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### Women's European SS 300 Cup: round 2 in Spain



Round 2 for the Women's European SS 300 Cup at Ricardo Tormo in Valencia, Spain.

Despite the good weather conditions, a strong wind characterized all the sessions.

As in the opening round at Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli in Italy, Beatriz Neila Santos replicated the pole position confirming his determination at home circuit.

In race 1 the Spanish rider immediately took the leadership, keeping the first position until the chequered flag. Behind her, with 7 second gap, her compatriot Sara Sanchez, who succeed to get the podium despite a small injury to the leg. After the great debut at Misano, Jessica Howden from South Africa finished third confirming the great skills of her “pink” team. The rookie Josephin Bruno finished fourth close to the podium by only 4cents of a second.

In race 2 amazing fight for Spanish duo Neila Santos Beatriz e Sara Sanchez till two laps to go, when race 1 winner cleared the gap with 2 seconds ahead of Sara Sanchez and Josphine Bruno, at her first podium. Unfortunately, an infraction of technical rules

related to the disqualification of Neila with a new final classification with Roberta Ponziani in third position.

## Race 1

1. Neila Santos Beatriz, ESP
2. Sara Sanchez, ESP
3. Jessica Howden, RSA

## Race 2

1. Sara Sanchez
2. Josephine Bruno
3. Ponziani Roberta

## EMX 125 European Championship and EMX Open European Championship: Valk and Butron top the box at Latvian round



The third rounds of the EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing and EMX Open Championship have concluded, with Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Cas Valk and JD Gunnex KTM Racing's Jose Butron taking the overall victories at the round of Latvia.



A victory for Valk has allowed him to take control of the EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing series lead, while Butron has closed in to Raths Motorsport's Michael Sandner who lost a tone of points after not finishing the opening race and now leads by just a point.

But it was a dream day for Karlis Alberts Reisulis of Yamaha Europe EMX125 MJC and his brother Janis Martins Reisulis as the duo challenged at the sharp end in both races, to end their day second and third on the podium, giving the Latvian fans something to cheer about!

### EMX 125

In EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing heat one, it was Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Alexis Fueri who led the way ahead of Maximilian Werner, Yamaha Europe EMX125 MJC's Ivano Van Erp and Laban Alm, as Karlis Alberts Reisulis of Yamaha Europe EMX125 MJC got himself into fourth. His brother, Janis Martins Reisulis also started well in sixth and had the leaders well in his sights.

Werner then came under immense pressure, as Van Erp was pushing to get by. The Dutchman managed a very brief pass, before Werner fought back. At the same moment Karlis Reisulis sensed his opportunity and got by Van Erp.

Van Erp then crashed out of third, as Janis Reisulis passed Alm to take fourth. In the meantime, Karlis Reisulis was able to get the better of Werner and put on a charge for the leader, Fueri.

On lap three, Karlis Reisulis was the new race leader, as Fueri suffered a problem with his starting device, which jammed the front of his forks. The Frenchman lost a few positions as Janis Reisulis and Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Cas Valk also went by. Luckily for Fueri, the issue managed itself fairly quickly and he was able to get back into the race and try to re-group.

On the fifth lap, we saw Janis Reisulis make a pass on Werner and from then on we were treated to a very interesting brotherly battle as the Reisulis brothers, and local heroes, led the race.



Werner then dropped another spot to Valk by the following lap, as Janis Reisulis put on a charge of his brother. Four laps from the end, Janis Reisulis was able to make a pass stick, which saw him become the new race leader.

In the end, Janis went on to win ahead of his brother Karlis, with Valk crossing the line third ahead of Van Erp who put on a strong performance to fight back to fourth ahead of Ferruccio Zanchi of Yamaha Europe EMX125 MJC's.

In race two, Valk led the way after getting a good start and was followed by Zanchi, Van Erp, Mathias Valinand the two Reisulis brother, Janis and Karlis.

Van Erp was fired up in the first lap to get around Zanchi though came short in the end. At this point Janis Reisulis was looking to join the battle too, as Valk began to pull away and focus on his own race.

Van Erp then pushed Zanchi wide, and as a result the Italian lost a couple of positions as Janis and Karlis Reisulis went by. Valk then led by around 2.6 seconds, as Karlis began to take a load of time out of his brother Janis ahead.

Fueri didn't have the best start to the race as he made his way up the order to 10<sup>th</sup> place. He eventually managed to fight back to seventh.

On lap six, Karlis passed his brother Janis for third and then a lap later took second from Van Erp, who then had Janis all over his case, as also Zanchi looked to close in.

Towards the closing stages of the race, Van Erp looked to get by Karlis Reisulis and as the pair battled on, Zanchi made the most of this opportunity, passing both to come back to second!

Valk ended up winning the race by more than 16 seconds, with Zanchi second and Karlis Reisulis third ahead of Van Erp and Janis Reisulis.

A 2-1 result gave Valk the overall and also allowed him to take back the red plate, while Karlis Reisulis and Janis Reisulis gave the Latvian fans something to cheer about, as they finished second and third on the podium!

Valk now leads the championship by 23 points over Fueri, with Karlis Reisulis a further 6 points behind in third.



The next round of the EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing will take place in intu Xanadú - Arroyomolinos on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of May for the Round of Spain.

**EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing - Overall Top 10 Classification:** 1. Cas Valk (NED, FAN), 45 points; 2. Karlis Alberts Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 42 p.; 3. Janis Martins Reisulis (LAT, HUS), 41 p.; 4. Ferruccio Zanchi (ITA, YAM), 38 p.; 5. Ivano Van Erp (NED, YAM), 36 p.; 6. Francisco Garcia (ESP, GAS), 26 p.; 7. Julius Mikula (CZE, KTM), 24 p.; 8. Marc-Antoine Rossi (FRA, KTM), 24 p.; 9. Laban Alm (SWE, HUS), 23 p.; 10. Matteo Luigi Russi (ITA, KTM), 22 p.;

### EMX OPEN

In the first EMX Open race of the weekend, it was Jose Butron of JD Gunnex who grabbed the holeshot and led Nico Koch from Schmicker Racing, Giuseppe Tropepe of Millionair Racing Team, Michael Sandner of Raths Motorsports and Gert Krestinov.

Tropepe then passed Nico Koch to take away second, as Krestinov slid down the inside of the German too, to push him down to fourth.

On lap two, series leader, Sandner crashed out, getting caught up by Erki Kahro with Sandner's unable to carry on with the race after getting banged up and his bike bent too. Kahro was able to carry on and finished 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mico Vettik then made a mistake trying to pass up to 8<sup>th</sup>, which as a result cost him several positions. Though he was able to recover by the end of the race too, to finish in a solid 5<sup>th</sup>.

Back with the leaders though, Butron was just 1.231 seconds ahead of Tropepe who was making a charge for the leader after setting the fastest lap of the race. On lap four, Tropepe passed for the lead and started to pull away, with Butron unable to match his pace.

Jere Haavisto was looking strong at the mid-way part of the race, as he passed Jens Getteman of F4E GASGAS Racing Team, as Getteman began to struggle with what looked like arm-pump. Haavisto continued to fight up the order.

Tropepe carried on his triumph at the front, as he continued to escape the grip of Butron, though his pass on the Spaniard was taken under review as it was revealed that the Italian



made the move during a waved yellow flag, failing to slow down and then subsequently jumped on this yellow flag too. As a result, Tropepe was docked 10 positions, which put him down in 11<sup>th</sup> place, while Butron was declared the winner.

Krestinov moved up to second, while Haavisto finished third ahead of Tom Kohut of Osicka MX Team and Vettik.

As the gate dropped for race two on Sunday, it was Vettik who took the holeshot as Haavisto and Tropepe got themselves into second and third. Vettik was looking strong in the lead at the start of the race, though he and Haavisto came together, which put Vettik on the deck and Haavisto into the lead.

Sandner started the race in fourth, with Butron down in around seventh position, as Vettik pushed through the field on his way to re-grouping and getting the best result possible.

Krestinov was looking strong in fourth behind Sandner, as the Estonian looked to be on a charge. He briefly got into third, before his bike began to smoke. It looked like it was coming from his radiator which ultimately forced him out of the race and out of the running for a podium finish.

Kohut then passed Koch for fifth, as Vettik began to close in on the pair too. By lap four, Vettik was already in sixth and then two laps later managed to pass Kohut too.

At around half-way mark of the race, Tropepe began to close the gap rapidly to the leader, Haavisto. Within a lap, the Italian managed to take more than a second out of the Finnish rider and on lap 8 took away the lead.

Just behind them, Sandner and Butron were locked in a battle of their own, as not only they battle for top positions but also the championship, as they were separated by just a point.

The pair set their fastest laps of the race in the last lap, though Sandner was able to hold on to third. Tropepe won the race ahead of Haavisto.

A 1-4 result put Butron on the top step of the podium for the first time this season, with Haavisto finishing second and Tropepe third.

After three rounds, Sandner remains the series leader by just 1 point, ahead of Butron and Kohut who is third with 91 points.

The next round of the EMX Open championship will take place in Maggiora in one week for the Round of Italy.

**EMXOpen - Overall Top 10 Classification:** 1. Jose Butron (ESP, KTM), 43 points; 2. Jere Haavisto (FIN, KTM), 42 p.; 3. Giuseppe Tropepe (ITA, HUS), 35 p.; 4. Tomas Kohut (SVK, KTM), 33 p.; 5. Meico Vettik (EST, KTM), 32 p.; 6. Tim Koch (GER, HUS), 27 p.; 7. Michael Ivanov (BUL, HUS), 25 p.; 8. Jens Getteman (BEL, GAS), 23 p.; 9. Tomasz Wysocki (POL, KTM), 23 p.; 10. Gert Krestinov (EST, HON), 22 p.;

### EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship: South West zone



First round for the EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship - South West zone in Gazzane di Preseglie, Italy. Even if the original schedule foresaw two days of race, due to bad weather conditions the race was done on a single day.

In EMX 85 race 1 the Italian Niccolo Mannini started from the pole position winning the race ahead of Italian riders Gennaro Utech and Filippo Mantovani. Italy ruled the podium with the French Felix Cardineaux fourth and Mano Faure fifth.



The second heat was raced under a heavy rain: in different conditions the Italian Edoardo Martinelli was the best ahead of the French Amaury Maindru and Utech, with Cardineau again fourth and Mantovani fifth.

The overall classification saw the Italian Utech on the first step of the podium with Martinelli second and Cardineau third.

In EMX65 the Spanish Carlos Martin was the best qualifier. The other group was won by the Austrian Ricardo Bauer, who won race 1 ahead of the Slovenian Tai Vidovic, the Spanish Pau Caudet, Carlos Martin and the South African Trent Valsecchi.

In a rainy and slippery race 2 the Spanish Caudet and Martin had a hard-fought for the victory. Third place for Ricardo Bauer, while under the podium there were Vidovic and Rafael Mennillo.

At the end, Caudet, Bauer and Martin made up the top three of the overall.

The next round of the EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship - South West zone will be next week in France.

#### **EMX 85 classification**

1. Gennaro Utech, Italy
2. Edoardo Martinelli, Italy
3. Felix Cardineaux, France

#### **EMX 65 classification**

1. CAUDET Pau, Spain
2. BAUER Ricardo, Austria
3. MARTIN Carlos, Spain



## EMX Quad European Championship: Markelo is hunting ground for Saar



### Race 1

Twenty-seven eager Quadcross racers lined up on the gate to spark life into the 2022 EMX Quad European Championship. The close nature of the lap times during the earlier practice sessions suggested that a closely fought battle would be on our hands.

From the gate drop it was Joe Maessen who took the hole-shot ahead of Christopher Tvaraen and reigning champion Kevin Saar. Throughout the first lap, Maessen did a grand job of defending his lead, however Saar had other ideas and soon started implementing his plan of overhauling Tvaraen and himself.

Onto the second lap, Saar put the power from his Yamaha down in superior fashion compared with Tvaraen, and soon found himself snapping at the heels of Joe Maessen. However, Maessen was quickly dispensed of, and Saar pulled the pin, and nobody saw which way he went. An advantage of over five seconds as they headed onto the third lap of the race would be the template that the race was set to follow.

Tvaraen and Maessen fought gallantly for the second place, but an unforeseen visit to the pits for Tvaraen soon left Maessen with a solid and secure second place, to which he



cruised home to take. The reason behind Tvaraen's pit stop was that he had suffered a puncture, however, a very swift change of tyres performed by the team meant he could fight his way back through the order after re-joining in last place. He scythed his way through the field to take 13<sup>th</sup> place, and with this, take 8 important points for his championship battle.

Further down the order, Valentino Roks and Marc de Vries were swapping paint for positions with each and every corner. A slight mistake from Roks meant that he dropped a few seconds behind de Vries, and in his attempts to catch back up, he made a small error which unfortunately gave him a large price to pay in the form of a crash. Roks dropped down the order and, like Tvaraen, he carved his way through the pack to finish an excellent 12<sup>th</sup> place, to capture 9 points in his championship efforts.

At the helm of the pack, Kevin Saar displayed why he is the reigning European champion, and won the race by a significant margin, ahead of Joe Maessen and Rick Havidil who managed to keep himself out of trouble for the duration of the race.

### Top five

1. Kevin Saar, EST
2. Joe Maessen, NED
3. Rick Haverdil, NED
4. Marc de Vries, NED
5. Joakim Granli, NOR

### Race 2

A stiff breeze was blowing across the circuit as the EMX Quad European Championship competitors made their way onto the gate. Saar had first gate pick and decided that the very left of the starting gate was his ideal position that would put him in good stead to take the holeshot, with Joe Maessen and Christopher Tvaraen. to his right-hand side.

The gates snapped down and 27 quads hurtled toward the tight first turn, with the holeshot being taken by Rick Haverdil on his CRQF, with the hard chargers being an army



of Yamaha's in the form of Saar, Maessen. Christopher Tvaraen found himself in fifth place on the first couple of laps, however persistence and superior pace lead to him eventually making his way up into second come races end. A great result considering that he could only achieve 13<sup>th</sup> in the first race.

Joe Maessen put up a solid defence in the first half of proceedings, but in the end the charge from Tvaraen would prove too much for the home hero, and he finished in a relatively lonely third position.

Further down the order, the heat was being turned to the max as we had a 4-way scrap on our hands for seventh position consisting of Brhel, Roks, Phoelich and van Lith. There were mere inches separating these riders as they made their way through the rough conditions. A fantastic overtake saw Phoelich promote himself three positions in the space of one corner, and once he got into seventh, he found a rhythm and wasn't challenged for the remainder of the race.

With only two laps remaining, Jan Brhel found an opening and made a move on Valentino Roks, to place himself in eighth position and undoubtedly boosting his confidence.

### Top five

1. Kevin Saar, EST
2. Christopher Tvaraen, NOR
3. Joe Maessen, NED
4. Rick Haverdil, NED
5. Joakim Granli, NOR

### Race 3

After the earlier two races, it would've appeared that the race was to see who would finish second, however, the first half of the race couldn't be further from the truth. Joe Maessen got the launch and took the holeshot ahead of Roman Gwiazda and Kevin Saar, with Christopher Tvaraen languishing down in fifth.



In the opening couple of laps, the positioning inside the top five was constantly chopping and changing with Saar making some very brave moves to put himself with Maessen, and Tvaraen putting in a fantastic move on Saar around the outside to put himself in contention too.

Further down the order, Miro Cappucio and Jan Brhel were carving their way through the pack as they soon found themselves on the verge on the non-point scoring positions. As the clock ticked ever-closer to zero, they were battling for positions inside the top ten, with Cappucio managing to come home ninth. Young Jan Brhel meanwhile, wasn't done yet. He had a tenth-place finish in race one, an eighth in race two and wanted more from the third and final race. Going into the final lap, he was trailing Rubben van Lith by a mere two seconds, and managed to squeeze in one final move to claim seventh place and take away 14 points from this race. Fantastic stuff from the 16-year-old Czech debutant! Tvaraen and Maessen were still fighting hard for second place, and eventually this would go the way of Maessen as he increased his pace to a level that Tvaraen seemingly couldn't match.

### Top five

1. Kevin Saar, EST
2. Joe Maessen, NED
3. Christopher Tvaraen, NOR
4. Ricardo Phoelich, NED
5. Rick Haverdil, NED