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Yamaha YZ bLU cRU 85cc-125cc Cup: Salvini and Tsankov victorious in France



The French crowd was treated to two more superb YZ bLU cRU FIM Europe Cup SuperFinale races on Sunday at Saint Jean D'Angély, which saw Italy's Nicola Salvini and Bulgarian youngster Dani Tsankov storm to victory in the YZ125 and YZ85 races.

Sunday marked the end of the hugely successful 2022 YZ bLU cRU FIM Europe Cup SuperFinale, which saw more than 100 riders battle it out for a spot at the unique bLU cRU Masterclass event at the end of this year.

Salvini was given first gate pick after qualifying just 0.055s ahead of fellow Italian Maurizio Scollo, who showed promise in last year's YZ125 SuperFinale at Mantova, where he finished fifth.

The Italian duo proved to be the class of the field at the MXGP Charente Maritime event, with Salvini just edging ahead in the early stages. Scollo set a blistering pace behind though, but while running less than a second adrift of his rival the #329 rider fell on Lap 6, dropping 10 seconds behind the leader.



Scollo picked himself up and quickly began reeling in Salvini, setting the fastest lap in the process. On the final lap, he was back to within a second of the lead but fell again, seeing Salvini claim the YZ125 SuperFinale victory.

After a mammoth effort, Scollo was still able to salvage second overall, with Denmark's Nicolai Skovbjerg completing the podium having overtaken Spain's Salvador Perez earlier in the contest.

Perez eventually came home in fourth, ahead of Norwegian youngster Adrian Bolviken, both showing strong progress compared to last year's event. Amalie Møller Gertsen won the award for Top Female Rider, with youngest rider Emile De Baere enjoying a stellar outing to finish inside the top 20 overall.

In the YZ85 race, Luis Raoul Santeusanio was given first gate pick after dominating yesterday's Time Practice. The Swiss rider took the early lead ahead of French youngster Tim Langue and Tsankov, who was sidelined on Saturday after a technical problem.

Despite this, the Bulgarian was quickly on the pace and moved up to second on Lap 2, before putting pressure on race leader Santeusanio. Tsankov then moved into the lead after his rival fell and dropped to P2, losing 16 seconds.

This allowed Tsankov to cruise to victory, going one better than he did in the YZ65 class last year, while Santeusanio consolidated a second-place finish to mark an impressive YZ85 SuperFinale debut.

Langue rounded off the podium places in third, beating Spain's Iker Diez and Israeli youngster Ori Stark, who had been running in the podium positions before a fall early on. Swedish rider Tuva Nelson came home in 11th overall, seeing her pick up the Top Female Rider trophy, while the youngest rider, Kay Zijlstra of The Netherlands, put in a stunning performance to go eighth overall.

In each of the YZ bLU cRU FIM Europe Cup SuperFinale categories, the top-three finishers and two wild cards will receive an invite to the bLU cRU Masterclass that will take place in November in Spain. There, one YZ125 rider will win a place in a Yamaha-supported EMX125 team for 2023, while the top performing YZ65 and YZ85 youngsters will earn added support from Yamaha Motor Europe for the next season.

EMX 250 European Championship: Elzinga crowned champion!



The round of Charente Maritime concluded the 2022 campaign of the EMX250 Championship that saw Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing's Rick Elzinga wrap up the title in the opening heat, while Jumbo BT Husqvarna Racing Team's Lucas Coenen ended his season in the best way possible with a 1-1 scorecard and claimed his third overall win of the year as well as the silver medal in the standings!

A strong result for L. Coenen also meant that he secured the silver medal in the championship standings while Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Cornelius Toendel dropped to third after an unlucky first race, in which he scored 0 points.

In the opening race of the weekend, the holeshot went to Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Hakon Osterhagen who led his teammate, Cornelius Toendel. Toendel was in a crucial position and needed every point possible to try to keep his championship hope alive, though that all ended quickly after he banged bars with another rider going down one of the downhills and crashed.

At that point, it was Osterhagen who continued to lead with Yago Martinez, Lucas Coenen of Jumbo BT Husqvarna Racing Team, Morgan Bennati, Nestaan Husqvarna Factory Racing's Maxime Grau and David Braceras just behind.



Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing's Rick Elzinga started in around sixth, while Toendel picked himself up in 34th.

On lap three, Osterhagen crashed out of first place as L. Coenen took over the lead. Just behind him, Grau began to apply pressure onto Martinez for second as the two battled for almost the entire race.

Osterhagen dropped even further down the order to 10th as the battle inside the top five intensified between the likes of Braceras, Gerard Congost of Jezyk Racing Team, Quentin-Marc Prugnieres of 9MM Energy Drink Bud Racing Kawasaki for fourth.

TBS Conversions Camden McLellan was looking to join the battle too, but it was Prugnieres who came out on top as he also got by Grau on the final lap.

L. Coenen won the race though the focus was on the 2022 EMX250 Champion, Elzinga who crossed the line in 8th!

In race two, the holeshot went to Pietro Razzini of S11Motorsport DianaMX, but Grau was quick to react and got himself into the lead immediately. L. Coenen was third ahead of Francesco Bassi, Toendel, Bennati and Luca Ruffini, while Elzinga started down in ninth. Osterhagen did not line up for race two after picking up an injury in his thumb during the crash in the first race.

Though by the end of the opening lap we saw another change for the lead as L. Coenen got by Grau. The Frenchman was looking to respond, though made a mistake and stalled his bike which allowed Razzini to close in.

Further down the order, Prugnieres had an incredible first lap as he managed to pass around 10 riders to find himself in 10th by lap two. Just ahead of him, Elzinga was also making good progress as he passed Bassi for sixth, then Braceras and eventually Toendel. As the race went on, a nice battle began to form between Prugnieres, Tondel and McLellan who was looking to close in. Razzini just ahead of the group crashed out of third on lap five.

Elzinga was looking comfortable in third before an issue with his bike saw him quickly drop down the leader board. The newly crowned Champion came into pitlane for quick repairs and was able to continue with the heat. He eventually finished in 12th.

In the end, L. Coenen won the race and solidified another perfect 1-1 score and topped the podium ahead of Grau and Prugnieres who made the French fans proud by putting the flag on the second and third steps of the podium.

A strong performance for L. Coenen in the last few rounds also saw him claim the silver medal while Toendel dropped down to the bronze medal position.

EMX250 - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Lucas Coenen (BEL, HUS), 50 points; 2. Maxime Grau (FRA, HUS), 40 p.; 3. Quentin Marc Prugnieres (FRA, KAW), 38 p.; 4. Camden Mc Lellan (RSA, KTM), 35 p.; 5. Gerard Congost (ESP, KTM), 29 p.; 6. David Braceras (ESP, KTM), 29 p.; 7. Valerio Lata (ITA, KTM), 27 p.; 8. Maximilian Spies (GER, KTM), 22 p.; 9. Rick Elzinga (NED, YAM), 22 p.; 10. Yago Martinez (ESP, KTM), 22 p.

EMX250 - Championship Top 10 Classification: 1. Rick Elzinga (NED, YAM), 365 points; 2. Lucas Coenen (BEL, HUS), 333 p.; 3. Cornelius Toendel (NOR, FAN), 317 p.; 4. Camden Mc Lellan (RSA, KTM), 299 p.; 5. Quentin Marc Prugnieres (FRA, KAW), 258 p.; 6. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, YAM), 248 p.; 7. Haakon Osterhagen (NOR, FAN), 246 p.; 8. David Braceras (ESP, KTM), 213 p.; 9. Maximilian Spies (GER, KTM), 188 p.; 10. Yago Martinez (ESP, KTM), 145 p.

Vintage Regularity Cup



The Classic Club Hlohovec organised in the town centre of Holič, Slovakia, the only race of the Vintage Regularity Cup. For one day the normal traffic was stopped for over 100



riders, to let the race to take place on a track of 1250 meters with two right and five left turns.

The weather was mild and partly sunny, but it started to rain in the late afternoon: riders and organiser decided to cancel the last three races for security reasons (classes C, D and E sidecars). It was decided that the results of the second practice session were valid for the race.

The winners

Class A1 - Milan Šoban, Benelli, CZE, SMF

Class A2 - Jiri Krutina, Honda, SVK, SMF

Class B - Zdenek Paznocko, Aermacchi, CZE, SMF

Class C - Arrigo Vinsani, Honda, ITA, SMF

Class D - Robert Bodiš, Ducati, SVK, SMF

Class E (sidecar) - Jan Barton/ Eliška Bohata, CZE, SMF

On Saturday lunchtime traditional parade was organised. Over 2.000 spectators have the opportunity to see in action Carlos Lavado (2 times World Champion), Peter Balaž (3 times European Champion, 10 times Czechoslovakian Champion), Alfio Crespi and many others riders.