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Yamaha R3 bLU cRU European Cup:
Pizzoli and Valentim share spoils in Misano



Home hero Andrea Pizzoli and Brazil's Enzo Valentim shared the victories in Saturday's two R3 Cup races.

Italy's Andrea Pizzoli and Brazil's Enzo Valentim took a victory apiece in the third round of the 2022 Yamaha R3 bLU cRU European Cup at the Misano World Circuit "Marco Simoncelli", with the former extending his championship lead.

Having qualified on pole position, Pizzoli celebrated his maiden win at his home round, while Valentim's Race 2 victory saw him extend his lead at the top of the standings to 24 points.

With clear skies overhead and temperatures rising at the Italian venue, the 28 riders took to the grid with little experience of their Yamaha R3 bikes in these hotter track conditions. Pole-sitter Pizzoli led the field away in Race 1, but it was Australian youngster Archie McDonald who took control in the early stages.



Aragon race-winner Devis Bergamini then hit the front, with Valentim, Brazil's Gustavo Manso and Pizzoli all taking it in turns to lead throughout the 10-lap contest.

In the final laps, the top nine riders were all in contention for victory, but it was 2021 bLU cRU Masterclass winner Pizzoli who timed it perfectly, crossing the line for his maiden win in front of his home crowd.

Manso came close to his first victory, finishing just 0.025s behind in second; his best result in the Cup so far. Bergamini made it two Italians on the podium in third, with Emanuele Cazzaniga impressing on his wildcard debut in fourth.

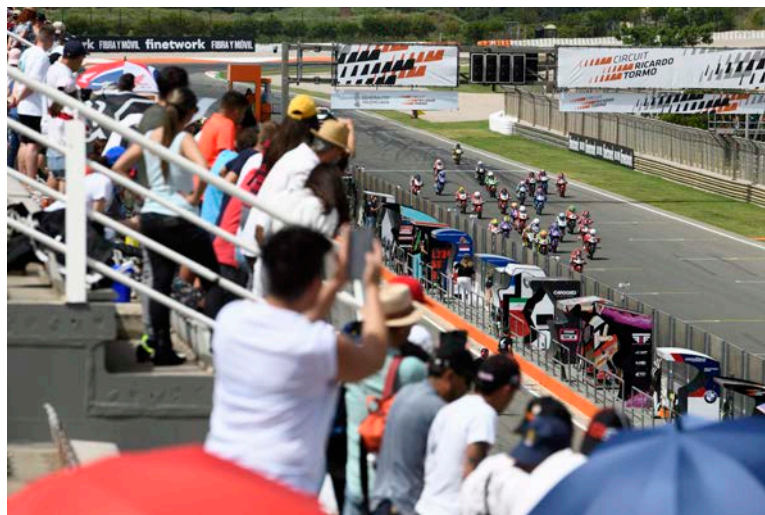
Czech rider Filip Juranek scored what was his best result of the season in fifth, ahead of wildcard entrant Emiliano Ercolani. Valentim dropped to eighth on the final lap, finishing behind Spain's Marc Vich, with Indonesia's Wahyu Nugroho and Poland's Jurand Kusmierczyk rounding out the top 10.

With the grid reset for Race 2, Pizzoli once again led the other 27 riders away, this time holding onto his lead as they completed the opening lap. The battle for victory remained intense throughout, with the top 10 breaking away in the second half of the contest. Pizzoli had regained the lead on the final lap and looked to breakaway, but as they headed into the final sector, Valentim muscled his way to the front.

The Brazilian held his nerve through the final corner, but compatriot Kevin Fontainha and Juranek were able to pull alongside as they approached the finish line. Just 0.032s separated the top three finishers, with Valentim narrowly ahead of Fontainha and Juranek, the latter besting his Race 1 result for his maiden podium.

Race 1 winner Pizzoli crossed the line in fourth, after going wide through the fast left-hander of Turn 13, with Nugroho rounding out the top five. Manso was sixth, ahead of France's Clement Rougé and McDonald, who received a penalty for track limits on the final lap. Wildcard rider Emiliano Rapanotti was ninth, with Diego Palladino finishing 10th.

Moto2 European Championship and European Talent Cup



Third round of the season for the Moto2 European Championship and European Talent Cup at Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, Spain.

Moto2

The first Moto2™ ECh race treated us to an intriguing battle between Agius and polesitter Lukas Tulovic (Liqui Moly Intact JuniorGP Team). Tulovic led for the most part until a mistake at Turn 9 with two laps to go allowed Agius to swoop through - and the young Australian held on for his first Moto2™ victory. Alex Escrig (Yamaha Philippines Stylobike Team) completed the Race 1 podium, with Eric Fernandez (Team Speed Racing) taking the Stock win.

In the second race, Tulovic - like he did in the first - got a good start and took an early advantage. But once again, after making a small error at Turn 9, Agius pounced and this time, with plenty of laps left on the clock, the Aussie pulled clear and claimed a dominant victory. After a great battle with Escrig that went to the final corner, Alex Toledo (Pertamina Mandalika SAG Euvic) managed to pick up his maiden podium in third. Fernandez won the Stock race in the afternoon to make it two from two.

ETC

In the Hawkers ETC, the race for victory came down to Uriarte vs Esteban. Esteban led into the final corner but Uriarte was able to get a superior run to the line to win for the first time this season, beating Esteban by just 0.014s. Reigning Champion Maximo Martinez (Team Honda Laglisse) claimed the final podium spot in third for his second rostrum on the spin.

EMX 125 European Championship and EMX 250 European Championship: Elzing and Fueri top the podium



Rounds six of the EMX250 and EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing have concluded in Teutschenthal at the Round of Germany that saw Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing's Rick Elzinga and Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Alexis Fueri stand on the top step of the podium in their classes!

EMX125

In the first EMX250 race which took place on Saturday, it was Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing's Rick Elzinga who led the way ahead of TBS Conversions Racing Team's Camden



Mc Lellan, Sahkar Racing's Jorgen-Mathias Talviku, Sacha Coenen of Jumbo Husqvarna BT Racing Team as well as Mike Gwerder of WZ Racing Team.

Immediately, Talviku took over first place and began to push in order to open up a comfortable gap from the rest of the field.

Mc Lellan caught onto the rear wheel of Elzinga and was looking to launch an attack to take second place from the Dutchman. Though the pass that Mc Lellan to execute saw Elzinga stay firm as the two banged bars which left Mc Lellan down on the ground.

Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Cornelius Toendel was down in ninth and manage to climb a couple of positions by the end of the race to eventually finish in seventh place.

On lap four, Elzinga was back in the lead as he got around Talviku, though the Estonian was not making it easy for Elzinga as he looked to fight back. Eventually, Talviku was also caught by S. Coenen who moved up to second.

As the race progress, Talviku dropped down to seventh and then eighth by the chequered flag as Elzinga was slowly pulling away from S. Coenen. Though Coenen crashed on lap nine and while it looked like Elzinga was going to have an easy win in the bag, his teammate Andrea Bonacorsi had other ideas.

In the latter stages of the heat, Bonacorsi set the fastest lap of the race after making his way up to third behind Team VRT KTM Veritise's David Braceras and then passing, before pushing onto the rear wheel of Elzinga and passing him on the very last lap with only a few corners from the finish line.

Nestaan Husqvarna Factory Racing's Maxime Grau also made a late charge as he climbed his way up the order to third after a nice battle with Quentin Marc Prugnieres of 9MM Energy BUD Racing Kawasaki.

In the end, Bonacorsi was the winner ahead of Elzinga, Grau, Prugnieres and Braceras.

In the second race, it was S. Coenen who took the holeshot and led Elzinga, Grau, Haakon Osterhagen of Fantic Factory Team Maddii and Mc Lellan, while Bonacorsi crashed and was way down the order on the opening lap.

Toendel was running well in seventh in the early moments of the race before crashing down to 14th. He did manage to fight back to seventh though by the end of the race.



Back with the leaders, Grau dove down the inside of Elzinga for second. A few laps later he had to ride defensive as Elzinga was looking to take back his position and did so by the end of lap four.

Braceras then got passed by Mc Lellan for fourth place, as Bonacorsi made a few more passes further down the order which put him on the podium, provisionally at the time as this change a couple more times before the end of the race.

All while S. Coenen was looking solid in the lead and was on his way to his first race victory in EMX250. All was looking good until he crashed big and ultimately placed in 36th. This of course gifted Elzinga the lead as Grau pushed him in second place.

In the end, Elzinga won the race ahead of Grau, Mc Lellan, Braceras and Lucas Coenen of Jumbo Husqvarna BT Racing Team.

A 2-1 result gave Elzinga his fourth overall of the season, as Grau celebrated his first ever podium with a 2-3 scorecard ahead of Bonacorsi who secured his spot on the box ahead of Mc Lellan who missed out by just one point.

After six rounds Elzinga continues to lead the championship, 20-points ahead of Toendel and then Bonacorsi who is third.

EMX250 - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Rick Elzinga (NED, YAM), 47 points; 2. Maxime Grau (FRA, HUS), 42 p.; 3. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, YAM), 36 p.; 4. Camden Mc Lellan (RSA, KTM), 35 p.; 5. David Braceras (ESP, KTM), 34 p.; 6. Quentin Marc Prugnieres (FRA, KAW), 31 p.; 7. Lucas Coenen (BEL, HUS), 28 p.; 8. Cornelius Toendel (NOR, FAN), 28 p.; 9. Eddie Wade (ESP, KAW), 23 p.; 10. Haakon Osterhagen (NOR, FAN), 21 p.;

EMX250

In the opening heat of the EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing it was Ferruccio Zanchi of Yamaha Europe EMX125 MJC who got off to a flying start as he led with Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Cas Valk behind him along with Julius Mikula, Yamaha Europe EMX125 MJC's Ivano Van Erp and Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Alexis Fueri.

In the opening lap, Valk dropped back to fourth and then fifth as his teammate Fueri passed him. Meanwhile further down the order, Karlis Alberts Reisulis of Yamaha Europe EMX125 MJC was making up for his poor start as he began to push inside the top five.



He quickly passed both Valk and Fueri and was in fourth, as Van Erp also got by Mikula to get himself into second position.

By the second lap, K. Reisulis was all over the rear wheel of Van Erp and by the fourth lap was ahead of the Dutchman. Then just one lap after that he also managed to fly by Zanchi and take over the lead.

Fueri then passed Mikula and then Zanchi by the 10th lap, as K. Reisulis was already more than eight seconds ahead of the rest of the riders.

Mikula needed to be careful as he had a hard-charging Valk urging him on, as he looked to make up for the slow start and maximise points.

In the closing stages, Fueri was also pushing hard as he managed to take a lot of time out of the leader and whittle the gap down to less than a second as he urged him on for the win.

In the end, K. Reisulis was able to hold on and win the race, Fueri crossed the line 0.862 seconds behind in second ahead of Zanchi, Valk and Janis Martins Reisulis.

In race two, Fueri was the leading rider out of the gate with Valk, Simone Mancini of KTM Racestore MX2, Maximilian Werner of Diga Procross KTM Racing, Zanchi and K. Reisulis just behind.

K.Reisulis then crashed on the opening lap and got going again just inside the top 20, while Fueri looked like he was settling into the lead. Van Erp crashed early on too.

Edgar Canet of RFME GasGas MX Junior Team passed Mancini to take fifth as Zanchi set the fastest lap of the race while he remained third behind Valk and Fueri. The top three were close and the battle was intense.

Further down the order, Van Erp and K. Reisulis banged bars as Van Erp moved past his teammate to get into 12th. That's when K. Reisulis also looked like he was having issues with his bike and eventually could only salvage 10th, while Van Erp continued his assault further up the field.

In the final laps, Valk began to push his teammate as the two worked through traffic, though Fueri was able to stay mistake free and keep Valk behind him until the chequered flag. Fueri won the race, Valk was second ahead of Zanchi, Van Erp and Canet.

The top three of the second race were also the top three of the podium, as Fueri won with 47 points, while Valk and Zanchi tied on 40 points each.

Valk continues to lead the EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing Championship with a 27-point advantage over Fueri, while K. Reisulis remains third ahead of his brother J. Reisulis who is fourth in the standings.

EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Alexis Fueri (FRA, FAN), 47 points; 2. Cas Valk (NED, FAN), 40 p.; 3. Ferruccio Zanchi (ITA, YAM), 40 p.; 4. Karlis Alberts Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 36 p.; 5. Janis Martins Reisulis (LAT, KTM), 31 p.; 6. Antonio Gallego (ESP, GAS), 27 p.; 7. Edgar Canet (ESP, GAS), 25 p.; 8. Marc-Antoine Rossi (FRA, KTM), 25 p.; 9. Simone Mancini (ITA, KTM), 23 p.; 10. Vitezslav Marek (CZE, KTM), 20 p.;

EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship - South West zone



Orehova Vas, Slovenia, in the neighbourhood of the beautiful city of Maribor, hosted the final round in the EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship - South West zone.

EMX85

In race1 the French Basile Pigois took the holeshot, maintaining the lead for 4 laps. The Italian Gennaro Utech passed from fifth to first, making a mistake pushed by Filippo



Mantovani. In the last lap, four corners before the chequered flag, Mantovani took the lead and won the race ahead of Amaury Maindruc and Utech. This opened again the fight for the standings, as Niccolo Mannini finished fifth.

In the second heat Mantovani won ahead of Utech and Maindruc: championship leader Mannini had again a smart race, winning the zone round.

EMX65

In race1 the holeshot was for local hero Alex Novak, but after a mistake he passed 18th. Championship leader Ricardo Bauer took the lead until the finish. Second position for Tai Vidovic, who had a solid race. Amazing recover for the Novak, who succeeded in finishing third after an incredible comeback.

In race2 start to finish win for championship winner, the Austrian Bauer, Second and third both in race and in the overall for Novak and Vidovic.

The overall EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship - South West zone title went to Bauer, ahead of Spanich Carlos Martin Jimenez and the Italian Francesco Assini.

EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship - North East zone

EMX Women's European Championship





In a sunny and summer weekend about 60 young riders and 20 women from 12 different countries took part to the first round of the season for the EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship - North East zone and the fifth of the EMX Women's European Championship in Parnu, Estonia.

EMX85

Race1 provided a lot of excitement with the fight until the very end between Estonian riders Travis Leok, winner, Gregor Kuusk, second, and Tristen Mardo, third.

Leok ruled race2 too ahead of Kuusk, while third position for Dawid Zaremba.

EMX65

In a hard-fought race1 Lucas Leok won ahead of Jekabs Hudolejs from Latvia and Gregor Lootus from Estonia.

Leok and Hudolejs ruled race2 too, while Enri Lustus finished third.

WOMENS

The favorite Mathea Selebo from Norway did not deceive, winning both race1 and race2 ahead of Line Dam from Denmark and Mathilde Denis from France.

Overall classification

EMX 85

1. Travis Leok, EST
2. Gregor Kuuks, EST
3. Tristen Madro, EST

EMX65

1. Lukas Leok, EST
2. Jekabs Hudolejs, LAT
3. Gregor Lootus, EST

EMX Women

1. Mathea Selebo, NOR
2. Line Dam, DEN
3. Mathilde Denis, FRA

EMX125 Women

1. Aleksandra Massury, GER
2. Danee Gelissen, NED
3. Tyra Backstrom, SWE

European U19 Individual Speedway Championship: Qualifying Round 3



The city of Vetlanda, Sweden, hosted the QR3 of the European U19 Individual Speedway Championship together with the U19 Nordic Championship final.

With 15 points home rider Casper Henriksson finished first becoming Nordic Champion. The Danish riders William Drejer dropped one point, finishing second overall, followed by Jesper Knudsen.

Nicolai Heiselberg and Mathias Pollestad go straight to the final too, as fourth and fifth. The QR1 will take place in July in Slovakia, the QR2 in September in the Czech Republic, while the Final will be held on September 17th in Hungary.

Top the event classification

1. Casper Henriksson, SWE
2. William Drejer, DEN
3. Jesper Knudsen, DEN

Hill Climb European Championship



In perfect weather condition with summer temperatures, the city of Julbach, Austria, welcomed the Hill Climb European Championship.

In the first heat, French rider Jean Luc David with his Honda CBR1000RR (Superbike class) was very close to a new track record (1:05.489)

In the second run, the difference between the winner and the second (Andreas Gangl) was only 0.01 seconds, again in favor of the French.



Among the men, Alice Sabatini was the only one woman in the SuperMoto class. She finished third in the first heat and fourth in the event Italian rider Giudo Testoni.

In the SSP600 Mauro Poncini improved in the second heat, but that was not enough to catch up with the well-disposed Maurizio Bottalico.