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EMX125 and EMX250 European Championship:

Lata tops a full Italian podium in EMX250 and Reisulis dominate the EMX125

The second round of the EMX250 and EMX125 European Championship in Pietramurata, Italy, with some quality and skilful riding.

The EMX250 saw a podium completed by three young Italian riders with KTM Beddini Racing Team's Valerio Lata winning in front of Red Plate holder Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing Team's Andrea Bonacorsi and VRT KTM Factory Juniors' Ferruccio Zanchi.

In EMX125 MJC Yamaha Official EMX125's Janis Martin Reisulis completely dominated the round in Trentino ahead of Fantic Factory Team Maddii riders Maximilian Werner second and Elias Escandell third.



EMX250

The first race of the EMX250 class on Saturday saw a quick start with Valerio Lata taking the lead in front of Andrea Bonacorsi. Although Lata got under pressure pretty early by



the Championship leader Bonacorsi, he still held his ground and defended very well. Lata even managed to get a 3,5 seconds cushion. However, Bonacorsi did what he does best, power through to get close and was too quick on lap 10 as he finally passed Lata. Lata was not ready to give up and made an attack in the last couple of turns of the race to give the public an intense finish. Bonacorsi held on his 3rd race win in a row while Lata finished 2nd. Finishing 3rd was another Italian, Ferruccio Zanchi who showed great skill and speed. Zanchi found himself 4th behind BT Racing Team's Kay Karssemakers after lap 1. Zanchi made a move on Karssemakers on lap 5 but there was a give and take between them for few turns. Zanchi finally made the pass stick and went 3rd until the end setting the fastest lap of the race in the meantime.

Karssemakers had to concede a couple of positions following that as Marc-Antoine Rossi got him under pressure in thrilling battle. Karssemakers eventually went down in a turn on lap 8 to move down to 7th. M-A.Rossi finished 4th in the end after a good comeback from the 9th place on lap 1. Karssemakers managed to get back up to 6th position in the end.

Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing Team's Karlis Reislulis has been pretty consistent as he got 5th on the first lap to finished 5th in the end.

In race 2, Lata went all in as he got the lead after the first corner and looked determined to stay in the lead. Bonacorsi who went 4th in lap 1, quickly moved up as Zanchi in front of him went down on lap 2. Bonacorsi, also attacked his teammate Van Erp to pass him for 2nd on lap 3. Bonacorsi went on to stay 2nd the rest of the race although he tried for a last push to attack Lata but the gap stayed within safe distance for Lata.

Van Erp who had taken a very quick start and got behind Lata over the first couple of laps had some difficulties to maintain his pace and defend his position. Van Erp moved down to 8th in the end. Maxime Grau showed really good riding in race 2 as the young French managed a solid start and got 5th after the first lap. He benefitted from Zanchi's fall to get to 4th and then made a great move on Van Erp for 3rd in lap 4. Grau eventually managed to keep his 3rd place and hold his ground in front of Reislulis.

Reisulis got to 6th in lap 2 while Zanchi picked up his bike after going down to 7th. The two riders followed each other during the whole race and finished 5th for Reisulis and 6th for Zanchi.

In the end, Valerio Lata clinched his first EMX250 win in front of the Red Plate holder Andrea Bonacorsi second and Ferruccio Zanchi third for an 100% Italian podium in Trentino.

EMX250 - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Valerio Lata (ITA, KTM), 47 points; 2. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, YAM), 47 p.; 3. Ferruccio Zanchi (ITA, KTM), 36 p.; 4. Karlis Alberts Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 34 p.; 5. Marc-Antoine Rossi (FRA, KTM), 32 p.; 6. Maxime Grau (FRA, HUS), 28 p.; 7. Cas Valk (NED, FAN), 28 p.; 8. Kay Karssemakers (NED, HUS), 27 p.; 9. Ivano Van Erp (NED, YAM), 24 p.; 10. Saad Soulimani (FRA, KTM), 22 p.

EMX250 - Championship Top 10 Classification: 1. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, YAM), 97 points; 2. Valerio Lata (ITA, KTM), 75 p.; 3. Cas Valk (NED, FAN), 66 p.; 4. Kay Karssemakers (NED, HUS), 65 p.; 5. Ivano Van Erp (NED, YAM), 60 p.; 6. Marc-Antoine Rossi (FRA, KTM), 55 p.; 7. Ferruccio Zanchi (ITA, KTM), 53 p.; 8. Karlis Alberts Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 51 p.; 9. Alexis Fueri (FRA, FAN), 46 p.; 10. Quentin Marc Prugnieres (FRA, KAW), 45 p.



EMX125

In Race 1 on Saturday, Maximilian Ernecker got the best start but MJC Yamaha Team's Janis Martin Reisulis took the lead very early on after few turns and never gave it up.



Reisulis went on to leader from start to finish increasing the gap with Fantic Maddii Factory Racing's Maximilian Werner to 16 seconds Werner also overtook Ernecker quickly in the first lap to get 2nd until the end although he had to defend on Ernecker the whole race. In the end he finished 2nd and Ernecker 3rd.

Gyan Doensen from WZ Racing Team and Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Elias Escandell had a solid race as they quickly got to 4th and 5th respectively on lap 1. They kept their position until the end as they paced through the race to no get under threat.

Vitezslav Marek showed his determination as he quickly went up from 12th on lap 1 to 6th on lap 6. He managed to stay 6th until the end. Francisco Garcia had a solid ride too as he stayed in the top 10 throughout the race picking up 2 positions from 9th on lap 1 to 7th in then end.

The most impressive comeback was the one from Alfio Pulvirenti who started poorly and saw himself in 19th place on lap 1. However, the Italian is not one to shy away from a strong ride. He overtook plenty of riders as he moved up to 11th with one lap to go. He eventually overtook successively August Frisk and JK Racing Yamaha's Nicola Salvini to finish 9th. Salvini also displayed some heroic move as he went from 22nd on lap 1 to finish 10th. Frisk would settle for 11th showing some great willpower too after a bad start.

Red Plate holder 737 Performers GASGAS's Mathis Valin crashed early and could only move up to 18th in the end.

In race 2, it was this time Escandell who had the best start but as always, Reisulis was not far in 2nd after few turns. Reisulis pounced early to take the lead and never give it up. Reisulis was a head above throughout the weekend as he comfortably went 1-1. Escandell behind him also showed good control as he stayed easily 2nd until the end.

A great battle for the 3rd position between Werner 3rd from lap 1 and Alban Alm happened in the end of the race. Alm came from behind as he found himself in 7th position on lap 1 to then quickly overtake Doensen for 6th, then Simone Mannini (16th in the end) for 5th on lap 3. He continued on his pace to overtake Frisk on lap 6 for 4th. Finally, Alm got to Werner and eventually passed him with 2 laps to go. Alm finished 3rd while Werner settled for 4th in the end.

Frisk would finish 6th in the end as he got overtaken on the last lap by Valin. Valin made a great comeback as he went from 11th on lap 1 to get to 5th in the end. Unfortunately, it was not enough to keep the Red Plate.

In the end, Janis Martin Reisulis won and dominated the round of Trentino with a perfect 1-1, taking the Red Plate along the way. Maximilian Werner finished second and Elias Escandell third.

EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Janis Martins Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 50 points; 2. Maximilian Werner (GER, FAN), 40 p.; 3. Elias Escandell (ESP, FAN), 38 p.; 4. Gyan Doensen (NED, KTM), 32 p.; 5. Vitezslav Marek (CZE, KTM), 28 p.; 6. Maximilian Ernecker (AUT, GAS), 28 p.; 7. August Frisk (SWE, KTM), 25 p.; 8. Mads Fredsoe (DEN, KTM), 25 p.; 9. Francisco Garcia (ESP, GAS), 24 p.; 10. Alfio Samuele Pulvirenti (ITA, KTM), 21 p.

EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing - Championship Top 10 Classification: 1. Janis Martins Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 85 points; 2. Elias Escandell (ESP, FAN), 72 p.; 3. Mathis Valin (FRA, GAS), 66 p.; 4. Vitezslav Marek (CZE, KTM), 66 p.; 5. Maximilian Werner (GER, FAN), 62 p.; 6. Gyan Doensen (NED, KTM), 56 p.; 7. Laban Alm (SWE, HUS), 53 p.; 8. Francisco Garcia (ESP, GAS), 50 p.; 9. Nicola Salvini (ITA, YAM), 42 p.; 10. Mads Fredsoe (DEN, KTM), 42 p.



EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship: Central Europe zone round 2 together with the EMX Women' European Championship



After round one in Belgium, the EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship - Central Europe zone moved to Slagelse, Denmark, for the second event of the season.

As in Lommel, in the first 85cc race Dani Heitink (Husqvarna), Jarne Bervoets (KTM), and Dean Gregoire (KTM) fought for victory until the very last lap. Bad luck for the Belgian rider in Race 2: after a great fight for the lead until minute 19, Bervoets had technical problems and went back to 5th, missing the podium. First position for Gregoire ahead of Heitink and Dex Kooiker (Husqvarna).

In the 65cc double victory for British Harry Dale (KTM), who in Race 1 won in a lights-to-flag ahead of Teunis Spijkeman (Gas Gas) and Luca Nierychlo. In Race 2 second position for Torre Van Mechelen (KTM) and third for Nierychlo.

The race in Slagelse also saw the first round of the EMX Women' European Championship. Lotte van Drunen (Kawasaki) celebrated a double start-finish victory ahead of Sara Andersen (KTM) and Mathilda Maria Huss.

Enduro European Championship:

Lorenzo Macoritto and Pietro Scardina win at season opener in Italy

The 2023 Borilli Enduro European Championship kicked off in Fabriano, Italy, offering a stunning backdrop to the racing at round one. Providing typically Italian terrain, the special tests ensured challenging trails, with a 7 km long Enduro Test, a slippery Cross Test and a stony Extreme Test.



Day 1

Italian rider Lorenzo Macoritto (Fantic) ruled the whole day getting the overall win with a 20-second gap on Matej Skuta (Beta), second, and the young Pietro Scardina (Fantic), third. Scardina also won the Youth class, tying in second position the French Romain Dagna and in third compatriot Luca Colorio (Husqvarna).

The Junior 1 winner was Riccardo Fabris (Husqvarna), while Skuta won the Junior 2.

German flag waved on E1 podium: Andreas Beier (Beta) got the best class time ahead of Aleksander Bracik (Rieju) and Riccardo Celesti (Fantic).

Lorenzo Bazzurri (Husqvarna) triumphed in the E2 thanks to an 8-second lead over Frenchman Killian Irigoyen (Husqvarna) and the British Alex Walton (GasGas).

Lorenzo Macoritto won the E3 class, while Maurizio Micheluz (Husqvarna) the Senior 40 European Cup and Tanja Schlosser (Beta) the Women.

In the 50cc Trophy Matteo Fersini (Valenti) topped, while in the Trade Team class won Diligenti Racing (Maurizio Micheluz, David Abgrall, Luca Colorio, Jacopo Traini).



Day 2

The Overall saw Pietro Scardina, Luca Colorio and Lorenzo Macoritto battle for the first position. The three Italians competed for the overall victory until the last corner of the Extreme Test. In the end, Pietro Scardina prevailed, for a few seconds.

Pietro Scardina won the Youth class ahead of Luca Colorio and of French rider Marin Dagna. Italian riders ruled Junior classes: another win for Riccardo Fabris in the Junior 1 class and Lorenzo Bernini won the Junior 2.

Double win for Andreas Beier too, who ruled Day 2 of the E1 after an amazing Saturday. Behind him Alessandro Di Gregorio and Aleksander Bracik.

In E2 Killian Irigoyen took first place after Alex Walton lost the first position due to a penalty.

Another win for Lorenzo Macoritto in E3 class, always ahead of David Abgrall.

Maurizio Micheluz won again the Senior 40 European Cup, again according to Nico Rambow as Riccardo Chiappa closes the podium.

The hard-fought women's class saw Vilde Marie Holt won ahead of German Tanja Schlosser and Joana Goncalves.

The 50 cc Trophy saw its champion being crowned at the end of the day: Yuri Lombardo was on the highest step of the podium, while Matteo Fersini second and Manuel Savi third.

**Bajas European Championship:
the first event gets under way in Spain**



Round one of the Bajas European Championship got under way together with the FIM Bajas World Cup, the Spanish National Championship and FIA European Cup for Cross-Country Bajas.

Three days event through magnificent Badajoz, Alconchel, Santa Marta, Cheles and Zahinos cities, surrounded by Gwadiana river, natural border between Portugal and Spain. The schedule saw Friday's Prologue of 5,90 km along Gwadiana River, Saturday two Selective Section (SS) of 133 km and 201 km, Sunday two Selective Section (SS) of 79 km and 76 km. Total length of the race: 495 km of SS and additional 487 km.

Portuguese rider David Megre won ahead of Spanish Juan Jesús Sánchez and Freud González. Victory for Antoine Sanchez in the Quad category.

European Team Speedway Championship: Final A and Final B

Lights on the European Team Speedway Championship with Final A in Poland and Final B in the Czech Republic.



Well-known as Poland's principal seaport and country's fourth-largest metropolitan area, the city of Gdansk has been the perfect location for the Final A of the European Team Speedway Championship.

In front of 2.000 spectators the meeting was raced without delays, in a cloudy and cold weather. On home soil, team Poland ruled the competition from the beginning. The last heat decided the race, with team Swedish second and team French third.

Final A classification

1. Poland, 42 points
2. Sweden, 31 points
3. France, 24 points
4. Latvia, 23 points



Originally scheduled on Saturday, the final B of the European Team Speedway Championship was postponed to Sunday due to bad weather conditions.

The race in Pardubice saw the Danish team win with Mikkel Michelsen, Rasmus Jensen, Frederik Jakobsen, Andreas Lyager, Emil Breum. Second position for Great Britain ahead of Czech home riders and team Ukraina.

From the beginning of the competition, the Danish dominated the Final, while the fight for second place continued until the end. British rider Daniel Bewley ensured the promotion of the team in the last race, overtaking the Czech Vaclav Milik at the finish line.

The Final of the European Team Speedway Championship will take place on 22nd April in Stralsund, Germany: Great Britain, Poland, Germany and Denmark will fight for the win.

Final B classification

1. Denmark, 49 points
2. Great Britain, 33 points
3. Czech Republic, 32 points
4. Ukraina, 6 points