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**EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship - South West zone
EMX Women's European Championship**



The small village of Champ le Duc, about half an hour from St. Die des Vosges, in the beautiful region of the Vosges in France, hosted the second round of the EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship - South West zone and EMX Women's European Championship.

EMX 65

After the overall win in the first round in Italy, the Spanish rider Pau Caudet was again on the first step of the podium thanks to an amazing first position in race1 and one second place in race2. Besides him the Austrian Ricardo Bauer, first in race2 and third in race1, and the Spanish Carlos Martin Jiminez with a second and a third positions.

No other riders came close to these three competitors.

EMX 85

Second pole position for the Italian Niccolo Mannini, who this time succeeded to win the overall classification ruling both race1 and race2. with a strong leadership won the overall classification thank to two wins. Behind him the Italian Riccardo Pini and the French Mano Faure were once second and once third.

EMX Women's

20 ladies took off for qualifying session, won by the Norwegian Mathea Selebo.

In the first race the Danish Line Dam took the holeshot, shortly followed by Selebo, who won ahead of Dam and the Dutch Danee Gelissen.

Race2 was a copy of the first race for the first two places, while the third position was conquered by the Danish rider Laura Raunkjaer.

In the category 125 the Swedish Tyra Backstrom won ahead of the Dutch Danee Gelissen and the French Alexandra Massury.

SEC - QR1: Bartosz Smektała won in Stralsund





The qualifying rounds for the SEC challenge, the Speedway European Championship, which determine the participants in this year's Individual European Championship, is begun this weekend in Stralsund, Germany.

The Speedway Euro Championship is a four-round series of competitions for the title of Individual European Champion. The battle for the gold medal will begin on July 2 in Rybnik. Then, the riders will compete in Gustrow (August 6) and Łódź (September 3). The final round will take place on September 23 in Pardubice.

At the end of an exciting competition of 22 heats, Bartosz Smektała won the qualifying round. Kai Huckenbeck, Timo Lahti, Fredrik Jakobsen and Rasmus Jensen also advanced to the final round.

Smektała has been a regular participant of SEC in 2019-2021. The Pole finishing fifth in overall classification twice. Last year he lost a direct race to stay in the series to Daniel Bewley. So far, Smektała has stood on the podium of a single SEC round once - in Guestrow in 2019.

Huckenbeck, Lahti, Jakobsen and Jensen also advanced to the final qualification round which will be held in Krsko. The representatives of Germany and Finland regularly competed in the finals in recent years. Huckenbeck took third place in Guestrow (2016) and Gniezno (2018), while Lahti stood on the podium in 2020 in Gniezno and Torun.

Top 3 in Stralsund

1. Bartosz Smektała
2. Kai Huckenbeck
3. Timo Lahti