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Northern Talent Cup: the series started in Le Mans!



Race1

Polesitter Rossi Moor (FAIRIUM Next Generation Riders Team) claimed the first victory of the season at the famous Le Mans Circuit as the Hungarian edged out Loris Veneman (TeamNL Open Line) by just 0.166s in a fascinating first encounter of the 2022 Northern Talent Cup. Rookie Matteo Masili (FAIRIUM Next Generation Riders Team) won the battle for the final podium spot despite starting from P9 following a three-place grid penalty. As the lights went out it was Moor who managed to grab the holeshot before drama unfolded behind at Turn 3, with four riders crashing out - one of whom was Valentino Herrlich (Busch und Wagner Racing Team) who was later confirmed to have suffered a tibia fracture. The German will unfortunately miss Race 2 as a result, and after some top pace in pre-season.

A lead group of eight quickly formed as Moor and the fast-starting Noa Cuypers (Junior Black Knights) jostled for P1 on a number of occasions, before Veneman then climbed into the top three. The excellent battle for the lead continued throughout the race until Moor and Veneman were able to break away with two laps to go. Cuypers, after a couple of



mistakes, had lost ground and so had the likes of Kevin Farkas (Agraria Racing Team), Martin Vincze (Chrobak Motorsport Egyesület), Masili, Tibor Varga (Forty Racing) and Luca Göttlicher (JRP Junior Academy), with front row starter Dustin Schneider (Goblin Racing) forced to take a Long Lap penalty after taking a shortcut at Turn 4.

On the last lap it was Moor vs Veneman. The Dutchman led but Moor made a great move stick down into Turn 9, and following a faultless final sector, the Hungarian won for the fourth time in the NTC. Veneman equalled his best result in the class with a classy P2, however, with Masili on the rostrum for the first time with a great comeback ride from the rookie.

Farkas and Vincze completed the top five, and they both crossed the line less than a second adrift from the final podium place. Cuypers eventually took P6 and Göttlicher bridged a two-second gap to the lead group in the closing stages to claim P7 from 13th on the grid. The German finished ahead of Varga, who - after failing to take a Long Lap penalty - was handed a three-second penalty at the end of the race. Schneider's podium hopes evaded him after his Long Lap and he finished P9, with Rocco Sessler (MCA Racing) picking up P10.

Race2

Kevin Farkas (Agraria Racing Team) claimed a stunning victory in Race 2 of the opening Northern Talent Cup round in Le Mans after the Hungarian pulled off a late penultimate corner move on Race 1 winner Rossi Moor (FARIUM Next Generation Riders). Moor crossed the line in P2 but was demoted one place for exceeding track limits on the last lap, seeing Loris Venemen (TeamNL Open Line) promoted to second.

Moor was once again on pole but it was his teammate Matteo Masili who launched excellently from P6 on the grid to take the holeshot, as the field safely negotiated the tricky Dunlop Chicane on Lap 1. A lead group of 11 riders formed at the front and as we saw on Saturday, the P1 baton was being passed around often - no one able to properly establish themselves as a long-time race leader.

Moor and Veneman were able to bridge a gap in the closing stages of the opening race, but there wasn't to be a repeat in Race 2 - Farkas, the aforementioned duo, Dustin Schneider (Goblin Racing), Noa Cuypers (Junior Black Knights), Masili and Tibor Varga (Forty Racing) were all eyeing at least a podium heading into the closing stages.

Farkas led onto the final lap and held P1 until Turn 11. That's when Moor - a favourable passing place for the Hungarian this weekend - planted his KTM 250 machine up the inside. It was a move that stuck, but Farkas conjured up a plan that he executed to perfection at Turn 13.

The pass up the inside of Moor was firm but fair, as the number 92 then stepped out onto the green. Farkas made no mistake at the final corner to pick up a phenomenal victory in Le Mans, Moor was forced to cross the line in second with Venemen third, but track limits saw those positions switched after the chequered flag.

Cuypers took P4 less than half a second away from victory, with Schneider completing the top five. Race 1 podium finisher Masili ended Race 2 in sixth, as Varga lost out on the final lap at Turn 8 in the scrap for the podium - the Hungarian was P7. Jurrien Van Crugten (BB64 Academy), Martin Vincze (Chrobak Motorsport Egyesület) and Maxime Schmid (Team Schmid) rounded out the top 10.

Vintage Road Racing European Championship





The 2022 season of the Vintage Road Racing European Championship got off to an excellent start at Ring Djursland, near the old harbor town of Ebeltoft, Denmark. Despite the cold and windy but sunny conditions more than 5.000 spectators had found their way to the track.

Riders representing 6 different nations fought in seven different classes.

Race 1 winner

Class 2: Tanja Hentschel, Germany

Class 5: Björn Gunnarsson, Sweden

Class 6: Hasse Gustafsson, Sweden

Class 7A: Magnus Mossberg, Sweden

Class 7B: Peter Jørgensen, Denmark

Class 7C: August Kroon, Denmark

Class 8B: Kjell Strömberg, Denmark

Race 2 winner

Class 2: Tanja Hentschel, Germany

Class 5: Björn Gunnarsson, Sweden

Class 6: Michael Kildetoft, Denmark

Class 7A: Magnus Mossberg, Sweden

Class 7B: Peter Jørgensen, Denmark

Class 7C: August Kroon, Denmark

Class 8B: Kjell Strömberg, Denmark



**EMX 250 European Championship:
Bonacordi wins for the first time in Sardinia**



At the fourth round of the EMX250 Championship in Riola Sardo, Sardegna, Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing ended their weekend with a huge success as their riders Andrea Bonacorsi and Rick Elzinga finished 1-2 on the podium. For Bonacorsi this was his first overall victory since making the move up to the EMX250 category last year and was the perfect bounce-back after a tough start to the season, while Elzinga clawed back some vital championship points.

In the first race of the EMX250 class, we saw Mike Gwerder of WZ Racing Team lead the way with Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing's Rick Elzinga just behind. Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Cas Valk, who was making his wildcard appearance in the 250cc class also started well in third, ahead of Dave Kooiker of Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing and Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Cornelius Toendel.

By the end of the opening lap, Elzinga took over the lead, as Kooiker also went by Gwerder as he got himself into second. Gwerder continued to lose positions, as he dropped down to fifth, while Kooiker set the fastest lap of the race and was right on the heels of his teammate Elzinga.

Meico Vettik had an off-track excursion as he crashed and did not finish the race.



On lap five there was a change for the lead as Kooiker was able to find a way around Elzinga, all while Lucas Coenen of Jumbo Husqvarna BT Racing Team got by Quentin Marc Prugnieres for fifth and continued his charge to the front.

Kooiker was looking strong in the sandy conditions as he pulled away by 2.543 seconds from Elzinga who was working hard to not lose grip on the leader.

Coenen then passed Valk on lap eight and then two laps later got himself into third and was not done there as he put in some strong laps to close in on the two guys at the top.

With three laps to go, Elzinga was able to bounce back and secure maximum points as he passed Kooiker, then out of nowhere came their teammate Andrea Bonacorsi who in the closing stages passed for fourth and then got Coenen for third and on the final lap also passed Kooiker for second.

In the end, Elzinga secured the win, Bonacorsi crossed the line second ahead of Kooiker, Coenen and Prugnieres.

In the second race, Gwerder once again got a strong start as he led Coenen, Bonacorsi, Elzinga and Jorgen Mathias Talviku of Sahkar Racing. Though early on in the opening lap, Coenen took over the lead as Bonacorsi also made a move on Gwerder.

The championship leader, Toendel started in around 10th as Gwerder lost another position to Elzinga who was on a charge. The Swiss continued to drop down the order until finally finishing in eighth position.

But Bonacorsi was on a charge as he caught onto the rear wheel of Coenen and on lap 10 was able to make a pass stick to take over first position. Elzinga also started to gain on the Belgian, as Coenen was doing his best to stay ahead, though a couple of mistakes crept in which cost him valuable time.

In the end, Bonacorsi went on to win the race ahead of Coenen who was able to keep Elzinga at bay, while Toendel fought back to fourth ahead of Valk.

With a 2-1 result, Bonacorsi was declared the overall winner as he secured his first-round victory in the EMX250 category. Joining him on the second step of the podium was his

teammate Elzinga, who fought back some important championship points and with Coenen third on the box.

Despite not making it onto the podium, Toendel continues to lead the EMX250 Championship standings by a slim four-point margin over Elzinga, with Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Haakon Osterhagen third.

The next round of the EMX250 will head to the legendary Ernèe circuit for the Monster Energy MXGP of France on the 4th and 5th of June.

EMX250 - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, YAM), 47 points; 2. Rick Elzinga (NED, YAM), 45 p.; 3. Lucas Coenen (BEL, HUS), 40 p.; 4. Dave Kooiker (NED, YAM), 34 p.; 5. Cornelius Toendel (NOR, FAN), 32 p.; 6. Quentin Marc Prugnieres (FRA, KAW), 31 p.; 7. Cas Valk (NED, FAN), 29 p.; 8. Jorgen-Matthias Talviku (EST, KTM), 26 p.; 9. Mike Gwerder (SUI, KTM), 25 p.; 10. Camden Mc Lellan (RSA, KTM), 20 p.;

European Team Speedway Championship: Poland team flies at home race



The new European Team Speedway Championship fired into life last weekend in Poznań, Poland.

Welcoming fans from the whole country, the race was live broadcasted on the main TVP Sport Channel.



The first ever title was grabbed by Poland, followed by Denmark which had to fight with Great Britain until the last heat for the second position.

Martin De Graaff, FIM Europe President

“I was happy to join the new European Team Speedway Championship in Poznan. It was many years ago that this event took place. FIM Europe has good Speedway races for the European Championship and this event enriches our calendar. It was good to see team from Great Britain, Sweden, Denmark and Poland fight for the European title in 20 heats, not only for the results as nations, but also as individual. Congratulation to the Polish team for the win!”.