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**EMX 250 European Championship and EMX 125 European Championship:**  
**Van De moosdijk and Laengenfelder master Lommel**



The EMX250 and EMX125 presented by FMF Racing raced the sixth round in Lommel at the MXGP of Belgium, and once again it was the sand masters who came out and showed amazing skills around one of the toughest circuits in the World.

F&H Racing Kawasaki's Roan van de Moosdijk is the king of the sand in the EMX250 class, going 1-1 and taking the points' lead in the series standings heading to the next round in Sweden. The Dutchman was a level above his competition as he clocked lap times bunch of seconds quicker than the other EMX250 riders, Creymert Racing's Kevin Horgmo was second overall and Rockstar Energy Husqvarna Factory's Mikkel Haarup third.

In the EMX125 presented by FMF Racing it was WZ-Racing's Simon Laengenfelder who scored 2-1 results to win the overall, ahead of series leader Maddii Racing Husqvarna's

Mattia Guadagnini and Team VRT's Tom Guyon. Guadagnini continues to lead the series by 20 points over Guyon.



Mikkel Haarup moved past van de Moosdijk on lap two, and championship front runners, KTM Junior Racing's Rene Hofer was back in seventh, Honda Redmoto Assomotor's Stephen Rubini was ninth and Team Maddii Racing Husqvarna's Alberto Forato way back in 14<sup>th</sup>. Van de Moosdijk moved into second place on lap three.

Van de Moosdijk moved into the lead on the fourth lap while Rubini was up to sixth position. After six laps the lead was 12 seconds between van de Moosdijk and Horgmo. Haarup moved into second on lap 10 and Rubini moved into fifth place. Van de Moosdijk won the Saturday's race 1 from Haarup and Horgmo.

In the second EMX250 race it was Van De Moosdijk who led early from Horgmo, Raivo Dankers, Bastian Boegh Damm and Rene Hofer. Rubini was down in seventh place. After just one lap the lead was already more than five seconds as the Dutchman was showing off his sand skills. A lap later the lead was nearly 10 seconds.

Forato moved into second place when he passed Horgmo, and Rubini crashed and dropped to 10<sup>th</sup> place. Not a lot changed with Van De Moosdijk moved to 30 seconds ahead of Forato on lap eight, then came Horgmo, Dankers and Boegh. Rubini remained in 10<sup>th</sup> place.

With a 32 second lead Van de Moosdijk slipped over in a corner, but still had an easy lead when he got up and just to make matters even better for the leader, Rubini dropped out of the top ten and was in 13<sup>th</sup>. Van De Moosdijk won race 2 from Forato and Horgmo and getting is double race win of the season and the Red Plate for the first time in his career. The Dutch rider got in the Belgian round in thirist position in the series and will head to Switzerland leading the series with 11 point over Rubini.

**EMX250 - Overall Top Ten:** 1. Roan Van De Moosdijk (NED, KAW), 50 points; 2. Kevin Horgmo (NOR, KTM), 40 p.; 3. Mikkel Haarup (DEN, HUS), 35 p.; 4. Alberto Forato (ITA, HUS), 34 p.; 5. Ken Bengtson (SWE, HUS), 31 p.; 6. Jeremy Sydow (GER, HUS), 28 p.; 7. Rene Hofer (AUT, KTM), 28 p.; 8. Stephen Rubini (FRA, HON), 26 p.; 9. Isak Gifting (SWE, KTM), 23 p.; 10. Hakon Fredriksen (NOR, YAM), 20 p.



RFX KTM's Joel Rizzi took the holeshot in the opening EMX 125 race but it was Maddii Racing Husqvarna's Mattia Guadagnini who took the lead quickly and just walked away



from the field. Second was WZ-Racing's Simon Laengenfelder, and third Team VRT's Tom Guyon. INI KTM Junior Pro Team's Mike Gwerder finished in fifth and lost ground on the two front guys in the points race.

The second EMX125 presented by FMF Racing race proved a surprise as Laengenfelder took the lead on Guadagnini and Guyon on lap 3. After five laps the lead was five seconds as the German rider showed amazing sand skills. Rizzi was also looking good in fourth position ahead of fifth placed Kay De Wolf. Laengenfelder rode brilliant to remain in control and winning from Guadagnini and Guyon.

Simon Laengenfelder won his first EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing round of his career with his 2-1 and he stands third in the championship while Mattia Guadagnini keeps the red plate.

**EMX125 - Overall Top Ten:** 1.Simon Laengenfelder (GER, KTM), 47 points; 2. Mattia Guadagnini (ITA, HUS), 47 p.; 3. Tom Guyon (FRA, KTM), 40 p.; 4. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, KTM), 34 p.; 5. Liam Everts (BEL, KTM), 30 p.; 6. Camden Mc Lellan (RSA, KTM), 26 p.; 7. Mike Gwerder (SUI, KTM), 25 p.; 8. Max Palsson (SWE, KTM), 24 p.; 9. Kay de Wolf (NED, HUS), 23 p.; 10. Joel Rizzi (GBR, KTM), 23 p.

### Watercross Cup: the race in Finland

The Watercross Cup raced its single event of the calendar on 3<sup>rd</sup> August in Sodankyla, Finland.

20 riders coming from all Europe raced in strong condition with 10° and mixed weather. After the Qualification round 6 riders had full score, including women rider Miranda Tjärnström from Sweden.

In the final Morten Blien from Norway took the lead, but after 6 laps Norwegian rider Morten Blien won becoming the new Watercross European Champion.



### Final classification:

1. Morten Blien (Norway)
2. Antti Holmberg (Finland)
3. Olli Magga (Finland)

### Vintage Road Racing European Championship: the race in Donington Park



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Competitors of the Vintage Road Race European Championship gathered at the former Grand Prix circuit Anderstorp for the opening round of the 2019 Championship.

Practice and qualifying went without any major problems for the FIME riders who all



qualified.

On Saturday the weather was perfect for racing with temperatures in the 20's and a dry track until the last race when a heavy shower brought out the red flags and an early finish to the days racing. Sunday's racing resumed with a dry track and the schedule was completed without further interruption.

With a strong Classic Racing base in the UK Great Britain riders dominated the results apart from classes 6 and 7a where Hasse Gustafson ruled the roost for Sweden and took four wins on his Ducati machines. Against tough opposition Tanja Hentschel retained her Class 2 Championship lead with two solid fourth place finishes. David Whitehouse missed the first round in Sweden and now leads the Class three championship after two wins on his Greeves Silverstone. Another UK rider with two wins was Pete Boast on his Honda CB350 machine in Class 3. The UK riders had mixed fortunes in Class 5 with none of them recording two good results to eat into Lars Sanberg's championship lead. Class 6 was a different story with Hasse Gustafson notching up two wins to draw level on points with Lars Sanberg and Soren Holm only ten points behind on 40.

Hasse Gustafson won both races in class 7a to reduce Jurgen Riedel's Championship lead to 23 points going into the last round in France. In second place Paul Holiday had two good races on his BMW with Riedel completing the podium on his 985cc Honda.

Last year's Class 7b Champion sealed the 2019 championship with two straight wins and remains unbeaten this year.

In the newly introduced Post Classic class 9a Rob Witty on his Honda VFR took two wins to leave Donington with 50 points whilst Peter Howarth increased his lead in class 9b to 50 points and almost sure of the Championship.

All in a great weekend enjoyed by over 4500 spectators at a brilliant track

The final round of the FIME Vintage Road Race Championship will take place on 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September at Pau-Arnos in southern France.