the outside, but that didn't work for number 10. He lost out slightly as the race came down to Schneider vs Varga on the drag to the line, with the number 44 tucked in tightly. And it proved just enough as he took his first NTC win by just 0.013 ahead of Schneider.

Herrlich held onto third ahead of Vincze, with Veneman and van Crugten slicing back to take fifth and sixth, respectively. Masili took P7 ahead of Julius Coenen (Helena and Julius Racing), with Kilian Holzer (HK Racing) and Maxime Schmid (Team Schmid) completing the top ten.

### Race 2

Kilian Holzer (HK Racing) put in a stunner on Sunday to become the second debut winner of the weekend, taking victory by over a second in a tricky Race 2 at the Red Bull Ring. After rain stopped play and the restart was set at five laps, it was a sprint for the finish and the Austrian took the home glory. Jurrien van Crugten (BB64 Academy) took second in a close battle for the podium, with countryman Loris Veneman (TeamNL OpenLine) classified third after a penalty dropped Race 1 winner Tibor Varga (Forty Racing) back in the top ten.

Veneman took the holeshot before Varga took over in the lead, but it was a tentative first few laps as the riders got to grips with the conditions. A lead group of six formed with the podium finishers joined by the likes of Valentino Herrlich (Busch und Wagner Racing Team) and Lennox Phommara (Team Phommara), but Holzer was on the march.

And by the final lap the front group had a very definite leader: Holzer. The Austrian put pedal to the metal and kept it near-perfect to the flag, taking his first victory in style and

proving the master of some tricky conditions - leaving the fight to complete the podium squabbling in his wake.

That squabble saw van Crugten come out on top as a three-rider train of he, Varga and Veneman crossed the line in that order, but Varga was given a Long Lap that turned into a three-second time penalty for causing a crash earlier in the race with Brno JRT rider Michal Prokes. So behind Austrian home glory, it was a Dutch 2-3.

Julius Coenen (Helena and Julius Racing) took P4 ahead of Herrlich, with Tom Kuil impressing next up. Varga was classified seventh, with Schneider eighth in the race. Rocco Sessler (MCA Racing) took P9 ahead of Julius Frellsen (Frellsen RR) completing the top ten.

That's it for the 2022 Northern Talent Cup, with Moor taking the title and Farkas confirmed as runner up, eighth place was enough for Schneider to take third overall - by just two points ahead of Veneman.

Join us for more in 2023 and stay tuned to see where the Road to MotoGP™ leads next!

### SM & S3 Junior European Championship: double round in Bulgaria







Fantastic and renowned all-asphalt Supermoto track in Pleven, Bulgaria, best S1GP venue for a number of seasons in a row, was the host of the last rounds of the 2022 S3 Junior European Championship and rounds 3 and 4 of the SM Junior European Championship, under the perfect organization of the Bulgarian Motorcycle Federation.

The weather conditions were very unfriendly on Saturday with rain, however the weather turned better on Sunday.

Saturday's round of SM Junior started with a clear win of Czech rider Matej Kokes (HUQVARNA) in Race 1, who managed to build and maintain a good gap to second place Estonian rider Mathias Vetkin (TM). In both races third and fourth places were respectively for Estonian Rasmus Ebelmann (HUSQVARNA) and Spanish Ramon Godino (YAMAHA), while Vetkin managed to pull a win in the second race to tie Kokes in points and win the overall, as Kokes finished right after Vetkin.

S3 saw a clear winner in both races, as Championship leader Giani Catorc (KTM) from France took the holeshots and won by big margins both races. Local Bulgarian riders Radostin Mihaylov (KAWASAKI) and Jivko Ivanov (KTM) joined Catorc on the podium in second and third place respectively, just in front of fourth place from Estonia Karl Takk (GAS GAS).

On Sunday round, things got interesting in SM Junior Race 1 as Vetkin made a mistake in the warm-up lap and had to start from the pitlane as the last rider of the race. Kokes took profit of the mistake and managed to get out in front and lead without any big emotions. But Vetkin did a wonderful catch-up race and managed by the end of the 10lap race to reach second place in front of Ebelmann, Godino and Austrian Christoph Steiner (KTM), who were third-fourth and fifth in the race. Vetkin managed to win the second race and the overall in front of Kokes, while the 3-5 place came in the same order.

In S3 Bulgarian rider Mihaylov won the first race in front of Catorc, who had some problems with a crash in mid-race. Even so, he did a good second race and claimed the race, overall and won the Championship. Third for the overall was Ivanov, while fourth again finished Takk.





The SM Junior Championship will now move to Italy in Castelletto di Branduzzo for next round on 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Overall classification**

#### **S3 Junior**

1. Giani Catorc Ginov, France, 50 points
2. Radostin Mihaylov, Bulgaria, 44 points
3. Jivko Ivanov, Bulgaria, 40 points

#### **SM Junior - Round 3**

1. Mathias Vetkin, Estonia, 47 points
2. Matej Kokes, Czech Republic, 47 points
3. Rasmus Ebelmann, Estonia, 40 points

#### **SM Junior - Round 4**

1. Mathias Vetkin, Estonia, 47 points
2. Matej Kokes, Czech Republic, 47 points
3. Rasmus Ebelmann, Estonia, 40 points