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SEC: Kołodziej won in Debrecen



QR3 for the SEC, the Speedway European Championship, in Debrecen, Hungary.

Janusz Kołodziej lost only one point during the whole event and with 14 points won the second qualifying round of SEC 2022.

The representative of Poland advanced to the SEC Challenge after four heat wins in a row. Finally, he crossed the finish line behind the rival only once - in heat 20 was chasing Michael Jepsen Jensen, but it was the Dane who finished first.

Speedway European Championship's spots were also taken by four more riders - Dimitri Berge, Jacob Thorssell, Andzejs Lebedevs and Michael Jepsen Jensen

Berge - like Kołodziej - also lost points in only one heat. In heat 6 he took third place, just behind Kołodziej and Woryna. In the other heats he was crossing the finish line as first.

Audience witnessed a really exciting extra heat about two SEC Challenge spots, in which Individual European Champion from 2017, Andzejs Lebedevs and permanent SEC rider from

2019-2020, Michael Jepsen Jensen overtook Adam Ellis and saved their spots in the upcoming final round of the qualifications, which will be held in Krsko on June 18th.

**EMX 250 and EMX Open European Championship:
Toendel and Pezzuto win in Maggiora**



The third and fourth rounds of the EMX250 and EMX Open Championship have concluded in Maggiora for the round of Italy. The weekend saw varying conditions, with rain staying away on Saturday, though with heavy rainfall in the night, the EMX riders were presented with much tougher conditions this morning.

Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Cornelius Toendel did not let this affect his performance, as went on to claim his first overall victory in EMX250 as well as the red plate after Hutten



Metaal Yamaha Racing's Rick Elzinga did not finish the second race and lost vital championship points.

Meanwhile in the EMX Open class, Stefano Pezzuto claimed his first overall win on home soil as JD Gunnex KTM Racing's Jose Butron secured the red plate after Rath's Motorsports Michael Sandner's struggles in the second heat too.

EMX 250

In the opening EMX250 race the holeshot went to Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Cornelius Toendel as he led Lucas Coenen of Jumbo Husqvarna BT Racing Team and Yago Martinez. Camden McLellan of TBS Conversions Racing Team crashed as Martinez began to come under pressure from Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Haakon Osterhagen as the two battled for third.

Series leader, Rick Elzinga of Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing started down in around tenth and was doing his best to make some nice passes in the opening laps. He caught onto his teammate Andrea Bonacorsi and passed him to move into ninth before also catching his other teammate, Dave Kooiker.

By that point Toendel was already more than four seconds ahead, as Osterhagen continued his quest for third with Martinez not backing down easily. There was not changed inside the top three until lap seven, when Osterhagen was finally able to fight an opportunity to pass for third place.

Elzinga struggled to fight back further up the field as he managed to make just one more pass before the chequered flag as him and Bonacorsi got by Lorenzo Ciabatti. In the end, Elzinga was forced to settle for seventh.

Toendel went on to win the opening race with a 5.970 second advantage over Coenen who rode a strong and consistent race and finish in second, ahead of Osterhagen who was third. In the second race, it was Osterhagen who grabbed the holeshot from his teammate Toendel, Wade, David Braceras of Team VRT KTM Veritise and Marcel Stauffer of WZ Racing Team.



Lucas Coenen, who finished second in race one, got unlucky as he crashed on the start straight after the gate dropped, eventually managing to fight back to 15th.

Elzinga started down in around seventh behind Bonacorsi and Braceras, as Camden Mc Lellan of TBS Conversions Racing Team passed the series leader, pushing him down to eighth.

Bonacorsi then passed Braceras as he set his sights on Stauffer who managed to move by Wade for third. All while Elzinga crashed and rapidly dropped down the order. The Dutchman did not carry on with the race and therefore lost valuable points and the red plate.

Toendel set the fastest lap of the race in the early stages, as Osterhagen responded in order to keep a healthy gap at the front. While Wade lost another spot to Bonacorsi and then to Braceras and eventually Mc Lellan.

On lap six, Bonacorsi got himself into third but was too far behind the two Norwegians at the front. Osterhagen was able to maintain a clean and steady race on his way to his first EMX250 race victory, with Toendel second, Bonacorsi third, Braceras third and Mc Lellan fifth.

With a 1-2 result, Toendel celebrated an overall victory at the round of Italy, with his teammate Osterhagen in second and Braceras finishing on the box in third. With Elzinga not picking up any points in the second race due to a DNF, Toendel now leads the series, as Elzinga slips to second and Osterhagen takes the third spot.

The next round of the EMX250 championship heads to Riola Sardo for the round of Sardegna which will take place next weekend.

EMX250 - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Cornelius Toendel (NOR, FAN), 47 points; 2. Haakon Osterhagen (NOR, FAN), 45 p.; 3. David Braceras (ESP, KTM), 34 p.; 4. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, YAM), 33 p.; 5. Yago Martinez (ESP, KTM), 32 p.; 6. Lucas Coenen (BEL, HUS), 28 p.; 7. Camden Mc Lellan (RSA, KTM), 23 p.; 8. Eddie Wade (ESP, KAW), 23 p.; 9. Lorenzo Ciabatti (ITA, KTM), 23 p.; 10. Maximilian Spies (GER, KTM), 19 p.



EMX Open

In the first EMX Open race of the weekend, it was Rath's Motorsports Michael Sandner who took the holeshot from JD Gunnex KTM Racing's Jose Butron. The Spaniard was quick to get himself in the lead as Sandner followed, ahead of Stefano Pezzuto, Tomas Kohut of Osicka MX Team and KTM Beddini MX2 Joakin Furbetta, while Millionair Racing Team's Giuseppe Tropepe started in around seventh.

Davide De Bortoli and Tropepe got around Furbetta, as Tropepe also made a pass on last year's EMX Open champion to move into fifth as he set his sights on higher positions. By that point Butron was 3.141 seconds ahead of Sandner as Tropepe made yet another pass to get around Kohut for fourth.

Sandner and Pezzuto were locked in battle for second position as they started to close the gap to Butron who had a train forming behind him as Tropepe also joined the battle after setting some very fast laps.

On lap six Butron lost the lead to Pezzuto as Tropepe also went by. By the following lap the leader changed again, with Tropepe in the driving seat.

The final few laps of the race were full of action as the battle for the win intensified. Butron was able to close down the gap as Tropepe was caught by Pezzuto and in the closing stages of the first race, Butron was able to fight back and take over first place for the second time.

The Spaniard led the final five laps of the race as he took the race win ahead of Tropepe, Pezzuto and Sandner, with Kohut rounding out the top five.

In the second race, it was Tropepe who was the leading rider into the first corner before **Simone Croci** moved into the lead, all while race one winner, Butron, was down in 19th position.

Quite a few riders struggled with the muddy conditions as the track became stickier, though Croci was able to keep his focus and stretch the lead to 6.549 seconds at the early stages of the race.



Further down the order, Furbetta passed Andrea La Scala for eighth as Butron made good progress despite the tough conditions, to get himself into 11th and then a couple of laps later into 8th as he passed Furbetta.

Tropepe was able to bring down Croci's lead, as Sandner lost a couple of positions to Jost and then Kohut. Sandner's race only went from bad to worse as on lap eight he crashed and struggled to pick up his bike which was heavy from all the mud.

Tropepe took over the lead on lap six as Pezzuto got himself into second too, with Croci dropping to third in a matter of corners. De Bortoli was the next rider to pass Croci.

Tropepe led for two laps before going down himself and eventually ended up 21st behind Sandner.

In the final laps, Croci was able to close in on Pezzuto and challenge him for the win. The two battled closely and then it looked like Pezzuto's bike stopped which gave Croci an easy pass on his way to the race victory. Pezzuto managed to get going in second, with Kohut finishing in third ahead of Jost and Butron who fought back to fifth.

Pezzuto claimed the overall victory with a 3-2 result ahead of Butron who was second and Croci third. In terms of the championship, Butron now leads with 150 points, 21 ahead of Sandner who lost valuable points this weekend, while Kohut is third just two points behind. The next round of the EMX Open Championship will take place in Finland on the 13th and 14th of August.

EMXOpen - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Stefano Pezzuto (ITA, KTM), 42 points; 2. Jose Butron (ESP, KTM), 41 p.; 3. Simone Croci (ITA, HUS), 38 p.; 4. Tomas Kohut (SVK, KTM), 36 p.; 5. Simon Jost (SVK, KTM), 32 p.; 6. Davide De Bortoli (ITA, HON), 30 p.; 7. Michael Ivanov (BUL, HUS), 26 p.; 8. Giuseppe Tropepe (ITA, HUS), 22 p.; 9. Michael Sandner (AUT, KTM), 19 p.; 10. Brad Anderson (GBR, HON), 18 p.

EMX 65 - 85 European Championship: South East zone



Second round for the EMX 65 - 85 European Championship: South East zone in Ciolpani, Romania.

A beautiful sunny weather was the background for the battles for the top position in EMX 65 and EMX 85 classes.

EMX 65

In race1 qualifying winner Sami Dimitru took the hole shot and didn't let anyone come close to him till the chequered flag. Behind him Georgi Ginov and Efe Okur fought for the second position and at the end Okur managed to finished second.

Race2 was a copy with Dimitru ruler and winner, while this time Ginov succeeded to get the second position ahead of Okur.

EMX 85

In race1 poleman Dani Tsankov started taking the lead but he crashed at the end of the first lap. Ferenc Orlov took the first position followed by Ventislav Toshev, second, and Dani Tsankov, third.

In race2 Orlov immediately took the lead, conquering a clear win. Second position for Ventislav Toshev and third for Dani Tsankov.

Classification

EMX85 Overall

1. Ferenc Orlov, Hungary
2. Ventislav Toshev, Bulgaria
3. Dani Tsankov, Bulgaria

EMX65 Overall

1. Sami Dumitru, Romania
2. Georgi Ginov, Bulgaria
3. Efe Okur, Turkey

Women's European SS 300 Cup: Sanchez strengthens her leadership



Third round of the Women's European SS 300 Cup at Varelunga Circuit, Italy.

Once more the podium has been a matter between trio Sara Sanchez, first, Neila Santos Beatriz, second, and Roberta Ponziani, third.

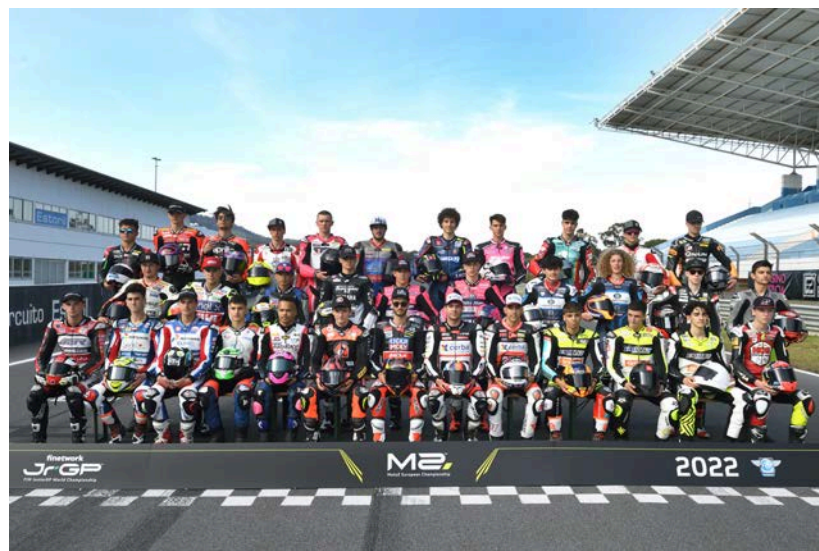
Sanchez completed the hat trick with pole position, victory and best lap during the race, increasing her leadership in the standings.

Next round of the Women's European SS 300 Cup is on June 26th in Grobnik, Croatia.

Race classification

1. Sara Sanchez, SPA
2. Neila Santos Beatriz, SPA
3. Roberta Ponziani, ITA

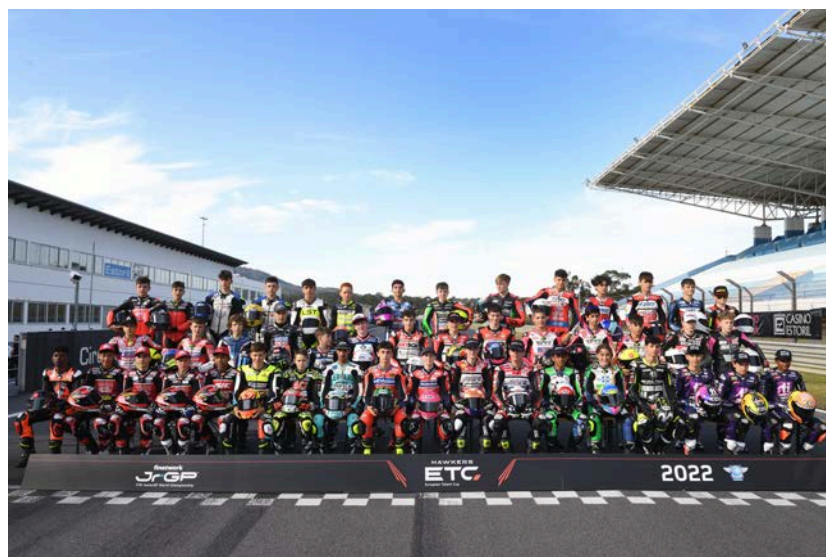
Moto2 European Championship and European Talent Cup: thrilling start in Portugal



The Moto2 European Championship and European Talent Cup got off to a thrilling start at Circuito do Estoril, Portugal.

Moto2 European Championship

It was a busy day for the Moto2™ ECh, with both races disrupted by red flags. Race 1 first saw the red flag waved for Tommaso Marcon (MMR), after he collided with Roberto Garcia (SKX Cardoso Racing) going to Turn 1 on the first lap. On the restart, Lukas Tulovic pulled away from Senna Agius (Promoracing), before the red flag was waved again during the 12-lap restart. This time, for a crash involving Piotr Biesiekirski (Pertamina Mandalika SAG Euvic Racing Team) and Xavi Cardelus (Promoracing). Therefore, the podium saw Tulovic take a first win ahead of Agius and Alex Escrig (Yamaha Philippines Stylobike Racing Team), the latter two taking their first podiums in the class. Race 2 saw a red flag in the early stages for a crash involving Sam Wilford (AGR Team), whilst on the restart, Tulovic again dominated, ahead of Agius and Mattia Rato (MMR), who was elated with a first podium in a tight finish with Alex Toledo (Pertamina Mandalika SAG Euvic Racing Team). In the Stock class, Alex Ruiz (FAU55 Tey Racing) took honours in both races.



European Talent Cup

In the Hawkers European Talent Cup, reigning Champion Maximo Martinez (Team Honda Laglisse) crashed out of both races with spectacular highsides; thankfully he was OK. Race 1 wasn't short of drama as Alberto Ferrandez (Finetwork Mir Junior Team) tangled with

Brian Uriarte (Team Estrella Galicia 0,0) into Turn 1 with three to go, ending their races. Out front, Joel Esteban was in a class of his own, breaking clear early on to take a first ever win by over 13 seconds ahead of teammate Dodo Boggio and Italian Guido Pini (AC Racing Team), both taking a first rostrum. Esteban again dominated in Race 2 whilst Casey O’Gorman (MLav VisionTrack Academy) crashed out of second after a fourth in the Race 1. Esteban doubled up ahead of Malaysian Hakim Danish (SIC Racing) and Finnish star Rico Salmela (Team Estrella Galicia 0,0) who both go first podiums; Salmela was promoted to the Race 2 rostrum after a late penalty for Pini, who exceeded track limits.

Supermoto S4 & SM Junior European Championship: Alex Ruiz-Gimnez and Ramon Godino win in Spain



Second round for the Supermoto S4 and first one for the SM Junior European Championship in Alcarras, Spain. With the sun out, the spectators found their way to the to Circuit and enjoyed some action full and fast races in the S4 class and the SM Junior class. The overall victory in the S4 class went to Spanish L30 Racing TM Factory rider Alex Ruiz-Gimenez who



extends his lead in the championship. The SM Junior class was won by Spanish Yamaha rider Ramon Godin.

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 tight lefthand corner of the circuit in Alcarras. Ruiz-Gimenez was followed by his teammate Kevin Vandí and Gazza Racing rider Giorgio Cravotto. SGR Grau Racing riders David Burbano and Mauro Gonzalez Rojas crashed in the first corner and the two outsiders for the victory had to restart from last place. In front Ruiz-Gimenez was on fire and the young Spanish rider didn't give the competition any chance. Already soon in the race the home rider created a gap towards Kevin Vandí. Vandí gave everything he got but the Italian rider couldn't match the speed of Ruiz-Gimenez. Behind the top two, Cravotto was still in third place but the Burbano and Gonzalez Rojas pushed hard halfway the race both passed the riders in front of them and took over third and fourth position in the race. With fast lap times the two SGR Grau riders kept pushing but Kevin Vandí and Alex Ruiz-Gimenez were too far out already. Alex Ruiz-Gimenez took the victory, in front of Kevin Vandí. The top three was completed by David Burbano.

S4 Race 2

The last race of this weekend for the S4 class started at 14:20 hours in very warm conditions. At the start it was L30 Racing TM Factory rider Alex Ruiz-Gimenez who again took the hole shot but this time in front SGR Grau rider David Burbano who stayed out of trouble this time. Third place was for the teammate of Burbano, Mauro Gonzalez Rojas followed by L30 Racing TM Factory rider Kevin Vandí,. Like in the first race Ruiz-Gimenez could create a gap towards to others but time to relax was not possible and the rest of the top was not so far away. With Ruiz-Gimenez and Burbano slowly getting away, it was time for Vandí to put the pressure on Gonzalez Rojas. After some laps Vandí was able to pass the Spanish rider and was in third behind the two leaders. Vandí gave all he and TM



got but it wasn't enough to get closer to the top two. After 18 laps Alex Ruiz-Gimenez took the victory in front of David Burbano and Kevin Vandi. The results of the second race were also the results for the overall victory here in Alcarras, Spain.

S4 Classification Top Ten

1. RUIZ JIMENEZ Alex (ESP, TM) Pts. 50,000 (25+25); 2. BURBANO David (COL, Honda) Pts. 42,000 (20+22); 3. VANDI Kevin (ITA, TM) Pts. 42,000 (22+20); 4. GONZALEZ ROJAS Mauro (ESP, Honda) Pts. 36,000 (18+18); 5. CRAVOTTO Giorgio (ITA, Honda) Pts. 32,000 (16+16); 6. ZAHORAK Kevin (GER, Husqvarna) Pts. 30,000 (15+15); 7. DELONG Alexis (FRA, TM) Pts. 28,000 (14+14); 8. MARX Mauritius (GER, Honda) Pts. 26,000 (13+13);

SM Junior Race 1

The first of the season for SM Junior class started at 12:20 hours in already very warm weather conditions. The young riders were ready to give the spectators an exiting race. At the start it was Jordi Gaya Hernandez who took the hole shot into the first corner followed by Max Serra and Matteo Andreotti. Fourth position was for Ramon Godino. Straight from the start the battle was on, with very close racing. Gaya Hernandez tried to get away but Serra, Andreotti and Godino were never far away. In the third lap Godino took over third position from Andreotti. Ramon Godino kep ton pushing and half way the race he took over the lead in the race in front of Serra who also overtook Gaya Hernandez. With three laps to go the race for Gaya Hernandez was over as he had to retire his KTM into the pitlane. From that moment the battle for the lead was on. Godino and Serra fought for every meter of asphalt changing positions almost each corner, but in the end it was Max Serra who took the first victory of the season in the SM Junior class. Second position went to Ramon Godino, followed by Christoph Steiner who completed the top three, after starting the race in fifth position.

SM Junior Race 2

The second race of the Junior class started in afternoon and at the start it was Spanish KTM rider Jordi Gaya Hernandez who turned fastest into the first corner. Second position



was Max Serra followed by Ramon Godino. Directly after the start the three riders created a gap towards to other young riders but it was going to be an eventful race. First rider to make an mistake in the off-road section was the leader Gaya Hernandez. Gaya Hernandez dropped back to third position a few seconds behind the new leader Max Serra. Right behind Serra it was Godino who was only a few meters away. One lap later Max Serra entered the off road section but the young Spanish rider didn't come out of the section. He managed to restart his bike but once he was in very last place, a lap behind on the leaders. In front Ramon Godino was now in full control and without mistakes from his side he took the victory in Alcarras in race two. Second place was for Jordi Gaya Hernandez and third place was for Rasmus Ebelmann who also stayed out of trouble. With his victory in the second race Ramon Godino also took the overall victory in the SM Junior class.

SM Junior Classification Top Ten:

1. GODINO Ramon (ESP, Yamaha) Pts. 47,000 (22+25); 2. EBELMANN Rasmus (EST, Husqvarna) Pts. 38,000 (18+20); 3. STEINER Christoph (AUT, KTM) Pts. 38,000 (20+18); 4. SERRA Max (ESP, KTM) Pts. 35,000 (25+10); 5. GAYA HERNANDEZ Jordi (ESP, KTM) Pts. 33,000 (11+22); 6. ANDREOTTI Matteo (ITA, TM) Pts. 31,000 (15+16); 7. MOOSES Robin Robert (EST, Husqvarna) Pts. 31,000 (16+15); 8. SIILAK Travis (EST, KTM) Pts. 27,000 (13+14); 9. BEREZKI David Zsolt (HUN, Husqvarna) Pts. 27,000 (14+13); 10. MAIMONTE Mattia (BEL, TM) Pts. 24,000 (12+12).