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European Team Speedway Championship: team Poland claims the title



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Sensational team Poland won the European Team Speedway Championship, claiming victory at the Grand Final at Stralsund in northern Germany.

The meeting was run on a well-prepared track in good weather conditions, even if a slight wind made the track hard to prepare.

In front of a huge crew of 3.000 spectators the Polish team started well and didn't drop the victory till the end. With 49 points it claimed the gold medal ahead of the Danish team, who got 35 points. Third position for Great Britain with 22 points.

In a hard-fought atmosphere World Champion Bartosz Zmarzlik and Szymon Wozniak scored 13 points for the Polish Team together with Dominik Kubera (12 points) and Jaroslaw Hampel (11 points).

Individual European Champion, Mikkel Michelsen, took 12 points for team Denmark, showing some nice overtaking.

For the British Team, Daniel Bewley scored 11 points and put a major step towards the podium for his team.

Fourth position for Germany, at the start with Kai Huckenbeck, who scored 8 points and a great heat win in his first heat against Zmarzlik. German Champion Norick Blödorn scored 6 points and had two second places.

Final classification

1. Poland, 49 points (Zmarzlik, Hampel, Wozniak, Kubera, Kowalski)
2. Denmark, 35 Points (Michelsen, Jakobsen, Jensen, Lyager, Breum)
3. Great Britain, 22 points (Bewley, Ellis, Brennan Worrall, Gilkes)

Yamaha R3 bLU cRU European Cup:

plenty of drama as R3 bLU cRU European Championship enjoys first races



The TT Circuit Assen played host to the first round of the 2023 Yamaha R3 bLU cRU European Championship, and two exciting and dramatic races were put on by the 19 young riders contesting the event. Italy's Emiliano Ercolani was the winner of Race 1, and Race



2's victor was Brazil's Gustavo Manso during the MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship's Pirelli Dutch Round.

Sunny skies and pleasant temperatures greeted the R3 paddock on Saturday morning for the opening race and the riders prepared for battle at the technical Dutch track. Bad luck hit Colombia's Jeronimo Gonzalez when he went down on the warm-up lap and was unable to start, and Brazil's Gustavo Manso was also forced to miss the first race due to extended medical checks following a crash on Friday.

The rest of the field got away cleanly as the lights went out and it was pole-sitter Aldi Satya Mahendra who made the initial break away, with a group of five riders chasing closely behind him. Once the pack closed up further, no fewer than four riders had a go at leading. But it was Italy's Emiliano Ercolani, last year's SuperFinale winner, who consistently made his way back to the front, he stayed calm and smooth to take the first victory of the season by just 0.039 seconds. Spain's Marc Vich finished second, and Brazil's Kevin Fontainha took third.

The start of the second race was tense as clouds closed in and light rain fell around the circuit, an initial race start was quickly red flagged as the precipitation increased. At the restart, Mahendra once again got the best launch, but a huge group of riders were fighting it out for top spot - providing some thrilling action for the watching crowds. Several changes of the lead were carried out over the 10-lap race, with Brazil's riders looking increasingly strong. Thailand's Krittapat Keankum crossed the line in first position but was later demoted to seventh due to a track limits penalty. The win eventually went to Manso, with his compatriots Eduardo Burr and Fontainha in second and third.

The R3 bLU cRU riders will be on track again on May 5th and 6th for Round 2 in Barcelona.

Hill Climb European Championship and Vintage Hill Climb European Championship



The Hill Climb European Championship and Vintage Hill Climb European Championship fire back into life last weekend with the first round of the season.

In a sunny spring day at Landshaag, Austria, the series delivered fireworks as 59 riders chase strong start-of-season results and important steps to the championship titles.

The organising Club, MSC Rottenegg, and staff from AMF professionally managed 31 riders of the Vintage Championship and 28 of the European Championship for a full day of fights.

Hill Climb European Championship - Winners of the event

Heat 1 / Heat 2

250 GP/Open - Guido Testoni, ITA

SSP 300 - Daniele Stolli, ITA

Supersport - Maurizio Bottalico, ITA

Superbike - Andreas Gangl, AUT

Supermoto Open - Carmine Matarazzo, ITA

Vintage Hill Climb European Championship - Winners of the event

Heat 1 / Heat 2



Classic 350 - Frank Seidl, GER
Classic 500 - Bert Heider, GER
125 GP - Guido Testoni, ITA
250 GP - Roberto Della Latta, ITA
Classic 500 - Bert Heider - GER
Classic 750 - Hermann Altenhuber, AUT
Classic Superbike - Wolfgang Deutschmann, GER
Sidecars 8a - Roland and Maria Gundinger, AUT
Sidecars 8b - Armin Pfalz and Dirk Lüttke, GER
Sidecars 8c - Peter and Helga Gierlinger, GER
Classic Special Open 9a - Stefan Dobler, AUT
Classic Special Open 9b - Reinhard Maier, AUT

Northern Talent Cup:

Levin Phommara claims a double win at the Cathedral of Speed



The TT Assen was the perfect venue for the first seasonal race of the Northern Talent Cup, racing the opening round with the Superbike World Championship.



Race 1

Swiss rider Levin Phommara (Team Phommara) claimed the first victory of the season in style at the famous TT Circuit Assen, finishing ahead of home hero Jurrien Van Crugten (BB64 Academy) and his brother, Lennox Phommara (Team Phommara), whom he beat by a whopping 25.303s in what proved to be a fascinating first encounter of the 2023 Northern Talent Cup. Conditions were tricky as moments before the race start the rain began to fall, with veterans and front row starters Rocco Sessler (MCA Racing) and Julius Frellsen (MCA Racing) dropping down the running order as the race progressed.

As the lights went out, it was Lennox Phommara who managed to grab the holeshot ahead of Dutchman Van Crugten, who had made a great start from fifth on the grid. It wasn't long though before Levin Phommara, who had started in 11th position, made his way to the front with an incisive overtake on Van Crugten, followed by a sweet move up the inside of Lennox Phommara to take the lead. From that point on only a mistake from the Swiss would see him give up first place, such was his confidence and prowess at the front of the chasing riders.

While the race settled down at the front, there was plenty of action elsewhere, with rain specialist Killian Holzer (HK Racing) surprising no one with his finesse in the awkward conditions. Starting in 10th he made his way quickly to fifth position where he had a long battle with a very much on-form Martin Vinzce (VM Racing Team) who defended expertly from the hungry Austrian. A last lap lunge by Holzer wasn't enough as he was forced off into the green and had to settle for fifth place, behind the Hungarian.

Further back, rookie Antoine Nativi impressed in a three-way battle that saw him claim an impressive seventh ahead of seasoned veterans Maxime Schmid (Team Schmid) and Filip Novotny (DG Corse). Veteran Matteo Masili (Fairium Next Generation Riders Team) had a day to forget finishing in P15, and further kudos to Van Crugten who claimed the Fastest Lap with a 1'59.811s.

Tom Kuil (Beekman Racing) was ruled unfit on Friday following a crash at the famous chicane which saw him pick up an ankle injury. Rookies Luis Rammerstorfer (Heating Factory Youngsters) and Anakin Zelenak (JRP Academy Racing Team) were forced to retire



following an incident on the sighting lap, with Zelenak paying a visit to the medical centre; he was declared fit following the check-up. There was also disappointment for home hero Kyano Schoo (KS Racing) who was forced to retire on lap 9 with a technical issue.

Race 2

Lenoxx Phommara (Team Phommara) made it a weekend to remember after taking a sensational win at the famous TT Circuit Assen, finishing ahead of rivals Rocco Sessler (MCA Racing) and Martin Vincze (VM Racing Team), following a closely fought battle between the three riders in the later stages of the race. Despite forecasts to the contrary, conditions remained dry for the race and provided the riders with a solid platform to showcase their talents.

It was Sessler who claimed the holeshot after getting a great start off the line, but he couldn't hold the lead for long as the determined Lenoxx Phommara blasted past him before the end of the first lap. On the second lap it was the turn of Jurrien van Crugten (BB64 Academy) to take the lead and for several laps the race continued like this, the lead changing hands as the top three of Sessler, van Crugten and Lenoxx Phommara fought hard and fair for the lead.

Further back, it was Killian Holzer (HK Racing) again who was making his way forward from 10th on the grid, setting the Fastest Lap on Lap 3. As the race progressed the lead group welcomed new riders into the fray, among them was Julius Frellsen (MCA Racing) who proved his worth as he made his way briefly to the front. Van Crugten dropped back to sixth as he was replaced by Holzer who made his way into third position. It was then the turn of a determined Matteo Masili (Fairium Next Generation Riders Team) to get into the mix, getting as high as fifth. But with 5 laps to go disaster struck! A collision between van Crugten and Masili saw the two riders crash out into the gravel, with an unfortunate Holzer getting caught up in the mix. All three retired from the race.

With four laps to go, it was the lead group composed of Sessler, Lenoxx Phommara and Vincze that caught most of the attention, a trident of young talent battling it out between themselves and swapping positions. As the race neared its end it appeared that Sessler

would take the win, but a beautifully timed last-lap overtake from Lenox Phommara sealed the deal and saw him lead the three across the line to take a sensational second win in the category. Behind them, it was rookie Antoine Nativi (CTM 83 Junior Team), again impressing, who led duo Filip Novotny and Race 1 winner Levin Phommara (Team Phommara) across the line to claim fourth.

Next up, the Northern Talent Cup field heads to the Sachsenring alongside IDM for Round 2 of the 2023 season from the 12th-14th May.

EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship: first round of the North Europe zone



The first round of the EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship North Europe zone officially kicked off last weekend in the beautiful city of Pärnu. Situated in southwest Estonia, it is the fourth largest city in Estonia, 128 km south of the capital, Tallinn, and it



sits off the coast of Pärnu Bay, an inlet of the Gulf of Riga, which is a part of the Baltic Sea.

The first seasonal race out of four saw almost 80 riders fought in good weather conditions in a friendly atmosphere.

The EMX85 class saw the undisputed superiority of home hero Travis Leok (Husqvarna), who ruled both heats followed by Lucas Leok (Husqvarna) and Michal Psiuk (KTM).

In EMX65, Estonian rider Theo Kolts (GasGas) took a double win ahead of home rider Gregor Lootus (KTM), twice second. In Race 1 third position for Enri Lustus (Husqvarna), while Race2 saw a hard-fought battle between Latvian riders Rainers Grasis (GasGas) and Patriks Cirulis.

Next round of the North Europe zone will take place in Olecko (Poland) on the 13th-14th May.

EMX85 Overall top three

1. Travis Leok, EST
2. Lucas Leok, EST
3. Michal Psiuk, POL

EMX65 Overall top three

1. Theo Kolts, EST
2. Gregor Lootus, EST
3. Rainers Grasis, LAT

EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship:
second round of the South East zone



After round one in Greece, the EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship - South East zone moved to Sevlievo, Bulgaria, for the second event of the season.

Despite two weeks of pouring rain in the region, the venue was well prepared and the GP Circuit of Gorna Rositza, famous for its epic uphill, was not an issue for the European riders.

In the absence of the zone leaders, the EMX85 class saw Bulgarian rider Georgi Ginov (KTM) did a perfect performance starting from Saturday up to the last three laps of Race 2 on Sunday. Unfortunately for him, a flat tyre took him out of competition and the Serbian rider Vuk Gajic (KTM) took the Overall win thanks to a better second race, tied for points with Ginov. With two third places, the third step of the podium went to Hasan Husein Bas (KTM) from Turkey.



In EMX65 Anna Kolnokoov (KTM) from Serbia managed to win both heats without any mistakes ahead of home riders Nikolay Pavlov (Yamaha) and Pavel Markov (KTM). Turkish rider Efe Okur (KTM), one of the top contenders in the class, unfortunately had mechanical problems in the warm up and was not able to show his talent in the main races.

Next round of the series will take place in Afyonkarahisar (Turkey) on the 20th-21st May.

EMX85 Overall top three

1. Vuk Gajic, SER
2. Georgi Ginov, BUL
3. Hasan Husein Bas, TUR

EMX65 Overall top three

1. Anna Kolnokoov, SER
2. Nikolay Pavlov, BUL
3. Pavel Markov, BUL