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**EMX 250 European Championship and EMX 2T European Championship:
Fantic Factory Team Maddii riders Lapucci and Spies win in Lommel**

European races in Lommel saw another successful day for Fantic Factory Team Maddii riders Nicholas Lapucci and Maximilian Spies as the pair were victorious in the EMX250 and EMX2t Presented by FMF Racing categories and went on to extend their championship leads.



EMX250

In the first EMX250 race of the day, it was Lapucci who took the holeshot and was closely followed by SM Action YUASA Battery Racing Team's Kevin Horgmo as a few riders got caught out after the first corner.

Lapucci then led Horgmo, Cornelius Toendel of Riley Racing as well as Jorgen-Matthias Talviku of No Fear/Jumbo BT Racing and Dave Kooiker of Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing.



Meanwhile Horgmo was not letting Lapucci run away with it as he set the fastest lap time of the race and was keeping close with the Fantic rider. As the race progressed, the Norwegian made several attempts to take the lead and eventually by lap eight was the new race leader. Though his time in the lead did not last long as by the following lap the GasGas rider crashed out and re-joined in fourth place.

Further down the field, home rider Liam Everts of KTM Liamski was working his way back up into the top 10 as he charged forward making some good passes to finish the race in fifth position.

Though it was Lapucci who was victorious in race one with Talviku second and Rick Elzinga of TBS Conversions Racing finishing the race in third.

In race two, it was Lapucci and Horgmo who were side-by-side in the start followed by Elzinga, Florian Miot of PAR Homes Husqvarna Powered by Stebbings and Kjell Verbruggen of KTM Sarholz Racing Team.

Horgmo then dropped to third as Elzinga went through and by lap three we saw the Dutchman take the lead as he managed to get around Lapucci.

Everts was having a much better start to the race as he passed Talviku and Miot to move into fourth, while Elzinga was the fastest rider on track and went on to extend his lead to 3.308 seconds.

Miot then made a mistake which allowed Talviku into fifth position as Everts searched for a way to get close to the top three riders.

Elzinga rode a dominant race until the chequered flag fell, with Lapucci finishing second and Horgmo third. With a 1-2 result, it was Nicholas Lapucci who was the overall winner, while Elzinga finished second on the podium with Horgmo third.

In terms of the championship standings, it's Lapucci who leads by 26-points over Horgmo, while Elzinga moves from fifth to third in the standings.

EMX250 - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Nicholas Lapucci (ITA, FAN), 47 points; 2. Rick Elzinga (NED, KTM), 45 p.; 3. Kevin Horgmo (NOR, GAS), 38 p.; 4. Jorgen-Matthias Talviku (EST, HUS), 38 p.; 5. Liam Everts (BEL, KTM), 34 p.; 6. Marcel Conijn (NED, KTM), 29 p.; 7. Camden Mc Lellan (RSA, HUS), 25 p.; 8. Mike Gwerder (SUI, KTM), 24 p.; 9. Dave Kooiker (NED, YAM), 22 p.; 10. Cornelius Toendel (NOR, YAM), 15 p.



2T

In the opening EMX2t Presented by FMF Racing heat, it was Federico Tuani of Fantic Factory Team Maddii who grabbed the holeshot and led the way, with Damian Wedage, Liam Hanstrom, Spies, Ken De Dycker and Brad Anderson of Verde Substance KTM just behind.

Spies then began to close in on Hanstrom and by lap three was the new race leader, as Tuani dropped to third. Meanwhile, Anderson worked his way up to fifth and then chased down De Dycker for fourth and set his sights on Hanstrom to break into the top three.

Tuani then took back second place as the gap was 3.071 seconds between him and Spies. Not long after the gap dropped to just over a second as Tuani set his personal best lap of the race going almost two seconds faster than Spies.

With 12 minutes plus two laps to go Anderson moved into third, as Spies got his head down and focused on his own race. Tuani then lost a load of time on the race leader as the gap went up to 8.228 seconds and that's when Anderson caught a sight of the Italian rider and began his late charge for second.

In the end it was Spies who was the first race winner with Tuani second and Anderson third.



In race two, it was Anderson who got a much better start and led Wedage, Hanstrom, Tuani and Rene Boer. Meanwhile race one winner, Spies, had an unlucky start to the race after crashing on the opening lap and having to work his way up from outside the top 10. De Dycker then got Boer for fifth, while Tuani closed in on Hanstrom to steal second place from the Swede. Hanstrom then dropped another position as De Dycker went through into third.

Tuani then cut the gap to Anderson as he went after the race win, while Spies was making progress of his own as he got around Boer and Hanstrom to move into fourth position. Tuani took the lead on lap five and then stretched out his lead to 11.392 over the next few laps, while Spies managed to get around Anderson for second and then it was game on as the German fought hard to catch his teammate.

With just a lap remaining, Tuani made a very costly error and crashed which cost him his first EMX race victory as Spies was able to go through and take another win. Anderson finished the race second, as Tuani managed to hold on to third.

With two race victories, Maximilian Spies was the overall winner, with Brad Anderson second on the box and Federico Tuani third. Spies continues to lead the championship with a 16-point advantage over Anderson, with Tuani a further two points behind.

EMX2T Presented by FMF Racing - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Maximilian Spies (GER, FAN), 50 points; 2. Brad Anderson (GBR, KTM), 42 p.; 3. Federico Tuani (ITA, FAN), 42 p.; 4. Ken de Dycker (BEL, FAN), 36 p.; 5. Ben Putnam (GBR, HUS), 31 p.; 6. Rene Boer (NED, HUS), 30 p.; 7. Jaap Janssen (NED, KTM), 26 p.; 8. Damian Wedage (NED, KTM), 25 p.; 9. Krijn van Vroenhoven (NED, KTM), 21 p.; 10. Maxime Sot (FRA, YAM), 20 p.

European U23 Team Speedway Championship: SF1



First race for the European U23 Team Speedway Championship with the Semi Final 1 in Brokstedt, Germany.

The meeting was postponed by half an hour due to the rain, but the organisers got the track in to a very good condition after two days of heavy rain.

Team Denmark managed to fend off the local favourites Team Germany in a fiercely fought battle that lasted to the final heat. There was only one point between those two teams before the heat no. 20.

Team Great Britain was third and the very young team Netherlands fourth scoring one point.

Semi Final 2 and Final will be held in the next weeks.

Final classification:

1. Denmark, 47 points
2. Germany, 44 points
3. Great Britain, 27 points

Women's European SS 300 Cup: fourth round in Misano



Fourth round for the Women's European SS 300 Cup at Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli, Italy, in a thrilling night event in the background of the Pink Week of Riviera di Rimini.

The first night pole of the history has been taken by Neil Santos Beatriz, securing an extra point on the general standing: the Spanish rider won with the fastest lap and completed the hat trick for the weekend. Neila Santos showed a strong pace to finish 7 second clear to the group. Second place for Sara Sanchez in a duel with Roberta Ponziani, third on the podium.

The next and final round is scheduled on 29th August at Mugello Circuit, Italy.