



Press Release

EMX125, 250 and 300 at Matterley Basin (UK)

Matterley Basin is a track that aspiring racers dream of riding. It hosts only one event per year, the FIM Motocross World Championship, and since the addition of the European Championship to the paddock of MXGP, young guys from all over the world have been able to take advantage of the unique opportunity to race on this world-class circuit.

Why is it so great? The track has an awesome flow, it has great dirt, it also has plenty of cool obstacles such as perfectly sculpted jumps, which for the youngsters are awesome to throw greasy whips over, and it also has a big selection of ruts to lay into and sweeping turns to power slide around.

The fans love it just as much as the riders because they can see the entire track from almost anywhere, which was extra awesome for the British fans with British riders winning two of the three European Championship classes.

The seventh round of the European Championship EMX250 was won by British wild card, Apico Husqvarna's Steven Clarke, while the fourth round of the European Championship EMX300 Presented by FMF Racing was won by GL12 Yamaha Racing's Brit, Brad Anderson.

Meanwhile, KTM Silver Action Stephen Rubini topped the box for the second time on the bounce here at the fifth round of the European Championship EMX125 presented by FMF Racing.

EMX 125 (photo1)

It was a dramatic start to the second race in the EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing class with the race 1 winner and championship leader, Sahkar KTM's Jago Geerts, getting tangled with another rider on the start straight and going down, while his closest rival, Silver Action KTM's Stephen Rubini was also well outside of the top 15 after a terrible start.

De Carli KTM's Gianluca Facchetti, on the other hand, took an awesome holeshot ahead of the French star Pierre Goupillon and the kid who went pole, Kevin Horgmo. Goupillon and Facchetti battled for the early lead before Horgmo pulled the pin, passed and gapped both of them. In the matter of 2 laps, Horgmo pulled a 7 second lead.

At the 10-minute mark, the two riders leading the championship, Geerts and Rubini, closed in on the top five. It wasn't long before Rubini was on the hunt for the lead after taking over second place, while Geerts found himself trapped in a battle for fifth with MJC Yamaha's Zachary Pichon. After a game of cat and mouse, it only took a mistake from Pichon where he stabbed the front end into a tight rut, and Geerts was through for fifth.





Press Release

Despite coming from dead last, Jago Geerts was the fastest rider on track and it wasn't long before he had made light work of Facchetti for fourth, while Rubini was putting in an unbelievable performance of his own and with 2 laps to go managed to put an easy pass on Horgmo for the lead. Also in those final 2 laps, Goupillon made a mistake and handed Geerts third.

At the checkers it was KTM Silver Action's Stephen Rubini who took the win, which combined with his second place in race one was enough for the overall win. Kevin Horgmo finished the race in second ahead of Sahkar KTM's Jago Geerts who managed to stand on the second step of the podium. Meanwhile Pierre Goupillon went 4 - 4 for third overall.

EMX 250 (photo2)

No one had anything for KTM Factory Junior's hot starter Jorge Prado who took yet another holeshot ahead of the local hero Apico Husqvarna's Steven Clarke and the most recent round winner, Bud Racing Monster Energy Kawasaki's Darian Sanayei. The championship leader Bodo Schmidt Motorsport's Thomas Kjer Olsen was also up front in fourth with Suzuki World MX2 star Bas Vaessen hot on his heels.



Sanayei was quick to make a move on Clarke. He pinned it up the inside, but Clarke shut the door, so he switched his

lines and threw Clarke off with a move around the outside. Sanayei got really hard on the brakes heading into the next turn, which saw Clarke run into him. Both riders stayed up and continued to battle hard, but it was Sanayei who crossed the line on lap two with the advantage of second place.

Sanayei won a race here at Matterley Basin last year, on his EMX250 debut, and looked to be feeling it again as he took massive chunks out of the lead of Prado and nailed it up the inside of the Spaniard on lap four. Although Sanayei was running a fierce pace, the rookie, Prado, looked hungry for a win and remounted an attack. A mistake by the young KTM rider dropped him back and he failed to regain the lost ground.

Meanwhile, Vaessen started hammering it until his bike started cutting out, which forced him to pull into pit-lane.

With two laps to go, Clarke tipped some of the energy from the British fans in his fuel tank and charged past Prado for second despite catching his foot peg on the top of a jump while scrubbing. It looked a bit sketchy but the Brit was able to style it out.

Upping the intensity on the last lap, Thomas Kjer Olsen remembered what his right wrist is good for and started to twist it. The strong Dane caught Prado and Clarke. He managed to get Prado for third but Clarke held on tight for second. Sanayei, on the other hand, took his third



Press Release

consecutive race win while Prado was fourth with Nicolas Dercourt rounding out the top five.

In Race 2, Darian Sanayei got off to an ideal start with a massive holeshot but it wasn't as smooth sailing as he would have hoped for with Steven Clarke not in the mood for games.

Clarke wasn't taking any prisoners on his way to the front and went into a turn so hot he made the sun feel cold. It was with that corner speed he took the lead and went on to win the race and his home round of the European Championship.

Meanwhile Jorge Prado was dealing with pressure from Bas Vaessen for half of a lap before the Suzuki rider hucked the quad massively and set the Spaniard up around the next turn to make the pass for third. The next rider to give Prado some grief was the championship leader, Thomas Kjer Olsen, who used his race smarts to take over fourth.

Up front, the fans were bought to their feet as Clarke struggled to shake Sanayei who was holding onto him while Kjer Olsen connected with Vaessen in a battle for third. Vaessen went down but only lost a spot and managed to finish the lap in fifth.

The battle for the lead went down to the wire. At the checkers it was the wild card rider, Apico Husqvarna's Steven Clarke, who got the job done for the race and overall win here in front of his home crowd. Bud Racing Monster Energy Kawasaki's Darian Sanayei crossed the line in second for second overall with Bodo Schmidt KTM's Thomas Kjer Olsen finishing third for third. Nicolas Dercourt finished fourth in the final race ahead of Bas Vaessen.

EMX300 (photo 3)

With Great Britain being the home of motocross, they are one of the most pro-2-stroke nations in the world so it was wicked for them to witness two Brits, Brad Anderson and Lewis Gregory, own the class here at Matterley Basin in Race 1 on Saturday afternoon.

In Race 2 on Sunday morning, Kras took a massive holeshot on his FMF powered KTM 300 and used

his brash attitude to knuckle down and air out a lead right off the bat. Meanwhile, the red plate holder, Rockstar Energy Husqvarna's Yentel Martens, was in third around turn one and didn't waste any time in launching past Phil Mercer for second.

Mercer started dropping spots as the likes of Antonio Utrilla and Saturday's British dominators, Lewis Gregory and Brad Anderson, emerged. Gregory was the fastest in Qualifying and was looking solid again today as he charged past the Spaniard, Utrilla. While Utrilla was dropped back to





Press Release

fourth, it was only the start of the carnage he was about to be faced with as race one winner, Anderson, came-a-knockin'.

Anderson was on a mission to win for his rowdy British fans, and put an aggressive move up the inside of Utrilla. Utrilla tried to respond and put a wheel on Anderson over the next jump. Ando whipped it out, as did Utrilla, but the Spaniard still clipped the Brit and went down like a ton of bricks.

Next on Ando's hit list was his GL12 Yamaha teammate, Gregory. It was completely obvious there are no team instructions in that team as he threw an elbow at his teammate on the way past. Gregory tried to fight back but didn't quite have the goods.

Both riders had charged hard from outside the top ten and both blitzed past Martens like he was standing still but couldn't catch the leader, Kras, who had completely checked out.

Mike Kras took his fourth race win of the season, which was enough for second overall and the championship lead. GL12 Yamaha's Brad Anderson came home in second to take the overall win here at his home round of the EMX300 Presented by FMF Racing championship. Anderson's GL12 Yamaha teammate Lewis Gregory came home in third, which was enough for third overall.

Rockstar Energy Husqvarna's Yentel Martens relinquished the red plate after only banking a pair of fourths this weekend. It now belongs to Mike Kras.

Full results on FIM Europe website: <http://www.fim-europe.eu/events/219>

Photos courtesy @Youthstream

The actual issue of FIM Europe MAG is online and can be downloaded [here](#).

PRESS RELEASE

nr. 137/2016 - June 20th 2016

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Fiammetta La Guidara
FIM Europe Press Officer
Tel + 39 342 9231793
fiammetta.laguidara@fim-europe.com



About FIM Europe (www.fim-europe.com) - The FIM Europe (in the past UEM, Union Européenne de Motocyclisme) includes 47 National Federations (FMNs) and 6 Regional Motorcycling Associations and is a European organization acting within its attributions in all matters in relation with motorcycling activities and, as such, in domains ranging from sport, tourism, leisure, environment, mobility, road safety, legislative affairs, protection and defence of the rights and interests of motorcycle users. As far as motorcycle sport is concerned, the FIM Europe is the supreme and sole European authority empowered by the FIM to control European motorcycling sport activities organized under its jurisdiction throughout Europe. The aims of FIM Europe are to develop and promote all forms of motorcycling in Europe as well as the co-operation and friendship between its members, and notably: to examine all questions related to the development of motorcycling in Europe; to organize European Championships and to establish all competitions that appear beneficial subject to the prior approval of the FIM; to co-operate with the FIM in all matters relating to the organization of international events and motorcycling in general; to organize camps and seminars for riders, officials, coaches and administrators of various European FMNs; to support the creation and development of motorcycling activities in all European countries; to promote the co-operation among all European FMNs; to promote motorcycling among young people, both as sport and motorcycling in general; to encourage the use of motorcycles in European countries and to develop motorcycle tourism; to represent the interests of motorcyclists before European authorities; to promote in the media the sport of motorcycling and the use of motorcycles in all of Europe.

Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/europeanmotorcycling