

19th April 2022

Press Release n. 47

Supercross European Championship: back in action



After two years of waiting, the Supercross European Championship took place on 15-16-17 April in the Adrenalin Arena, Estonia, with three intense days of racing.

Day 1

In the SX Men category, the French rider Charles Lefrançois was the most consistent, winning a heat and winning with a one-point lead over Cheyenne Harmon who traveled to Estonia from Texas. Fastest rider in qualifying, the American will be keen to take his revenge just like Thomas Ramette. The French rider was on the third step of the podium after experiencing a mechanical problem in the first heat which prevented him from finishing. He won Races 2 and 3.



In the SX 250 category, home rider Kaarel Tiilk left no chance to his competitors. Starting last after a crash at the start of the first race, he managed to win on the last lap. Without mistake, he won in the second and third race. Axel Boldrini took the second place of the day. The French rider scored big points and was the Estonian rider's main competitor. Third place for Boris Blanken from the Netherlands. After a crash in practice, he has improved race after race.

In the SX 125 category, Sebastian Leok won at home ahead of Noam Jayal. The two competitors will fight for the title in this category.

Day 2

In the SX Men new victory for Charles Lefrançois, who won two races out of three today by fighting great battles with Thomas Ramette. The Yamaha rider won the first round but had to settle for second places to end this second day.

On the third step of the podium the Estonian driver Karel Kutsar. At home, he overtook the American Cheyenne Harmon in the last moments of the race 3, to finish in third position overall.

In SX 250 Kaarel Tilk won two races today and the general of the day again. Behind him, we find the French Axel Boldrini, who despite mechanical problems on his bike, win the race. These two riders will fight for the title on day 3. To complete the podium the Finnish Joni Makela, who after a difficult first day, showed great grit.

In SX 125 Sebastian Leok was again on the top step of the podium with two race victories. He finished ahead of Noam Jayal, who won the last race after overtaking the Estonian rider.

Day 3

In SX Men Charles Lefrançois, winner of the first round, won the title after a high-level weekend. Thomas Ramette failed to find the right rhythm in the first moto, before winning in the second and third races. He finished second of the evening and second in the SXEC championship. Karel Kutsar completed the podium. The Estonian has gained momentum

over the weekend. American rider Cheyenne Harmon suffered a mechanical problem during the second race, which cost him the Championship podium. Frenchman Julien Lebeau completes the top 5 just ahead of Tanel Leok, who disputed his last race in front of his home crowd before the last meeting of his professional career for the MXGP of Latvia.

In SX 250 Kaarel Tilk became Supercross European Champion. The Estonian rider fought with the French Axel Boldrini, who lose for 5 points. Eddy Bugé completed the podium ahead of Finnish rider Joni Makela.

In SX 125 home rider Sebastian Leok got the European Supercross title winning ahead of Noam Jayal who had a difficult last day.

European Handy Bridgestone Cup: Le Mans' race



Pictures copyright: Paulus Stéphane

First race for the European Handy Bridgestone Cup 2022 at the historic Le Mans Circuit together with Endurance World Championship and Sidecar World Championship.

Two different categories with a lot of fight and emotions.



First place overall and in 1000 category for Italian rider Emiliano Malagoli, while for Frenchman Benoit Thibal had fought for the second position in both the competitions.

Despite a fall in the first race, the Czechoslovak Martin Horky was back in saddle for a well-deserved third place in the race 2!

For the “lesser impaired” category (minor disabilities) the Italian Samuele Bertolasio for the 1000cc category and the Spaniard Antonio Montoya Cazorla for the 600cc category confirmed their first position in both races.

The next race of the European Handy Bridgestone Cup is on June 2-5 at SPA Francorchamps, Belgium.

Final classification

Category 1000

Emiliano Malagoli ITA

Benoit Thibal FRA

Boris Balavoine FRA

Category 600

Nicolas Dandine FRA

Christophe Bernard BEL

Hugues Pimont FRA



Trial European Championship: round 2 in France

After the first round in Spain, this weekend the city of Breil sous Monfort, France, hosted the second round of the Trial European Championship.

Special presence the one of the FIM Europe President, Mr Martin De Graaff.

“In this famous trial location many trial events have been organized. On Saturday were the Cups for Women and Youth class, while on Sunday the European Championship and Over 40 Cup. Three rounds of 10 sections in a selective and rocky area. The very experienced club ACL Brelaise did a great job in all aspects in a good atmosphere with beautiful sprint weather. Congratulation to all the riders for their grit and determination”.

In the main category, the winner of round 1 Marco Mempor finished third, while the British Harry Hemingway took his revenge winning this second round. Between them, on the second step of the podium, the Spanish Pau Martinez.

In the Trial Over 40 Cup another success for Dan Clark in front of the German Markus Kipp and the Finnish Staffan Pedersen.

In the Women EC amazing fight between Keity Meier and Kaytlyn Adshead, both with 29 points. Third position for Twan Harmsel.

The young rider Milozs Zyznowski replicate the win in the Junior Cup ahead of Pawel Ryncarz and Jarmil Smith.

EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship: South East zone



On April 16-17 the track of Sevlievo, Bulgaria, former MXGP venue, was the host of the first round of the 2022 EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship South East zone under the organization of the Bulgarian Motorcycle Federation (BMF).

If the weather conditions were good on Saturday for practices and qualifying races, on Sunday's races there were heavy rain.

EMX65

Race 1 saw Bulgarian rider #24 Georgi Ginov (HUSQVARNA) led all the race just in front of Romanian #28 Mark Szoke-Eross (HUSQVARNA), who tried to find a way pass but was unable to do it. Interesting battle for third place as well, between Turkish ride #112 Efe Okur (KTM) and Romanian rider #21 Sami Dumitru (KTM), who finished third and fourth less than two seconds apart. Fifth was #112 Tudor Balaban (YAMAHA) from Romania.

Second race of EMX65 was red flagged after 5 laps due to impossible riding conditions. Romanian Dumitru took the win by almost a minute in front of race 1 winner Ginov. Third Szoke-Eross, while in fourth and fifth arrived Turkish riders #10 Hasan Huseyin (KTM) and Okur.



EMX85

In EMX85 it was Hungarian rider #40 Ferenc Orlov (HUSQVARNA) who led from start to finish in a convincing manner but unfortunately, he got relegated 10 positions at the end of the race due to jumping on the waved yellow flag. This meant that the winner of Race 1 was Bulgarian #96 Dani Tsankov (YAMAHA), who won by a large margin of more than 1 minute in front of #8 Ventislav Toshev (HUSQVARNA). Third and fourth were Romanians #77 Tudor Stefanescu (KTM) and #22 Ioan Chiujdeca (YAMAHA), while in fifth place arrived #19 Stefan Mrkovic from North Macedonia (HUSQVARNA).

EMX85 race 2 winner was Bulgarian Toshev, who managed to navigate the track without major problems. Second was Bulgarian Tsankov, after suffering some crashes, while Romanian Chiujdeca arrived third. Stefanescu and Orlov finished fourth and fifth.

Next round of the EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship South East zone will be in Romania in TCS Racing Park on May 6-7-8.

EMX85 top three

- 1° #8 Ventislav TOSHEV, Bulgaria, 47 points
- 2° #96 Dani TSANKOV, Bulgaria, 47 points
- 3° #22 Ioan CHIUJDEA, Romania, 38 points

EMX65 top three

- 1° #24 Georgi GINOV, Bulgaria, 47 points
- 2° #21 Sami DUMITRU, Romania, 43 points
- 3° #28 Mark SZOKE-EROSS, Romania, 42 points

Supermoto S4 European Championship: the season starts in Italy



First race day of the season for the Supermoto S4 European Championship in Busca, Italy.

S4 Race 1

The first race of the Sunday was for the S4 class. At the start it was L30 Racing TM Factory rider Alex Ruiz-Gimenez who took the hole-shot into the first fast corner of the Circuito Internazionale di Busca. Second place was for the teammate of Ruiz, Kevin Vandt who was in his turn followed by FRT2 Racing rider Marco Malone. Fourth place was for Gazza Racing rider Giorgio Cravotto but a small mistake in the first lap made him fall back to last place in the race. In front the two teammates were fighting and already in lap two Vandt overtook Ruiz-Gimenez for the lead with Malone not far behind. Lap after lap the three were battling for every meter of asphalt. Ruiz-Gimenez was pushing hard and in lap five the young Spanish rider he took the lead back in the race, passing Vandt in one of the fast corners of the track. Malone was also pushing but couldn't get passed the two TM riders. Once in the lead Alex Ruiz-Gimenez kept setting fast lap times and after a few laps the Spanish rider had a comfortable lead on Vandt and Malone. Ruiz-Gimenez controlled the



race until the finish line, where he took the first victory of the season in the S4 class. Second position was for Kevin Vandi followed by Marco Malone. German rider Kevin Zahorak finished in fourth and the top five was completed by Alexis Delong.

S4 Race 1 Top Ten:

RUIZ JIMENEZ Alex (ESP, TM) 16 laps in 18:45.829; 2. VANDI Kevin (ITA, TM) +01.315; 3. MALONE Marco (ITA, Honda) +01.534; 4. ZAHORAK Kevin (GER, Husqvarna) +43.502; 5. DELONG Alexis (FRA, TM) +44.136; 6. CRAVOTTO Giorgio (ITA, Honda) +1:03.267; 7. MARX Mauritius (GER, Honda) +1 Lap;

S4 Race 2

The last race of this weekend for the S4 class started at 14:40 hours in sunny conditions. At the start it was L30 Racing TM Factory rider Alex Ruiz-Gimenez who took the hole shot in front of his teammate Kevin Vandi and FRT2 Racing rider Marco Malone. Fourth place was Gazza Racing rider Giorgio Cravotto who was followed by German Husqvarna rider Kevin Zahorak. For Marco Malone the race was over in third lap after technical problems on the long start straight. With Malone out of the race, Ruiz-Gimenez and Vandi quickly created a big gap towards the rest of the field. The two L30 Racing TM Factory riders were fighting for every centimetre of asphalt trying to overtake each other almost every corner. In lap six, Kevin Vandi passed Alex Ruiz-Gimenez and took over the lead in the race but the young Spanish rider didn't give up and started an tactical races watching every move of Vandi in front of him. Cravotto and Zahorak were still in third and fourth but they were to far apart for any attacks. In front it was completely different as Ruiz-Gimenez started to push harder and harder and with three laps to go the Spanish rider passed Vandi and was again the leader in the race. After that move Vandi gave all he had but it wasn't enough for the victory. The victory in race two and the overall victory went to Alex Ruiz-Gimenez. Third and last spot on the podium was Kevin Zahorak.

S4 Race 2 Top Ten:



RUIZ JIMENEZ Alex (ESP, TM) 16 laps in 18:36.576; 2. VANDI Kevin (ITA, TM) +00.143; 3. CRAVOTTO Giorgio (ITA, Honda) +50.616; 4. ZAHORAK Kevin (GER, Husqvarna) +55.919; 5. DELONG Alexis (FRA, TM) +1:12.846; 6. MARX Mauritius (GER, Honda) +1 Lap; 7. MALONE Marco (ITA, Honda) +14 Laps;

S4 Classification Top Ten

RUIZ JIMENEZ Alex (ESP, TM) Pts. 50,000 (25+25); 2. VANDI Kevin (ITA, TM) Pts. 44,000 (22+22); 3. ZAHORAK Kevin (GER, Husqvarna) Pts. 36,000 (18+18); 4. CRAVOTTO Giorgio (ITA, Honda) Pts. 35,000 (15+20); 5. MALONE Marco (ITA, Honda) Pts. 34,000 (20+14); 6. DELONG Alexis (FRA, TM) Pts. 32,000 (16+16); 7. MARX Mauritius (GER, Honda) Pts. 29,000 (14+15);