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**Yamaha YZ bLU cRU 65cc - 85cc - 125cc Cup:  
Petit celebrates superfinale victory**



The 74<sup>th</sup> edition of the Monster Energy FIM Motocross of Nations in Mantova, Italy, saw also the fight for the Yamaha YZ bLU cRU 65cc - 85cc - 125cc Cup.

In timed practice, Spanish sensation Victor Puig went pole just 300ths of a second faster than Frenchman Adrien Petit, who finished the session in second position. Making up the top five, Norwegian Elias Auclair rounded out the top three and was closely followed by Sweden's Hugo Forsgren and fellow countryman Adrian Bolviken.

When the gates fell for the YZ125 Cup Superfinale, Puig rocketed out of the gate and took the holeshot ahead of a hard-charging Forsgren. As Puig controlled the race upfront, an exciting battle for second ensued after a fit, fast and flashy Petit carved his way through the pack. On lap 6, Petit set the fastest lap of the race and blitzed past Forsgren with ease.

After reeling in the leader, on lap 9, Petit was able to launch his YZ125 into the lead. Puig tried to respond but was unlucky in lapped traffic.



At the checkered flag, it was Petit who won by 3.4 seconds over Puig. Finishing 34-seconds further adrift, Forsgren remained unchallenged in third, while Elias Auclair won a race-long fight for fourth after edging Italian Maurizio Scollo, who finished fifth.

Following the results of the YZ125 bLU cRU FIM Europe Cups, the top three finishers, Petit, Puig and Forsgren, have earned an invite to the bLU cRU Masterclass that will take place in November in Spain. Joining them will be two wild cards that will be carefully selected later this week.

The Masterclass is an event specifically designed to give young riders from road and off-road backgrounds a taste of what the racing world can throw at them as well as being a place to receive expert tuition and advice from Yamaha Racing's bLU cRU ambassadors. At the end of the event, which takes place over three days, one YZ125 rider will win a place on a Yamaha backed EMX125 team where they will receive support to contest the EMX125 Championship in 2022, while the YZ65 and YZ85 riders will win added support from Yamaha Motor Europe for the next season.

### **Mr Martin de Graaff, FIM Europe President**

*"On the occasion of the MX of Nations in Mantova the Superfinale of the Yamaha YZ bLU cRU 65cc - 85cc - 125cc Cup took place. In two classes the selected riders from many European countries could fight for the FIM Europe Cups. It was impressive to see all the 103 Yamaha motocross bikes lined up per country in a very large tent in the paddock. Both boys and girls were proud to take part in this event".*



## EMX Quad European Championship: Saar and Tvaraen in fight for the win



**Race 1** - Kevin Saar got the holeshot but was closely followed by Roman Gwiazda and Christopher Tvaraen, with Saar and Tvaraen pulling out a significant gap over the Polish rider. Laptimes dropped into the 1:50's in the beginning, evident that the Estonian and Norwegian were trying their absolute best. A rare mistake from Saar, in which he miscalculated one of the many jumps, led to Tvaraen having no where to go. He came down and the front portion of his Yamaha hit Kevin Saar's back hard. It was clear that Saar was in a lot of discomfort from the impact, and Tvaraen was as apologetic as he could be however, we still had a race on our hands. Tvaraen pulled out an advantage of 6 seconds almost by the time Saar had regrouped and found his groove. He chipped away at the lead and eventually overcame Tvaraen and reclaimed his lead, much to the delight of the local fans! Tvaraen could do nothing but watch Saar ride into the distance. The final classification saw Saar take the win by 8 seconds over Tvaraen, with Roman Gwiazda completing the podium in what was a relatively lonely ride.



**Race 2** - The track had dried throughout the night, and with no rain scheduled for Sunday's action, the scene was set for a fantastic day of action. The race got underway and it was a surprise hole shot for the Kacper Mieszkowski who got the better of Semen Korostelev. Priit Jarvloo was up into 4<sup>th</sup> place momentarily before a mistake at the first turn saw him drop to the back of the pack. Fan-favorite Kevin Saar was also right at the back of the field, and this was no surprise as the collision between himself and Christopher Tvaraen had taken its toll. He went to the local hospital to get checked out, and it transpired that he had cracked the L2 and L3 vertebrae. His main aim for the race was to score as many points as possible, and I don't think even he knew what was to happen next.

It was very closely fought in the early stages of the race with Mieszkowski defending well against Korostelev and Tvaraen, but Tvaraen soon pulled the pin and in one smooth move, moved up the order to take up the running. From here, Tvaraen would pull out an advantage of over 40 seconds. Kevin's Saar was languishing outside of the top 10, but with the adrenaline flowing, soon found himself moving up the order with relative ease.

While Saar was moving through the pack, it was heartbreak for Semen Korostelev as his machine cried enough and he reluctantly pulled into the pits from a very strong 3rd place position. This left Mieszkowski in a lonely 2nd place for the majority of the race. A shoutout to the man who finished Race 1 in 3rd place, Roman Gwiazda. He unfortunately ran into bike trouble and had to retire from the race after showing such promising race pace which was a great shame for the Polish rider. Kevin Saar in the meantime was fighting tooth and nail with every competitor he encountered in his charge through the field. He caught up to Mieszkowski but could not find his way past for a couple of laps. Mieszkowski was putting up a fantastic defence to try and hold onto the 2nd place, but Saar had other ideas. He got better drive out of a tricky left-hander, went side-by-side with Mieszkowski and had the superior line going into the next corner. This is how it would stay for the remainder of the race, with Tvaraen taking the win over Saar, and a brilliant podium for Kacper Mieszkowski which was the first ever podium for him in the European Quadcross Championship.

With a 1-2 finish in the 2 motos for Saar, and a 2-1 for Tvaraen, it was all to play for in the third and final race.



**Race 3** - For the final time, the gates dropped to unleash a grid full of hungry competitors and it was the Polish man who took the holeshot, Roman Gwiazda. He got the best launch from the gate and put himself at the front of the pack as they made their way around the first 2 corners safely, besides a small incident for Rene Tarend and Pavel Kashov. It was also a fantastic start for local man Priit Jarvloo on the Kawasaki, the only one in the field. He was locked in battle with Mieszkowski throughout the duration of the race, with positions chopping and changing.

Gwiazda was doing an absolutely brilliant job of defending his lead during the opening couple of laps, but the pressure and speed of the chasing duo, Tvaraen and Saar, was too much and he was soon relegated down to 3rd. The dicing duo decided that enough was enough, and were putting in some seriously fast lap times but with the adrenaline flowing once more for Saar he was able to overtake Tvaraen on the inside. Tvaraen, try as he might, had no answer to this challenge which led to Saar opening the advantage and coming home to take 25 points, giving him a total of 72 over the three races.

Gwiazda had a healthy advantage over Marcus Thomson, but disaster was to strike for the Dane as he crashed out of what could have been a good point scoring position. This promoted Jarvloo and Mieszkowski into 4th and 5th places respectively, and they were trying every possible way to better one another. In the end, back markers would come into play and the man who used them to his advantage was Mieszkowski who would finish the race in 4th place, just a couple of seconds ahead of Jarvloo. Paolo Galizzi was having a good ride inside the top 5, but a suspected mechanical issue forced him to lose time, and he ended up in 8th place.

Despite the race being finished, there was one more twist in the story as Gwiazda was docked 10 positions for a yellow flag infringement, so what was a podium finish ended up being a 13th place position. This revelation would promote Mieszkowski into the final podium position, with Jarvloo in 4th and Kuzmierczak rounding out the top 5.

## Tout Terrain Rally Cup: action in Romania



Six days of action in the heart of Romania from September 20 to 25: the city of Brasov hosted the second round of the Tout Terrain Rally Cup.

After two days of administrative and technical check, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> was raced the Supertest which was counting for the starting of the next day. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> started the first day of race with 3 special test and almost 400 km. Same schedule on the 24<sup>th</sup>, while in the final day riders raced just 2 special test, about 250 km.

### Final classification:

1. Ionut Florea, Romania
2. Alexander Chepurko, Cyprus
3. Gabi Capusan, Romania



## Vintage Endurance Cup: round 2 at Spa

The second round of the FIM Europe Vintage Endurance Cup was held last weekend at Spa Circuit, in Belgium.

### Results:

#### Classic

1. Team AM
2. German Guzzi Classic Team
3. AC R 2

#### Open

1. Dholda Racing
2. Team Bike
3. Team Semtex

#### Maxi Classic

1. PoweRacing - Japauto
2. Road Runner
3. Dynothec

#### Formula

1. Bolipack Racing Team
2. ATD-Projekt-34
3. Team Vulcanet