

18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Press Release n.23

## Enduro European Championship: the off-road is back to thrill



On Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 April the Enduro European Championship started its season in Castel di Tora, Italy.

A total of 132 riders competed: a considerable number in view of the various international anti Covid-19 regulations and since some riders had to stay at home involuntarily.

A “world” round, as some riders took part as training for the Enduro World Championship.

### Day 1

The Italian Thomas Oldrati and his French teammate Theophile Espinasse won the first and second place with Honda RedMoto World Enduro Team. It could have gotten the first three places, but the Finnish Roni Kytönen finished fourth after a crash. As the three



guests do not get points for the European Championship, the best rider in the European Championship was the Italian Diego Nicoletti (Husqvarna), third overall. Only six seconds behind Enrico Rinaldi finished second, while the reigning champion in the small two-stroke class Maurizio Micheluz turned out to be a true old master winning his class and the third overall position.

## Day 2

On the second day the competition was shortened to two laps due to the bad weather conditions. Many riders were unable to keep the pace and some got totally left behind: all this did not affect the Honda RedMoto World Enduro Team riders and Oldrati, Espinasse and Kytönen got the top three in the overall standing.

The best rider in the European standing was the Italian Rinaldi: the GasGas rider thus takes the lead in the European Championship, while Saturday's winner Diego Nicoletti was tied on points with the reigning champion of the 250cc two-stroke class, Maurizio Micheluz, in second place. Micheluz, already 38 years old, won his class on Sunday too. Fifth place in the standing for the Czech Krystof Kouble, the first foreigner at this opening round. Only in three classes no Italian is currently leading the championship: the French Justine Martel won the women's class again, as she did the day before. In the large four-stroke class, Jaromir Romancik leads the standing after his second day's victory, in the large two-stroke class it's the French Thibaut Passet who also steers his Beta on a championship course with two day's victories.

The next round of the European Enduro Championship will be on 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> August in the Czech Republic.

## Vintage Motocross Cup: Italy hosted the first round



The new European Championship reserved for classic bikes made its debut over the weekend of Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April at Maggiora track, Italy.

Created by the Italian Motorcycling Federation's Motocross Vintage Coordination and immediately supported by the promoter FXAction Group and the MMX Maggiora Motocross Club, this new championship raced his first round on one of the world's most popular motocross tracks, with the exceptional number of 350 riders.

At the start vintage enthusiasts of all ages: from class '46 to class 2006, all strictly riding bikes that in the past have ridden the ups and downs of Maggiora, for a unique show. Among the participants there were also celebrities who have written the history of motorcycling, attracted by the indisputable uniqueness of the event.

An old-time show in a modern way for a challenge until the last jump.

### The winners:

C1 - Alessandro Orbati, ITA

C2 - Alessandro Orbati, ITA

P1 A - Graziano Gardini, ITA

P1 B - Paolo Caramellino, ITA

P1 C - Ivo Lasagna, ITA

P2 A - Patrick Mezzedimi, ITA



P2 B - Michele Dal Bosco, ITA

P2 C - Christian Ravaglia, ITA

E1 - Stefano Miglionico, ITA

E2 - Stefano Dami, ITA

R1 - Marco Volpe, ITA

R2 - Nicolas Tumini, ITA

F1 - Gianluca Pettinari, ITA

F2 - Stefano Dalla Libera, ITA

GROUP 4 - Fabrizio Bennati, ITA

PRE 76 - Fiorello Sberze, ITA

OVER 50 - Pierangelo Ferrari, ITA

OVER 60 - Maurizio Pezzaglia, ITA

OVER 68 - Flavio Solda, ITA

QUEEN - Fabio Occhiolini, ITA

### Women's European SS 300 Cup:

Italian and Spanish women ruled the first round



The women European season went live with the first round of the Women's European SS 300 Cup at Mugello Circuit, in Tuscany, Italy.



A thrilling weekend, still at closed doors due to the Covid-19 restrictions, with the ladies in fight with an impressive race pace.

In Race1 great battle from the first lap up to last between 5 riders: the Italian Roberta Ponziani won the first heat in front of Sara Sanchez and the defending champion, the Spanish Neila Santos, after a technical problem forced Sabrina Della Manna to withdraw. Fourth position for the polewoman Alexandra Pelikanova.

Race 2 was red flagged at next to last lap and the victory went to Sanchez, while Santos finished second and Ponziani third.

The final standing is completely opened due also to the extra points given by pole position and race fastest lap.

#### **Race1**

1. Ponziani Roberta, ITA
2. Sanchez Sara, SPA
3. Neila Santos Beatriz, SPA
4. Pelikanova Alexandra, CZE
5. Cabrini Sara, ITA

#### **Race2**

1. Sanchez Sara, SPA
2. Neila Santos Beatriz, SPA
3. Ponziani Roberta, ITA
4. Cabrini Sara, ITA
5. Carreno Isis, CHI