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**Snowcross European Championship:
Gustav Salomonsson triumphed and clinched the title**



The Snowcross European Championship displayed an amazing show for all the large crowd present in Kirkenes, Norway, together with the FIM Snowcross World Championship and FIM Women's Snowcross World Cup.

In the town, far away behind the arctic circle, polar day has just begun and riders could enjoy light 24 hour a day. The Kirkenes Motorklubb hosted the event celebrating its 20th anniversary and sunshine and freezing temperature kept the 650-meter-long snow track in perfect conditions. Kirkenes was an amazing place for the series, as Snowmobiles are really important for the region as they are one of the prime vehicle choices to move around the region by locals. The city is also well known for its Snowhotel, which is the only ice hotel opened all year.

The perfect conditions were reunited to offer an amazing and special show with number of spectators coming to enjoy this amazing sport. The day started with a remarkable

Opening Ceremony which included a song performed by Famous Norwegian singer Kevin Boine and a speech of the Norwegian Minister of Transport, Jon Ivar Nygard. The ceremony was followed by the spectacular freestyle snowcross show with Rasmus Johanson putting on an incredible demonstration.

17 riders fought for the European title.

With a confidently and perfect 1-1 and a spectacular performance, Swedish rider Gustav Salomonsson won the European title ruling both the heats. Double second position for Emil Mikalsen, from Norway, followed by Jan Even Romsdal in third.

Top three

1. Gustav Salomonsson (50 points)
2. Emil Mikalsen (44 points)
3. Jan Even Romsdal (36 points)

Individual Speedway Euro Championship: QR2, QR3, QR4



With all the Qualifying round held with success, we finally got to know the line-up for SEC Challenge, which will take place on May 14 in Nagyhalasz, Hungary.



SEC Challenge participants

1. Grzegorz Zengota (Poland)
2. Jan Kvech (Czech Rep.)
3. Martin Smolinski (Germany)
4. Mads Hansen (Denmark)
5. Antonio Lindbaeck (Sweden)
6. Andreas Lyager (Denmark)
7. Kacper Woryna (Poland)
8. Frederik Jakobsen (Denmark)
9. Timo Lahti (Finland)
10. Antti Vuolas (Finland)
11. Dimitri Berge (France)
12. Michael Jepsen Jensen (Denmark)
13. Szymon Woźniak (Poland)
14. Andzejs Lebedevs (Latvia)
15. Jacob Thorssell (Sweden)
16. Niels Kristian Iversen (Denmark)

QR2

Mureck - Austria

After six years the SEC was back in action in Mureck, Austria, for the QR2 of the series. Timo Lahti scored 14 and won the fourth qualifying round. Unexpectedly, the second place went to another representative of Finland, Antti Vuolas. Haapajärvi born rider scored 13, and defeated much more experienced riders like Kai Huckenbeck. The third place was taken by Dimitri Berge, who won four races in a row, ended the meeting with 12 points. The last place which provides the promotion to SEC Challenge went to Michael Jepsen Jensen (12).

Results



1. Timo Lahti, FIN, 14
2. Antti Vuolas, FIN, 13
3. Dimitri Berge, FRA, 12+3
4. Michael Jepsen Jensen, DEN, 12+2

QR3

Debrecen - Hungary

Lots of surprising results happen in the meeting held in Debrecen, Hungary. Szymon Woźniak scored 13 and got a promotion from the first place. Other three places which guaranteed start in Nagyhalasz were taken by Andzejs Lebedevs, Jacob Thorssell and Niels Kristian Iversen. Each one of them scored 12 points.

Results

1. Szymon Woźniak, POL, 13
2. Andzejs Lebedevs, LAT, 12+3
3. Jacob Thorssell, SWE, 12+2
4. Niels Kristian Iversen, DEN, 12+1

QR4

Daugavpils - Latvia

Anotnio Lindbaeck, Andreas Lyager, Kacper Woryna and Frederik Jakobsen secured spots in SEC Challenge, thanks to the great performances made in qualifying round in Daugavpils, Latvia.

It was a fantastic evening for the silver medallist of SEC 2015, Lindbaeck, who scored 14 points, and lost only one point in the last heat of the meeting, in which he crossed the finish line behind Lyager. The Dane scored 13, and got promoted from second place. Woryna and Jakobsen scored 12 each.

Results

1. Antonio Lindbaeck, SWE, 14
2. Andreas Lyager, DEN, 13
3. Kacper Woryna, POL, 12
4. Frederik Jakobsen, DEN, 12

EMX 65 / EMX 85 and EMX Women' European Championship

Last weekend the EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship saw the first race of the South West zone and the third one of the Central Europe zone together with the second round of the EMX Women' European Championship.



Dardon Guegnon, in France, started the 2023 season of the South West zone. The technical track in the beautiful French area, close to the Parc Naturel du Morvan, hosted the first round with 38 riders in EMX65 and 41 in EMX85.

The first race of the EMX85 saw David Cracco (Husqvarna) took the holeshot. Halfway, the Italian rider was passed by the 2022 EMX65 Champion Ricardo Bauer (KTM) and the Swiss rider Ryan Oppliger. At the end, the qualification winner, the Italian Nicolo Alvisi (GasGas),



made his way up from the middle, passing Opligger and finished second. Race 2 saw French rider Sleny Goyer (KTM) lead from the first lap until the end. Cracco tried to keep the pace fighting for the second position, but Bauer had the best ahead of Alvisi.

In EMX65 double win for Alex Novak (KTM). Both in Race 1 and Race 2 the Slovenian rider lead from start to finish ahead of Tim Lopes (GasGas) and Taj Golez (Husqvarna).

EMX65 top three

1. Alex Novak, SLO
2. Tim Lopes, FRA
3. Taj Golez, SLO

EMX85 top three

1. Ricardo Bauer, AUS
2. Nicolo Alvisi, ITA
3. Sleny Goyer, FRA

The city of Prisanawicz, in Germany, welcomed 122 riders in fight for the Central Europe zone and the Women Championship.

In EMX65 British Harry Dale (KTM) took again a double win and signed the third success in a row. Behind him, double second position for German rider Luca Nierychlo (Husqvarna), while Teunis Spijkerman (GasGas) finished third overall thanks to 4-3.

In EMX85 the races were very disputed. Race 1 saw Dean Gregoire (KTM) lead from start to finish and won ahead of Dex Van Den Broek (KTM) and Dani Heitink (Husqvarna). Race 2 was more exciting and had a different ruler: Jarne Bervoets (KMT) managed to win ahead of Gregoire, who took the overall victory, and Heitink, third overall.



Single event for the EMX Women' European Championship. Third win in a row for the Dutch Lotte Van Drunnen (Kawasaki), even more leader of the series. Behind, second position for Mathea Selebo (Yamaha), while Alexandra Massury (KTM) was third. In EMX Women 125cc Lucy Barker (KTM) scored his second victory ahead of Swedish Tyra Bäckström and Elsa Andersson Löf.

EMX65 top three

1. Hary Dale, GBR
2. Luca Nierychlo, GER
3. Teunis Spijkerman, NED

EMX85 top three

1. Dean Gregoire, NED
2. Jarne Bervoets, BEL
3. Dani Heitink, NED

EMX Women top three

1. Lotte Van Drunnen, NED
2. Mathea Selebø, NOR
3. Alexandra Massury, GER

EMX Women 125cc top three

1. Lucy Barker, GBR
2. Tyra Bäckström, SWE
3. Elsa Andersson Löf, SWE

**EMX125 and EMX250 European Championship:
Bonacorsi heroic winner in while Reisulis continues his domination**



What a third round for the EMX250 and EMX125 European Championships in Agueda, Portugal, were both classes put on the show. We are now starting to see clear favourites performing rounds after rounds.

In EMX250, the Red Plate and favourite Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing Team's Andrea Bonacorsi won in a formidable manner after dealing with problems on his bike in race 2. It was in front of BT Racing Team's Kay Karssemakers and VRT KTM Factory Juniors' Ferruccio Zanchi.

In EMX125 presented by FMF Racing, MJC Yamaha Official EMX125's Janis Martin Reisulis got his second win of the season in front of 737 Performers GASGAS's Mathis Valin and Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Maximilian Werner.

EMX250

Race 1 saw an eventful first lap where it was Ferruccio Zanchi who came out of the first turn leading the pack right in front of Championship leader Andrea Bonacorsi. A tight battle ensued as Bonacorsi took the lead early to see Zanchi taking it back few turns



later. Eventually, Bonacorsi's power was too much for Zanchi on lap 2 as Bonacorsi made his pass stick to keep the lead until the end of the race comfortably. Zanchi finished solidly 2nd.

Behind them Kay Karssemakers also showed his speed as he was in contact with the front two early on in the race along with Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Alexis Fueri. In the end Karssemakers had to settle for a good 3rd place while Fueri did not maintain the speed until the end as he went from 4th place on lap 11 to 6th in the end.

It was the opposite for Bud Racing Kawasaki's Quentin Prugnieres and RFME GASGAS MXJUNIOR TEAM's Samuel Nilsson who both gain positions. Prugnieres went from 7th in lap 1 to get several overtakes to find himself on lap 8 behind RFME GASGAS MXJUNIOR TEAM's Gerard Congost who was 5th at the time. Congost then had a big crash as he tried to overtake Fueri for 4th and had to retire from the race. Prugnieres found himself 5th after that incident and kept going to overtake Fueri for 4th on lap 11. Nilsson was 10th on lap 1 and also kept charging up to get to 5th in the end.

Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Cas Valk had a strong race too and stayed within the top 10 throughout the race to get finally finish 7th. It went similarly for WZ RACING TEAM's Cato Nickel who went from 6th on lap 1 to end up at a good 8th place.

The good operation was for KTM SB Racing's Nico Greutmann who showed determination to move up the leader board after getting an average start and get to 14th on lap 1. The young Swiss methodically kept overtaking riders in front of him to finish 9th at the checkered flag.

The winner of the Trentino Round, KTM Beddini Racing Team's Valerio Lata could not show the same spark nor find the same rhythm as two weeks ago and had to settle for 10th in the end.

In race 2, It was Team VRT KTM Factory Juniors' Marc-Antoine Rossi who showed all his talent to win the race and make clever passes as he went from 4th on lap 1 1st on lap 11. He overtook Karssemakers, solid leader up to that point and kept the lead until the end. Karssemakers settled for 2nd.



Bonacorsi, who ended on the 3rd position, had an eventful second race as he got some clutch problems due to being overtaken by M-A Rossi and having the bikes touched. However, Bonacorsi showed all his mental throughout the whole race and amazing talent. Bonacorsi had to race a major part of the race with a clutch problem as mentioned earlier and while he was 3rd on lap 11, the Red Plate stalled in a turn and moved down to 5th with 4 laps to go. However, heroically made few passes to get back up to 3rd overtaking his teammate Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing Team's Karlis Reisulis. It was synonymous of overall win for Bonacorsi.

Reisulis who led over the first three laps finished in an encouraging 4th place. Prugnieres continued his good weekend as he made a good start in 5th to keep the same position until the end. Zanchi had to battle to get up the rank as he found himself 8th on lap 1 to then show good speed and ending up at an important 6th place to get on the podium.

It was also a solid performance for Meico Vettik who managed to get into the top 10 on lap 8 and even managed to get to 7th in the last couple of laps as he overtook Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing Team's Ivano Van Erp and Valk successively. Van Erp who was not on his best form finished the weekend with a 21-9 while Valk stayed solidly in the top 10 with a 7-8.

It was damage control for Lata as he managed to get to 10th in this race to score some important points in the Championship Standing but still lost his 2nd spot to Karssemakers. In the end, Andrea Bonacorsi managed with a strong will and talent to get his second overall win of the season while Kay Karssemakers made a good operation with his solid racing getting second on the podium and second in the Championship Standings. Ferruccio Zanchi also rode very well in Portugal getting a well deserve back-to-back podium.

EMX250 - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, YAM), 45 points; 2. Kay Karssemakers (NED, HUS), 42 p.; 3. Ferruccio Zanchi (ITA, KTM), 37 p.; 4. Marc-Antoine Rossi (FRA, KTM), 35 p.; 5. Quentin Marc Prugnieres (FRA, KAW), 34 p.; 6. Cas Valk (NED, FAN), 27 p.; 7. Karlis Alberts Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 26 p.; 8. Valerio Lata (ITA, KTM), 22 p.; 9. Samuel Nilsson (ESP, GAS), 22 p.; 10. Meico Vettik (EST, TM), 21 p.



EMX250 - Championship Top 10 Classification: 1. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, YAM), 142 points; 2. Kay Karssemakers (NED, HUS), 107 p.; 3. Valerio Lata (ITA, KTM), 97 p.; 4. Cas Valk (NED, FAN), 93 p.; 5. Marc-Antoine Rossi (FRA, KTM), 90 p.; 6. Ferruccio Zanchi (ITA, KTM), 90 p.; 7. Quentin Marc Prugnieres (FRA, KAW), 79 p.; 8. Karlis Alberts Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 77 p.; 9. Ivano Van Erp (NED, YAM), 72 p.; 10. Alexis Fueri (FRA, FAN), 61 p.

EMX125

In EMX125 Race 1, it was all about Janis Martin Reisulis once again as the young Latvian took the lead from Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Elias Escandell during the first lap and kept the lead until the finish line to win his 3rd race of the season. Escandell managed a solid race too as the Spanish riders kept his 2nd spot until the end.

Mathis Valin had a really steady and uneventful race as he stayed behind the front two in 3rd throughout the whole race. The performance of the race was for Alban Alm who following an average start being 12th on lap 1, the Swede managed overtake many times to finally got to 4th in the end.

Salvador Perez displayed some good speed and managed to kept it up until the end. He went from 7th on lap 1 to a very solid 5th place in the end. He also overtook Maximilian Werner along the way on lap 5 for 4th but conceded one place at the end to finish 5th. Werner had a great start but got overtaken few times to finish at the 8th place.

Francisco Garcia managed a good come back from 12th on lap 1 to a 6th place in the end, more in line with his past performance this season. Behind him Noel Zanocz, who went up and down as he overtook few riders early on to get from 8th to 6th but then settled for 7th in the end.

While JK Racing Yamaha's Nicola Salvini rode a steady and consistent race finishing 10th, Richard Paatmade is entry into the top 10 for the first time this season. Paat kept his speed all throughout the race and showed good technique along the way to get from 13th to 9th in the end.

In race 2, it was the time for Valin to get back to the top as he did in on the first round in Switzerland. After a rapid start, Valin led the race from start to finish as he never looked back and even increased his advantage for an easy win. Behind Valin, Reisulis was quick



to get to 2nd after lap 1 but crashed down on lap 3 to move down to 4th. However his speed and talent spoke for themselves as he managed to get back up to 2nd and overtaking Fredsoe on lap 7 and his Werner on lap 12 for 2nd. Fredsoe ended up at the 5th place. Werner settled for 3rd in the end to get on the podium while Garcia made another comeback from 9th to 4th in the end. Alm kept the consistent riding he showed throughout the weekend to get to 6th for a 6th overall.

After getting 12th in race 1, Vitezslav Marek got back to his usual riding performance as he finished 7th staying within the top 10 during the whole race. Behind him were Nicola Salvini and Alfio Samuele Pulvirenti who finished in 8th and 9th respectively. Closing the top 10 was Zanocz who managed to overtake Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Niccolo Mannini on lap 7 for 10th and never gave hi position. Mannini finished 11th.

In the end Janis Martin Reisulis dominated once again in front of Mathis Valin second, back to his best with a race win and Maximilian Werner making a back-to back podium with the third spot on the podium.

EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing - Overall Top 10 Classification 1. Janis Martins Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 47 points; 2. Mathis Valin (FRA, GAS), 45 p.; 3. Maximilian Werner (GER, FAN), 33 p.; 4. Francisco Garcia (ESP, GAS), 33 p.; 5. Laban Alm (SWE, HUS), 33 p.; 6. Elias Escandell (ESP, FAN), 30 p.; 7. Noel Zanocz (HUN, KTM), 25 p.; 8. Nicola Salvini (ITA, YAM), 24 p.; 9. Vitezslav Marek (CZE, KTM), 23 p.; 10. Mads Fredsoe (DEN, KTM), 16p.

EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing - Championship Top 10 Classification: 1. Janis Martins Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 132 points; 2. Mathis Valin (FRA, GAS), 111 p.; 3. Elias Escandell (ESP, FAN), 102 p.; 4. Maximilian Werner (GER, FAN), 95 p.; 5. Vitezslav Marek (CZE, KTM), 89 p.; 6. Laban Alm (SWE, HUS), 86 p.; 7. Francisco Garcia (ESP, GAS), 83 p.; 8. Gyan Doensen (NED, KTM), 71 p.; 9. Nicola Salvini (ITA, YAM), 66 p.; 10. Mads Fredsoe (DEN, KTM), 58 p.

Women's European Championship: the season kicked off in Italy



With the first round out of six, the Women's European Championship kicked off at the Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli, Italy.

Race 1

Starting from the pole position, Roberta Ponziani ruled by trying to gain a margin over her pursuers. Beatriz Neila Santos finished five tenths behind: the reigning champion tried to win, but had to settle with the second place, ahead of Sara Cabrini, third.

Rookie Natalia Rivera was only 57 thousandths off the podium, but made her debut with an excellent fourth place ahead of Aurelia Cruciani, fifth at the chequered flag.

Good performance for the Israeli Ran Yochay, sixth ahead of Patrycja Sowa, seventh, Martina Guarino, eighth, and Mia Rusthen, ninth. Beatrice Barbera rounded out the top 10.

Race 2

Perfect weekend for Roberta Ponziani, who also in Race 2 had an impressive pace and won ahead of Beatriz Neila Santos for just 129 thousandths. Third position for Sara Cabrini. Natalia Rivera finished fourth in Race 2 too, but she signed the fastest lap (1'52"483). The

Spanish rider preceded Aurelia Cruciani, fifth. Chilean Isis Carreño was sixth, Norwegian Mia Rusthen seventh, Israeli rider Ran Yochay was eighth ahead of Austrian Lena Kemmer. South African Jessica Howden closed the top ten.

S4 and SM Junior European Championship: Kevin Vandt and Andrea Benvenuti ruled the opening round



The S4 and SM Junior European Championship season kicked off last weekend in Busca, Italy.

S4 Race 1

With a tremendous start, Alex Jimenez Ruiz (L30 Racing TM Factory) took control of the S4 Race 1 soon after the start, chased by Francisco Requena Gomez (Husqvarna) and Kevin Vandt (L30 Racing TM Factory). The second lap saw a dramatic turn of events when Ruiz slipped, and Vandt took advantage of the situation to overtake Gomez and move up to first place. The rider of the L30 Racing Team set an unbeatable race pace and opened a solid gap over rivals, eventually winning the race. Behind the race leader, Gomez and Lorenzo Papalini (L30 Racing TM Factory) were the protagonists of a hard-fought battle.



Papalini crashed while trying to overtake his rival, so that the Spanish rider got the green light for the second spot. Alex Ruiz ran from the last position and qualified third after a tremendous recovery.

S4 Race 2

As the red lights blinked off Alex Jimenez Ruiz (L30 Racing TM Factory) stretched away at the front to take the lead, followed by team-mate Kevin Vandí (L30 Racing TM Factory). Vandí pressed team-mate for the first laps so that he made a mistake in the fourth one and Vandí could overtake him. Kevin pulled away for a solo victory. During the race Ruiz had to defend himself from Francisco Requena Gomez (Husqvarna), who tried to take the second position away from him.

After the two resounding victories, Kevin Vandí won the GP followed by team-mate Alex Jimenez Ruiz. Francisco Requena Gomez was third.

S4 Classification Top Ten

1. VANDI Kevin (ITA, TM) Pts. 50,000 (25+25); 2. RUIZ JIMENEZ Alex (ESP, TM) Pts. 42,000 (20+22); 3. GOMEZ REQUENA Francisco (ESP, husqvarna) Pts. 42,000 (22+20); 4. SCIORSCI Alex (ITA, Honda) Pts. 34,000 (18+16); 5. PAPALINI Lorenzo (ITA, TM) Pts. 31,000 (13+18); 6. NAVARRIA Antonino Achille (ITA, Honda) Pts. 31,000 (16+15); 7. ULLRICH Paul (GER, TM) Pts. 28,000 (14+14); 8. DELONG Alexis (FRA, TM) Pts. 27,000 (15+12); 9. STAAB Marie-Louise (GER, TM) Pts. 25,000 (12+13); 10. KANCHEV Krasen (BUL, KTM) Pts. 0,000 (0+0).

SM Junior Race 1

The SM Junior featured a breathtaking battle among the top three riders of the standings. Matej Kokes (Husqvarna) was chased by Nathan Terraneo (KTM) and Andrea Benvenuti (KTM), but the Czech rider did not manage to stretch away and leave rivals behind. Andrea Benvenuti prevailed over Terraneo and went after the race leader, trying to overtake him multiple times. Kokes slipped at the beginning of the final lap and handed the victory straight to Benvenuti, who finished in front of Terraneo.

SM Junior Race 2



Nathan Terraneo (KTM) was the author of a phenomenal start and led the race followed by Matej Kokes (Husqvarna) and Race 1 winner Andrea Benvenuti (KTM). Terraneo tried to open a gap but could not make it. Kokes crashed halfway through the race, so Benvenuti moved forward and chased Terraneo. The Italian rider attacked his rival on the final lap and won Race 2.

SM Junior Classification Top Ten

1. BENVENUTI Andrea (ITA, KTM) Pts. 50,000 (25+25); 2. TERRANEO Nathan (SUI, KTM) Pts. 44,000 (22+22); 3. KOKES Matej (CZE, Husqvarna) Pts. 40,000 (20+20); 4. EBELMANN Rasmus (EST, Husqvarna) Pts. 36,000 (18+18); 5. ANDREOTTI Riccardo (ITA, KTM) Pts. 31,000 (15+16); 6. MAIMONTE Mattia (BEL, TM) Pts. 31,000 (16+15); 7. CORNOLTI Daniele (ITA, TM) Pts. 28,000 (14+14); 8. MOOSES Robin Robert (EST, Husqvarna) Pts. 23,000 (10+13); 9. IVANOVA Polina (BUL, Kawasaki) Pts. 23,000 (13+10); 10. BANG Lorenz (GER, KTM) Pts. 22,000 (11+11).