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## CEV Repsol: Moto2 and HETC at Jerez



### Moto2 European Championship

Fermin Aldeguer came into race 1 of the Moto2™ ECh with 44 points advantage. To win the championship he needed a 50 or more-point advantage at the end of the race, but with Aldeguer taking another win and Alonso Lopez taking another second, it left the 16-year-old with just a 49 point advantage, meaning the title would roll on to race 2. Taking third place was 'best of the rest' Lukas Tulovic (Liqui Moly SIC Intact Racing Team) once again. After a brief battle with Xavier Cardelus (Promoracing), Tulovic dug deep and pulled out a great performance to beat him to the flag.

Onto race 2 and all Aldeguer needed was a 25 points advantage at the end of the race. Lopez grabbed the lead and, after a brief wave to each other on the straight down towards turn 6, the team-mates battled all the way to the final corner. At last Lopez picked up his

first-ever win in the class, but it would be Aldeguer who was the real winner, clinching the 2021 Moto2™ ECh title and becoming Champion! In a repeat performance of race 1, Tulovic would take third place, but this time far more comfortably than before in what was a very strong race for the German.



### Hawkers European Talent Cup

In the HETC there was plenty of action at the front. After a red flag due to an incident at Turn 8, the race was restarted for a 7 laps dash. A big group eventually stretched itself out into just three. Maximo Martinez, Brian Uriarte (Team Estrella Galicia 0,0) and teammate Angel Piqueras were the benchmark, pushing the pace to seriously fast lap times. As they came across the line it was Uriarte who crossed it first but, after exceeding track limits at Turn 1 on the final lap, the win was gifted to Martinez! His first win in the class! Piqueras watched on behind, taking 3rd only 0.104s behind at the flag.

Race 2 was more of the same close action in HETC. All the championship hopefuls were in the mix, all until none of them then championship leader Xabi Zurutuza (Cuna de Campeones) crashed out at Turn 11 on lap 10. His crash blew the title hunt wide open and with Martinez eventually streaking away and picking up his second race win of the day, this time actually crossing the line first, it put the Team Honda Laglisse rider into the lead of the points. Completing the podium was once again Uriarte and Piqueras.

## EMX Quad European Championship: Kevin Saar ruled in Jinin



21 riders from all areas on Europe had descended onto the MX Enduro Park in Jinin, in the Czech Republic, for what would be the first round of their championship. The atmosphere had a distinctive electricity about it, and this was only going to grow as the action for the day unfolded.

**Qualifying** - This got underway in sublime conditions. The track was freshly watered, the sun was beating down and the quads were as every bit as good as what we have become accustomed to. The main man that everybody wanted to beat was 6-time Estonian Champion and 3-time European Champion, Kevin Saar. Things were going well for Saar in the early stages of the qualifying session but there was one thing that I suspect nobody took into account, Norwegian rider Christopher Tveraen. Christopher put in an absolutely fantastic time of 1:57.934 to give himself first gate pick over Kevin Saar by +0.521. Roman Gwiazda, Miro-Romeo Cappuccio and Jiri Kasper completed the top 5 with +3.841 covering the 5 riders.



**Race 1** - Kevin Saar was initially relegated to 2<sup>nd</sup>, but soon fought his way back into the top spot. 2<sup>nd</sup> spot was occupied by Zdenek Polacek for the majority of the race, however an unforeseen issue arose that forced him to pull to the inside of the circuit and lose vital positions. Roman Gwiazda was running a strong 3<sup>rd</sup> place but it was to amount to nothing, as a rare crash damaged the Polish riders hopes of a good finish. The rest of the race was waiting for an answer with the question in mind being, could Tveraen, now in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, catch up to Saar who was 9 seconds up the circuit. The answer would come soon enough, as Saar crossed the line to take the win ahead of Tveraen, with Cappuccio coming home a strong 3<sup>rd</sup>. Gwiazda battled his way up to 12<sup>th</sup> in the end, but you can absolutely guarantee that he will be fighting for the podium positions in tomorrow's 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> races.

**Race 2** - The gates dropped and the atmosphere was filled with the sound of 4-stroke machinery as they hurled towards turn 1 at a great speed. Kevin Saar took the holeshot as Jiri Kasper and Paolo Galizzi slotted into 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions. The race went on and with each and every lap, Kevin Saar opened up the advantage at the front and was very much unchallenged. The conditions of the circuit proved too much for some, most notably Zdenek Polacek, who at the mid-point of the race had issues with his vision. His solution? Take the goggles off! They cant be an issue if you don't have any! The biggest drama of the race came when, in the closing stages of the race, the man who was riding a strong 4<sup>th</sup> place had a potential mechanical issue and had to pull off to the inside of the circuit. This was young, fast German rider Miro-Romeo Cappuccio who finished on the podium in the first race yesterday. He eventually managed to claw his way back up into 10<sup>th</sup> position by the end of the race.

**Race 3** - Saar came into the 3<sup>rd</sup> race with the full 50 points, so it goes without saying that his plan was to score another 25. The gates dropped for the final time of the weekend and once again it was Saar who got the holeshot. Tvaraen was up inside the top 3 as they plunged down the steep descent battling hard with the likes of Gwiazda, Galizzi and Susa. Saar, as he had done in the previous 2 races, left the rest of the pack to fight amongst

themselves as he pulled the pin at the front. Once the Estonian was in his groove, there was no stopping him. Gwiazda made his way up into 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Susa and Tveraen chasing after him. For the most-part of the race, they were all end-on-end as Gwiazda was doing an almighty job defending his 22 points position. Tveraen, try as he might, just could not get past Susa and eventually he dropped a small way behind the dicing duo. Susa wanted 2<sup>nd</sup> place, but he was going to have to work hard for it because Gwiazda was making his machine as wide as possible. In the end, despite his best efforts, it was Gwiazda coming home 2<sup>nd</sup>, some +16.551 adrift of Kevin Saar. David Suso on the Honda held onto 3<sup>rd</sup> ahead of Tveraen and Galizzi, who had a relatively lonely ride to 5<sup>th</sup> position.

#### Top 5 standings

1. Saar, 75 points
2. Galizzi, 56 points
3. Gwiazda, 49 points
4. Suso, 48 points
5. Tveraen, 44 points



## Supersport 300 Cup and Superstock 1000 Cup: action in Croatia



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Automotodrom Grobnik in Croatia hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> round of the Supersport 300 Cup and Superstock 1000 Cup.

### Superstock 1000 Cup

Serbian rider David Bozic (Spark Team Serbia - Honda CBR 1000RR) won both races by a comfortable margin in Race 1 (20 seconds) and 5 seconds gap in Race 2. Second place in both races for Swiss rider Florian Husler (ASR / Moto Meile - Kawasaki ZX10R) after a thrilling battle in Race 1 with Serbian rider Stahinja Kovacevic (Spark Team Serbia - BMW S1000RR) and the Slovakian Tomas Svitok (SK Energy Maco Racing Team - Yamaha R1) in Race 2.

Leader in standing after four races is David Bozic with 100 points.

### Supersport 300 Cup

The Czech Lukas Zalesky (Brno Circuit Junior Racing Team - Yamaha R3) ruled the races thanks to a consistent gap on Romanian rider Patrick Pascota (Pascota Racing Team Timisoara - Yamaha R3), who is still the leader of the standing with 76 points.

Next and last round is scheduled on 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October at Adria Raceway Circuit.

## EMX 65 - 85 NW Zone and Women's European Championship



The first round of the EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship North West zone and the 7<sup>th</sup> of the EMX Women's European Championship took place last weekend in Sonderborg, Denmark.

Here below the final results of the events.

### EMX-Women:

1. Sara Andersen, DEN
2. Shana van der Vlist, NED
3. Valk Lynn, NED

### EMX-Women 125:

1. Martine Hughes, NOR
2. Laura Raunkaer, DEN
3. Tyra Bäckström, SWE

**EMX 65:**

1. Dex Van der Broeck, NED
2. Jenairo Beerens, NED
3. Viktor Leppäla, FIN

**EMX-85:**

1. Gyan Doensnn, KNMV
2. Vitezslav Marek, ACCR
3. Lotte van Drummen, KNMV

**Supermoto S2 and S4:**

Youry Catherine (S2) and Marco Malone (S4) takes the victories in Forcarei



Second round for S4 and third one for the S2 European Championship in Forcarei, Spain. In the S2 class it was Gazza Racing rider Youry Catherine who took the overall victory and in the S4 class the victory went to FRT2 Racing rider Marco Malone.





## S2 Race 1

At 11:35 hours the first race for the Supermoto European Championship took place in warm and good weather conditions. At the start it was Husqvarna rider Andy Buschberger who took the holeshot followed by Gazza Racing rider Youry Catherine and Bodo Schmidt rider Tim Szalai who had a great start. Fourth place was for KTM MTR rider Romain Kaivers who couldn't keep his pole-position. Straight from the start Buschberger had a fast pace, but in the second lap the Austrian rider made an mistake in the off-road section and crashed making him fall back to sixth place behind L30 TM Factory riders Luca Bozza and Steve Bonnal. Due to the crash of Buschberger, Catherine took over first position and started to push hard. In second it was still Szalai, but Kaivers came better and better into his rhythm and halfway the race Kaivers passed Szalai at the jump out of the off-road section. Kaivers had Catherine still in sight but he knew it was going to be difficult to close the gap. Meanwhile Buschberger was back in fourth after passing Bonnal and Bozza. The championship leader was back at the wheel of Szalai but at the entry of the off-road section the Austrian rider was too late on the breaks and crashed again. This time he was able to stay in fourth position but the gap towards the rest of the field was too big and he had to settle for fourth place at the finishline. In front Kaivers gave all he could but it was Youry Catherine who the victory in this first race. Behind Kaivers, the top three was completed by Tim Szalai, his best result of the season.

## S2 Race 2

In the afternoon and in very good weather conditions the last race for the S2 class started in Forcarei. At the start Gazza Racing rider Youry Catherine pushed his Honda in first position into the righthand corner of the circuit. Behind it was Husqvarna rider Andy Buscherberger who was followed by KTM MTR rider Romain Kaivers. Fourth place was for L30 TM Factory rider Luca Bozza and the top five was completed by SMX Racing rider Romeo Fiorentino. In lap two Buschberger didn't wait any longer and passed Catherine in one the slower corners. Kaivers tried to get by as well but the Belgium rider couldn't complete his pass. With Buschberger in the lead the speed went up, but his opponents



didn't give up and stayed at the back of his Husqvarna. In lap eight Buschberger made a small mistake which gave Catherine the chance to get back into the lead. The young rider from Austria was soon back in his rhythm and closed the gap to Catherine, taking Kaivers with him. Fourth place was still for Bozza with Fiorentino still close behind but the Belgian couldn't find a gap. In the meantime the fight for the lead continued and with eight laps to go, Buschberger made his final pass for the lead. Catherine and Kaivers gave all they had but the speed of Buschberger was simply too high. After 18 laps Buschberger finished in first place with a lead of 2.692 seconds on Youry Catherine and Romain Kaivers. With his second place Catherine also took the overall victory in Forcarei.

#### S4 Race 1

With the weather condition improving by the minute, the first race of the S4 class started at 10:45 hours in the morning in Forcarei. At the start it FRT 2 Racing rider Marco Malone who took the hole-shot into the first fast corner in front of L30 TM Factory riders Alessandro Sanchioni and Kevin Vandi, who was in his turn followed by Spanish rider Alex Ruiz Jimenez. In fifth position it another Spanish rider Santiago Mangas. In front Malone soon created a gap between him and the two L30 TM Factory riders and Ruiz-Jimenez who was still behind the Italian riders but after a few laps Ruiz-Jimenez managed to pass Vandi, taking third place in the race. For Ruiz-Jimenez third was not enough and soon he closed the gap on Sanchioni. Ruiz-Jimenez wasted no time and passed also Sanchioni for second place. Marco Malone was still in the lead and had a gap of more than 3 seconds and Malone fully controlled the race until the finish line. Ruiz-Jimenez finished second and the top three was completed by Alessandro Sanchioni, the current leader in the S4 class.

#### S4 Race 2

The last race of this weekend for the S4 class started at 14:25 hours in sunny conditions. At the start it was L30 TM Factory rider Kevin Vandi who took the holeshot in front of his teammate Alessandro Sanchioni and FRT2 Racing rider Marco Malone. Behind Malone it was Spanish rider Alex Ruiz-Jimenez and Supermotoland rider Loris Ford-Dunn. Also the

Spanish riders Adrian Fernandez and Oscar Dimaz had good start and a large group of riders were ready for the battle. For five laps six rider fought for every meter of asphalt but in lap six, it was Sanchioni who made an mistake and crashed in one of the fast corners. Sanchioni had to restart the race for last position. The crash of Sanchioni, was the sign for Malone to increase his speed and he soon closed the gap towards Vandi. In lap 9, the fast Italian rider past his fellow countrymen and took over the lead. Once in the lead, the winner of race one didn't give any chance the others to come back and Malone took his second victory of the day and the overall victory in Forcarei. The battle for second was far from over as Ruiz-Jimenez was pushing very hard towards Vandi, but the Italian L30 TM Factory rider kept his head cool and didn't make any mistakes, making him second in race number two. Last position in the top three was for Alex Ruiz-Jimenez.

### European Bridgestone Iron Cup: final event at Mugello Circuit



For eight years the organisation DIDI Diversamente Disabili and Handi Free Riders has been building together with FMI the circuit racing series The Iron Cup. The series is sponsored by Bridgestone, and it admits riders who are disabled. Behind the cup lies a dedicated



work to bring back riders who have had an accident with the sport, as well as introducing disabled persons to circuit racing.

For some years the series has been organised as a national Italian event but starting 2021 it is also a cup series under FIM Europe.

The series is run in two classes, 600 cc and 1000 cc. The bikes have been modified to suit the individual rider who may have had an amputation, total plexus injury, paraplegia or another disability.

The series is gradually growing outside Italy with riders from Spain, Austria, Czech Republic and France taking part.

Due to the condition of the riders the start procedure must be organised differently from an ordinary grid start. The riders come to the start grid with their bikes and mechanics and the start resembles a Le Mans start. The riders are positioned on their bikes along the pit wall. When the warmup lap starts a leading car will go around the track with the riders following in starting order. Reaching the start/finish straight the leading car goes into the pit, the red light is turned off and the race is under way.

Once the riders are on the track for qualification or race it is no different from any other race and the times are very competitive compared to the other classes.

The event at Mugello Circuit was the last in this year's calendar. 15 riders in each class participated during the weekend which also saw races under the FMI national championship. With weather conditions perfect - full sun and temperature around 30 degrees - the very fast and impressive Mugello Circuit was the ideal venue to round up the season.

## **Race results**

### **600 cc Class**



1. Nicolas Dandine, France
2. Miscel Forgione, Italy
3. Maximillian Sontacchi, Italy

**1000 cc Class**

1. Peter Rohr, Austria
2. Martin Horky, Czech Republic
3. Benoit Tibal, France

**Overall result**

**600 cc Class**

1. Maximillian Sontacchi, Italy
2. Christophe Bernard, Belgium
3. Nicolas Dandine, France

**1000 cc Class**

1. Peter Rohr, Austria
2. Martin Horky, Czech Republic
3. Benoit Thibal, France