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**Enduro European Championship:
the season kicks off in Italy**



Day 1

In the very last special stage, Belgian junior Erik Willems took the overall victory of the first day of riding at the opening round of the Borilli European Enduro Championship in Pietramontecorvino, Italy.

Italian Enrico Rinaldi had been leading until the end, but the reigning European Junior Champion admitted that he was not fast enough in the cross test. His adversaries, the Belgian Erik Willems and the Briton Dan Mundell, saw it the other way round. Above all, Mundel struggled in the over 10-minute long Eleveit Enduro test with slower riders in front of him. All three riders were separated by just seven seconds throughout the day and in the end, it was less than a single second, with Willems winner of the day in E2-class and in the overall: the Husqvarna rider, who is only 23 years old, had switched from motocross to enduro only two years ago. With this start into the new season, he has had set an



example for the first time. He was followed by the British Beta rider Mundell, who was just 0.41 seconds behind. Only another 3 hundredths of a second behind was Rinaldi, who was a little happy because as the reigning champion he also won Junior Class 1 - but only a little happy because he was beaten by a narrow margin in the overall standings for all classes.

Not at all Italian were the outside conditions and the unusually low temperatures: In the first round all riders still had to struggle with the slippery mud on the track, but in the course of the day the conditions even stabilised and 94 riders of a total of 112 participants reached the finish in classification after three rounds.

Two of the five 50cc bikes that started fought their way to the finish, but even the winner Nico Guastini was not without time penalties for being late at the checkpoints.

For the 50cc class, the championship will be decided on a Sunday as just one round this year.

Day 2

On the second day victory was again decided on the very last special stage.

After a heavy crash right in the first enduro test, local hero Enrico Rinaldi lost almost half a minute and at the end he had to settle with the third final position.

Previous day's winner Erik Willems took the lead, but in the last Enduro test Dan Mundell took the lead with half a second. This made the fight exciting, but as on the previous day, Willems again played out his motocross skills, winning the last cross test by less than two seconds ahead of Mundell. Now he leads both the Overall standings and the E2 class by a clear margin and goes to the second round in Hungary as leader.

The Italian Maurizio Micheluz won the new Enduro 2 class and is perhaps heading for his fourteenth championship title.

In the women's category, Nieve Holmes won by a clear margin on both days: the British rider went back to Sherco. Behind her the French Marine Lemoine.

Italian Luca Piersigilli won the 24MX 50cc Trophy with Beta and was crowned new champion.

European Individual Ice Speedway Championship:
Harald Simon is the new champion



Harald Simon became the Individual European Ice Speedway Champion. The Austrian added another 16 points to the 12 points scored in Sanok, on the track in Tomaszów Mazowiecki. 28 points was enough for gold. The silver medal for Luca Bauer, representing Italy, and the bronze was won by the Swede Jimmy Olsen, who was the best during the Saturday's competition in Arena Lodowa.

The European Individual Ice Speedway Championship went back to Poland for the Final at the Arena Lodowa in Tomaszów Mazowiecki.

Out of the game the Russian riders: Dmitrii Soliannikov, winner of round 1, could not take part to the challenge as decided by FIM and FIM Europe during the FIM Board of Directors. The stakes evened out more, and the competition itself brought a lot of emotions. Simon was the main favorite for the triumph and thanks to the usual solid driving, he was confident in his way to the goal. In Tomaszów Mazowiecki, his only conqueror turned out to be Jimmy Olsen, who was very fast that day. Were it not for the collision with Aki Ala-



Riihimaki and the subsequent exclusion in the seventh race, the Swede would have finished Saturday's tournament with full points.

In the end, his triumph in the race-off heat gave him a lot, where he successfully broke into the lead from the third place. Lukas Hutla finished the race in this position, which was very important for the shape of the general classification. The Czech had 20 points and was looking forward to what Olsen would do in the final.

Before the decisive race, Simon was sure of the gold medal. Also prudently and efficiently, Bauer knew that he would be on the podium. Olsen fought a "correspondence" duel with Hutla. He was losing two points to him. Initially, Riihimaki was in the lead in the final, but the fall resulted in his exclusion. In the repeated heat, Olsen seized the chance and thanks to the win, he won the final and the bronze medal in the general classification.

The biggest unlucky guy of Saturday's party was certainly Jasper Iwema. The Dutchman of Polish origin, after the event in Sanok, had 10 points on his account and a good chance of a medal. However, the huge equipment problems in Tomaszów Mazowiecki meant that his dreams of a place on the podium did not come out.

Race classification

1. Jimmy Olsen, Sweden
2. Harald Simon, Austria
3. Luca Bauer, Italy

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Superenduro European Championship: Sonny Goggia sails to European Cup victory



Season finale for the Superenduro European Championship: the SachsenArena in Riesa, Germany, hosted the last two races of the 2021/2022.

Sonny Goggia (KTM) only needed one race victory to bring home the cup. The Italian, whose smooth and relaxed riding style saw him sail through every race this season, left no chance for the Polish Oskar Kaczmarczyk (Gas Gas) who finished second and Aurélien Adesso (Sherco) 3rd.

In the final classification of the European Cup, Goggia therefore finished victorious ahead of Adesso Kaczmarczyk.

This superb SuperEnduro double-header at the SachsenArena in Riesa concludes a season which saw three of its rounds moved due to the pandemic, but which provided amazing entertainment and mind-blowing skills.