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### EMX250 European Championship:

Lata makes amazing comeback to win it all on the opening round in Spain



The EMX250 Motocross European Championship season kicked off at Intu-Xanadú Spain with electrifying races, setting the stage for what promises to be a fiercely competitive and exhilarating season. With a lineup packed with talent, the EMX250 ignited the season with a thrilling round of races.

It was Beddini GASGAS Factory Juniors' Valerio Lata who showed great character throughout the weekend to win the overall and take the Red Plate on the opening round in Spain.

In race 1, Teammates at VRT Yamaha Official EMX250, Karlis Reisulis and Ivano Van Erp took the best start of the pack with Valerio Lata on their tail initially. However, Bud Racing Kawasaki's Mathis Valin, VRT Yamaha Official EMX250's Janis Reisulis and Gabriel SS24 KTM's Cas Valk all went to pass Lata within the first official lap.

Valk didn't waste any time and took on the two blue machines of first J.Reisulis and then Van Erp by committing on the outside, Valk and moved up to 2nd.

The man on the charge was Lata! Lata kept improving along the way and got up to 3rd when he saw Valk in front of him making his way out of the track after poor negotiated jump in what costed the young Dutch rookie no better than a 4th place in the end.

Things were going to get even better for Lata who got the best of K.Reisulis to ride through to a solid victory.

Valin and K.Reisulis in the meantime battled hard for most of the second half of the race but K.Reisulis maintained his 2nd place while Valin settled for a good 3rd spot on his first EMX250 Race. Behind them and still up for a podium were Van Erp 5th and J.Reisulis 6th.

In Race 2, J.Reisulis with a tremendous start but then fell into the order quickly while Van Erp took the lead from the first corner. However the young Dutch crashed shortly after with Valin taking charge of the race.

Bike It Kawasaki Racing Team's Billy Askew made an amazing effort to go 3rd quickly. After winning race 1 Lata, who was 4th and very much in the mix to win the overall fell down in a corner and found himself in 8th after a couple of laps. The Italian made a good charge and showed composure after his crash to quickly pass J.Reisulis, Fantic Facotry Racing MX2's Alexis Fueri and JM Honda Rcing Max Werner.

Van Erp managed to get his ride back on track and showed good speed as he moved back up to 3rd after a good pass on Askew.

Meanwhile, Valin was simply flying at the top, making a comfortable gap with K.Reisulis while Askew crashed out of 4th which was ideal for Lata as he moved to 4th. The Italian also showed tremendous speed as he clocked the fastest lap of the round and reduce a large gap with Van Erp and K.Reisulis.

The last two laps were something over rollercoaster of emotions. While Valin was doing the perfect race and sit on top of the podium, Lata 3rd on the podium at that time kept pushing and closed on Van Erp and K.Reisulis. The number 53 Lata charged the two riders and passed Van Erp while K.Reisulis' clutch completely fred at the same time to see his hopes of a podium vanished. K.Reisulis retired, Lata moved up to 2nd to win the overall in great fashion while Valin finished the race thinking he was the one winning it all after a perfect race.

In the end Valin stepped on the 2nd step of the podium showing a solid performance while Van Erp finished 3rd overall. Lata was the big winner of the day after an impressive comeback. This exciting opening round was a stunning indication of the highly competitiveness we will expect this season.

**EMX250 Overall - Top 10 Classification:** 1. Valerio Lata (ITA, GAS), 47 points; 2. Mathis Valin (FRA, KAW), 45 p.; 3. Ivano Van Erp (NED, YAM), 36 p.; 4. Janis Martins Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 33 p.; 5. Bradley Mesters (NED, KTM), 27 p.; 6. Alexis Fueri (FRA, FAN), 23 p.; 7. Elias Escandell (ESP, GAS), 23 p.; 8. Karlis Alberts Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 22 p.; 9. Cas Valk (NED, KTM), 20 p.; 10. Francisco Garcia (ESP, GAS), 19 p

**EMX250 World Championship - Top 10 Classification:** 1. Valerio Lata (ITA, GAS), 47 points; 2. Mathis Valin (FRA, KAW), 45 p.; 3. Ivano Van Erp (NED, YAM), 36 p.; 4. Janis Martins Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 33 p.; 5. Bradley Mesters (NED, KTM), 27 p.; 6. Alexis Fueri (FRA, FAN), 23 p.; 7. Elias Escandell (ESP, GAS), 23 p.; 8. Karlis Alberts Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 22 p.; 9. Cas Valk (NED, KTM), 20 p.; 10. Francisco Garcia (ESP, GAS), 19 p.



### Enduro European Championship: double win for Andrea Verona in Castiglion Fiorentino



The 2024 24MX Enduro European Championship kicked off in Castiglion Fiorentino, which returned to the European scene after the excellent organization of the final round in 2009. On the same routes faced by many enduro champions and the great Fabrizio Meoni, riders faced three special tests in a lap of 54 km repeated 3 times: Extreme Test, designed on rocks and natural stones, highlighting the technical skills; Enduro Test, 8 km long and characterized by a rocky surface and undergrowth; Cross Test of 3 km.

#### Day 1

Andrea Verona, who took part in this event to train for the World Championship, ruled the overall standing ahead of Samuele Bernardini, also in Castiglion Fiorentino to train for the World Championship. Italy completed the podium with Davide Soreca, who finished a few seconds behind Bernardini.

Davide Soreca won the E1 class ahead of Italian riders Davide Mei and Jacopo Traini.

Andrea Verona, in addition to winning the overall of day 1, also won the E2 class, always ahead of Bernardini, while Daniel Mundell finished third, back to the European championship after one year.

In the E3 class the French national anthem echoed thanks to the determination of Anthony Geslin, who won by 14 seconds ahead of Mattia Capuzzo at the end of a hard-fought day. Andrea Castellana was third on the podium.

The young riders from Youth class gave an intense show. The top three was within seven seconds: Riccardo Pasquato first, Luca Piersigilli second and Valentino Corsi third.

Great return to the European stage for Killian Lunier. The French rider won the Junior1 category ahead of his compatriot David Scheid Guillemot and the British Charlie Charter. Off the podium Kevin Cristino due to a TC penalty.

Thrilling race in Junior2 too, with Riccardo Fabris and Matej Skuta: at the end the 2023 Champion Fabris managed to take the victory by less than three seconds. The Finnish flag flew on the third step thanks to Samuli Puhakainen, third ahead of Matyas Chlum by just two seconds.

In the Senior first place for the veteran Maurizio Micheluz, reigning Champion of this class. The Italian won ahead of the German rider Nico Rambow and Martin Gottvald.

Between the women Tanja Schlosser set the best time. The young German had no rivals and won the class with over one minute on Mauricette Brisebard. Third on the podium the Argentine Carla Scaglioni.

## Day 2

Under a cloudy sky without rain Verona set another overall victory, but this time with a gap of just 25 seconds on Bernardini. The two Italian riders battled throughout the day, ensuring a great show.

In the E1 class once again Soreca won easily, while behind him great battle for P2 between Traini and Mei fighting until the last special test.

As in the overall, Verona and Bernardini took the first two positions of the E2 class, with Daniel Mundell third.



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In the E3 class one more victory for Gaslin ahead of Capuzzo (over one minute and a half) and Robert Riedel (over 2 minutes).

Double victory for Micheluz in the Senior class. The Italian riders took his second victory of the season, putting behind Rambow and Gottvald.

Another win also for Schlosser, this time ahead of Sara Traini and Brisebard.