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EMX 250 European Championship and EMX Open European Championship: the Dutch rule in Oss as Elzinga and De Waal win in EMX



Saturday's race action in Oss is done and dusted with Dutch riders Rick Elzinga from TBS Conversions KTM Racing Team and Micha-Boy De Waal of No Fear/Jumbo BT Racing Team victorious in the EMX250 and EMX Open categories.

Both riders were met by an eager Dutch crowd who urged them on from start to finish as they craved their way through the sand on their way to victory.

EMX 250 European Championship

In the opening EMX250 race it was SM Action Racing Team YUASA Battery's Kevin Horgmo who was the early race leader before crashing, which allowed Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Nicholas Lapucci, Jorgen-Mathias Talviku of No Fear/Jumbo BT Racing Team, Yago



Martinez from Team VRT Nordpesca Holland, Elzinga and Dave Kooiker of Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing through, among others, as the Norwegian dropped to 8th.

Talviku and Elzinga then had a close battle for second, as the Dutchman went through on the Estonian and then the Husqvarna rider came under more pressure this time from Martinez who was also able to pass him. Talviku later crashed in the race a couple of times to finish the race ninth.

Everts was having a good ride as he made his way into the top five, though after an unlucky crash dropped down the order but was eventually to pick himself back up and finish the race inside the top five.

On lap 7 Elzinga was able to get around Lapucci for the lead as Kooiker lost quite a few positions and dropped down to sixth, allowing the likes of Horgmo, Martinez, Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing's Andrea Bonacorsi and Liam Everts of KTM Liamski through.

While it looked like Elzinga was on track to take a race win, Lapucci caught him out on the final lap to take back first position and go on to win the race ahead of the Dutchman, with Horgmo finishing third.

In race two, it was Lapucci who took the holeshot as Talviku quickly took the lead away from the Italian. The Estonian then crashed out of first place, with Lapucci forced off track due to the incident, and as a result lost valuable positions as he re-joined in 7th.

Team VRT Nordpesca Holland's Davide Braceras then assumed first place, as Everts sensed the perfect opportunity to go after his first EMX250 race win. By lap three Everts was the new race leader, as Elzinga and Lapucci made their way back up to the leaders.

Elzinga then passed Lapucci, Bonacorsi and Braceras in one lap as Everts extended his lead to 4 seconds over Kooiker and Elzinga. Elzinga then got himself into second, as Lapucci worked his way up to third and then it was game on as Elzinga and Lapucci battled it out. In the final laps of the race the pair caught onto the back of Everts who started to make mistakes under pressure and on the final lap, Elzinga was able to take the lead, as Everts successfully defended second place from Lapucci.



Elzinga was the race winner, with Everts second and Lapucci third. The same three riders took to the podium, with Elzinga taking the victory on home soil, with Lapucci second overall and Everts making his first EMX250 podium appearance in third.

Lapucci now leads the championship with a 17-point advantage over Horgmo, as Bonacorsi sits third.

EMX250 - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Rick Elzinga (NED, KTM), 47 points; 2. Nicholas Lapucci (ITA, FAN), 45 p.; 3. Liam Everts (BEL, KTM), 38 p.; 4. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, YAM), 36 p.; 5. Kevin Horgmo (NOR, GAS), 36 p.; 6. Dave Kooiker (NED, YAM), 30 p.; 7. Yago Martinez (ESP, KTM), 26 p.; 8. Rasmus Hakansson (SWE, HUS), 22 p.; 9. Cornelius Toendel (NOR, YAM), 19 p.; 10. Kjell Verbruggen (NED, KTM), 18 p.;

EMX Open European Championship

As the gate dropped for the first EMX Open race, it was De Waal who took the lead from the get-go, as Nicholas Dercourt of Honda ST Motoblouz followed behind.

Former MXGP rider, Ken De Dycker got a good start and was inside the top five, before getting himself into second behind De Waal. The race leader, De Waal, then continued to stretch out his lead lap-by-lap, setting consistent lap times throughout the entire race.

Dercourt then pushed De Dycker to third, as De Waal extended his lead to 9.484 seconds and remained the fastest rider on track by almost 2 seconds compared to the riders behind him.

Davide De Bortoli was fighting his way through the field as he got around Joel Van Mechelen for fourth place. In the end De Waal was the race winner with Dercourt second and De Dycker finishing third.

In race two it was once again De Waal who took the holeshot after the race was re-started due to a false start. De Waal led the way with De Bortoli, Dercourt, Simeo Ubach of 137 KTM Motorsport and Simone Crocirounding out the top five on the opening lap.

De Dycker was down in 10th and had to work hard to make his way through the field, but eventually fell down to 12th where he finished the second heat.

Much like the first race, De Waal led from start to finish, while De Bortoli worked hard to keep Dercourt behind him, as the pair finished the race second and third. In the end it

was De Waal who was the overall round winner in front of his home crowd, securing his team their first overall win, as Dercourt placed second overall and De Bortoli was third on the podium.

De Court now takes the championship lead, with De Bortoli four points behind him in second and De Waal sitting in third.

EMXOpen - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Micha-Boy De Waal (NED, HUS), 50 points; 2. Nicolas Dercourt (FRA, HON), 42 p.; 3. Davide De Bortoli (ITA, HON), 40 p.; 4. Simeo Ubach (ESP, HUS), 31 p.; 5. Kay Ebben (NED, KTM), 31 p.; 6. Ken de Dycker (BEL, KAW), 29 p.; 7. Simone Croci (ITA, HUS), 26 p.; 8. Joel Van Mechelen (NED, KTM), 26 p.; 9. James Dunn (GBR, KAW), 21 p.; 10. Mike Bolink (NED, KTM), 20 p.;

EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship North East zone and EMX Women' European Championship: race time in Estonia



This weekend Pärnu Airport Motopark hosted the rounds of EMX Women and EMX 85 / EMX 65 North East zone.

German Anne Borchers won her first EMX Women overall this season, while Latvian Janis Martins Reisulis dominated EMX 85 and Estonian Lucas Leok EMX 65 races.



Anne Borchers (Suzuki) grabbed the EMX Women race1 took the lead when Dutch Shana van der Vlist (KTM) attacked and started to pull away from the rest of the pack. With a good pace and speed, he won with 10 seconds on Borchers. Third position for was Mathea Selebu (Yamaha), who didn't have the enough speed to get the second place. Borchers was the best in the start of race2 followed by Selebu. Van der Vlist reached the second position and tried to take the lead, but Borchers took a well-deserved win. Third position for Selebu, who got the third place overall too. Thanks to the win in race2 Borchers got her overall win and Van der Vlist had to settle with the second place.

In EMX85 class Janis Martins Reisulis (KTM) won both races with a huge gap. In race1 he had good start and got into the lead early, but in race2 he had to work his way up from fourth position. Great fight for the second position between Tanel Leok's son Sebastian Leok (Husqvarna) and Latvian Markuss Kokins (Husqvarna). In the first race Latvian was second and Leok third, but in the last race Estonian finished second ahead of Kokins.

Aigar Leok's son Lucas Leok (Husqvarna) ruled both EMX 65 races. In the first race Leok's fellow countryman Karl Teesalu (KTM) finished second in front of Latvian Toms Dankerts (KTM), but race2 Dankerts defeated Teesalu very nearly, giving the Latvian the second overall place and Teesalu had to settle third.

European 250cc Youth Speedway Cup: Polish rider Oskar Paluch gets the tile



Thrilling weekend for the European 250cc Youth Speedway Cup in Torun, Poland, with two days of Semifinals and the great Final round.

The event began with the promotion of “A moment for nature” project, launched by the Polish Federation environmental project: #PzmIDoCareAboutTheEnvironment spoke about 3R (reduce - reuse - recycle) - important things for our environment.

The races took place in excellent conditions and in the last heat of the meeting the best riders met: the fifth win gave the title to home rider Oskar Paluch ahead of Bastian Pedersen and Nagel Christiansen.

Final classification

1. Oskar Paluch PZM
2. Bastian Pedersen DMU
3. Nagel Christiansen DMU