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European Individual Grass Track: Romano Hummel is the new champion

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The European Individual Grass Track raced its third and last event in Swingfield, a small and nice village located approximately 10 km north of Folkestone on the North Downs. With heavy rain the day before the event, the Swingfield circuit was in excellent condition, ready to host the top eighteen Grass Track riders from across Europe. With three riders from Denmark, two from France, four from Germany, four from the Netherlands and six riders from the host federation the event was going to be a close fought battle.

On the morning of the event, a large crowd and riders alike were met with sunny autumn conditions, which lasted into the early afternoon, before the temperature dropped later in the day – but more importantly the rain held off, offering idea track conditions and a circuit that produced very close and fast racing.

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The meeting was hotly contested throughout the four sessions of the qualifying heats, with "Flying Dutchman" Roman Hummel being unbeaten during his four rides.

Home riders and former European Grass Track Champion Zach Wajtknecht was close behind Hummel, dropping only one point in his second qualifying heat.

Having completed all their qualifying heats, the riders were then split into three finals C, B and A, with the winner and second placed riders from the B Final being elevated into the last two places in the A Final.

With rain forecast later in the afternoon, the pressure was one to ensure that the meeting was completed whilst the race circuit was in still in a great condition.

However, in the A Final, Hummel was out gated by home riders Zach Wajtknecht and fellow Chris (Bomber) Harris, both of whom led out of the first corner. With the European title in his sights, Hummel passed Wajtknecht by the end of the first lap before overtaking Harris in the end of the second lap. After that Hummel set a fast pace and was unchallenged as he crossed the finish line added the 2022 FIME European Individual Grass Track title to his every expanding portfolio of successes.

Final classification

1. Romano Hummel, Netherlands

2. Chris Harris, Great Britain

3. Zach Wajtknecht, Great Britain

The FIM Europe would like to take this occasion to celebrate and greet the ACU Track Racing Secretary, Mrs. Tracey Cossar, who after this last race as Jury Secretary retires from her role in the ACU.

She began her adventure March 1981, working in the Licencing department. In 2001 she joined the Track Racing department, supporting British Grass Track, Long Track and Speedway as the ACU Track Racing Secretary for the past 21 years.

From the whole FIM Europe family, thank you for your commitment!

Supermoto SM Junior:

Matej Kokes is the new champion

In the last round of the Supermoto SM Junior European Championship, raced in Carole, France, Matej Kokes (Husqvarna) was crowned new Champion at the end of a great day of racing. The young Czech rider finished ahead of Mathias Vatkin (TM) and Ramon Godino (Yamaha).

SM Junior Race 1
Matej Kokes (Husqvarna) pulled away at the start and opened a solid gap over rivals in the first laps. The Czech rider pushed hard in the first part of the moto without sparing himself while he took it easy in the last laps. Behind him Mathias Vetkin (TM), Jason Van Drunen (Yamaha) and Ramon Godino (Yamaha) battled it out and crossed the finish line in the same order. Thanks to the victory of the first moto Matej Kokes moved to the top of the Championship standings.

SM Junior Race 2

At the start of the final heat of the season Matej Kokes (Husqvarna) took the lead of the race, Ramon Godino (Yamaha) faced a tough start and lost several positions. The leader of the race opened a solid gap over rivals and, as he did in the first moto, found the right margin to rule the final laps and won the race as well as the Championship. Ramon Godino was able to move to the second spot but was too far to try to get closer to Kokes, Mathias Vetkin (TM) classified third.
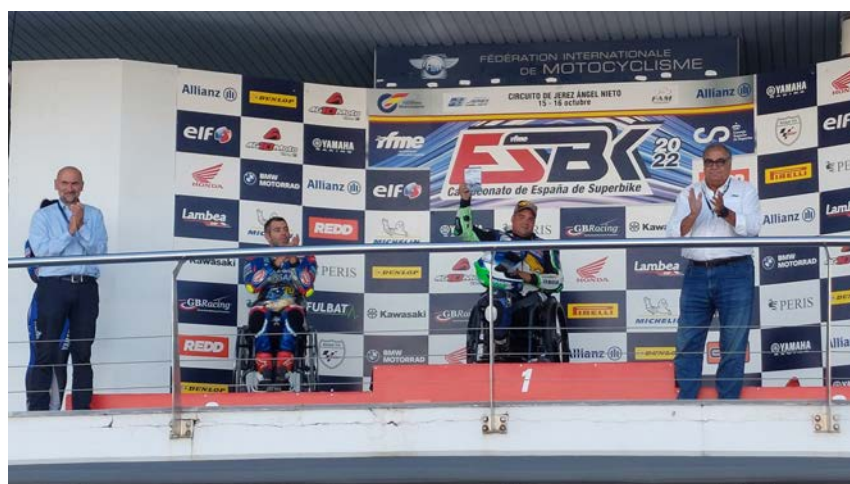
Matej Kokes won the Junior European Championship, Mathias Vetkin was second and Ramon Godino third.

SM Junior Overall Top 5
1. KOKES Matej (CZE, Husqvarna) Pts. 50 (25+25); 2. VETKIN Mathias (EST, TM) Pts. 42 (22+20); 3. GODINO Ramon (ESP, Yamaha) Pts. 40 (18+22); 4. VAN DRUNEN Jayson (NED, Yamaha) Pts. 38 (20+18); 5. BENVENUTI Andrea (ITA, KTM) Pts. 32 (16+16).

European Handy Bridgestone Cup:
France double round crowns the 2022 champions

The third and last round of the European Handy Bridgestone Cup was hosted at Jerez de la Frontera Circuit, in Spain. Two races crowned the 2022 champions.

Race 1

Italian rider Samuele Bertolasio (Lesser Impaired 1000cc category) took the holeshot and with a great pace went straight to the win. Behind him the Frenchman Stephane Paulus followed by the Italian Emiliano Malagoli (1.000cc category) and the Czech Martin Horky.

In the 600cc category the Italian Maximilian Sontacchi led the way, followed by Christophe Bernard. A few corners before the chequered flag, the Belgian managed to take the lead and crossed as first the finishing line.

In the Lesser Impaired 600cc category Antonio Montoya confirmed the title.

Thanks to the points gained, Emiliano Malagoli and Christophe Bernard are both champions.

Race 2

Samuele Bertolasio started from the pole and led a lonely race, thus winning the 2022 title in the Lesser Impaired 1000cc category. Behind him the Italians Umberto Troisi, Ivo Arnoldi and Massimo Bacci.

The Czech Horky took the lead in the 1000cc. category, followed by his direct opponent Emiliano Malagoli and Alex Innocenti. The race finished in the same positions.

In the 600cc. category Maximilian Sontacchi led and win the race from the beginning to the end.

Final standings
Lesser Impaired 1000cc category
1. Samuele Bertolasio

1000cc. category
1. Emiliano Malagoli

600cc. category
1. Christophe Bernard

Lesser Impaired 600cc category
1. Antonio Montoya