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## European Motoball Champions Cup: back in action!



After 4 years without any international competitions the Motoball Club of Kretinga, in Lithuania, welcomed more than 7.000 visitors for the first round of the European Motoball Champions Cup. Fast games, technical finesse and hard, but fair fights, and a lot of goals: this is exactly what the Motoball Commission was expecting from this new format.

### Day 1

#### Troyes - Kuppenheim, 3 : 4

In the first match the French champion Suma Troyes met with the German champion Puma Kuppenheim. After a tight game the German team won with 3:4. Both teams were not able to arrive with the complete line up due to different reason, but it was Motoball on the highest level. There were passes, fast breaks, 7 goals and spectacular falls, without



significant injuries. There was only a short moment of shock when Suma Troyes received a hard shot to the head, but after a 5-minute break from treatment, he was able to continue playing.

#### **Kretinga - Troyes, 4 : 1**

The game started with high speed and within short term the home team scored the first goal under the enthusiastic cheers of the spectators. In the following quarters Kretinga scored 2 more goals, before Suma Troyes could close the gap to 3:1. In the final quarter numerous goal chances were thwarted by both goalkeepers, so that only Kretinga could score one time more.

#### **Day 2**

#### **Kretinga - Kuppenheim, 1 : 5**

The Lithuanian team scored already after 5 minutes, but the German one fought back and scored 2 times within 1 minute. Kuppenheim first converted a penalty kick and scored directly after with a fast break. In the second and third period both teams had a lot of chances, but either the massive defence, the goalpost or the great goal keepers prevented further hits. In the last quarter Kretinga Team lost their coach and captain, which could not start due to a technical defect. The German champion took advantage of the opportunity and scored 3 times within a few minutes. The game was decided and Kuppenheim won with 1:5.

## EMX 65 / EMX 85 and EMX Women' European Championship

The EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship - North Europe zone and EMX Women' European Championship were back in action in Olecko, in north-eastern Poland, for their second and third round.



In EMX65 ruled the Estonian riders. Overall win for Theo Lotts (GasGas) thanks to a double second position. 22 + 22 points were enough for him to grab the first step of the podium ahead of Gregor Lootus (KTM) and Robin Robert Mooses (Husqvarna), who both took a win and a third place.

In EMX85 another amazing triumph for Estonian rider Travis Leok (Husqvarna), who took the first step of the overall podium with a majestic double win. Another second overall position for Lucas Leok (Husqvarna), who finished in P2 both in race 1 and race 2. Fight for the third place between the Polish Michal Psiuk (KTM) and Latvian rider Jekabs Hudolejs (GasGas) with a third and fourth position each.



In the EMX Women' European Championship the Dutch Lotte Van Drunnen (Kawasaki) took the sixth win in a row and the third overall win of the season after the successes in Slagelse and Prisannewitz. Behind, another second position for Mathea Selebo (Yamaha) and third for Alexandra Massury (KTM). In EMX Women 125cc Lucy Barker (KTM) scored her third victory ahead of Swedish rider Tyra Bäckström (GasGas) and Elsa Andersson Löf (KTM).

**EMX65 top three**

1. Theo Lolts, EST
2. Gregor Lootus, EST
3. Robin Robert Mooses, EST

**EMX85 top three**

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

**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

## Women's European SSP 300 Cup: double win for Santos



The action got underway at the Ricardo Tormo Circuit in Valencia, Spain, where the Women's European SSP 300 Cup raced round two together with ESBK.

### Race 1

On her home track Beatriz Neila Santos won taking advantage of Roberta Ponziani's crash. Natalia Rivera took the first podium finishing second ahead of Aurelia Cruciani. There were a lot of different nationalities behind the top three, with the Chilean Isis Carreño fourth, the Mexican Astrid Madrigal fifth and the Austrian Lena Kemmer sixth.

### Race 2

Once more Beatriz Neila Santos had no rivals on home soil: the reigning champion won also Race 2. Starting from the pole position, the Spanish rider set the pace immediately, gaining an advantage from the first lap and managing it until the chequered flag. Behind her, Roberta Ponziani crashed and gave way to a group of four riders fighting for the podium. While Santos was dominating, Isis Carreño, Sara Cabrini, Aurelia Cruciani and Natalia Rivera were lighting up the race with great battles. The Chilean got the better

finishing second ahead of the Italian, third by just one thousandth. At the end of a great battle, Cruciani was fourth and ahead of Rivera.

### Enduro European Championship:

Matej Skuta claimed double overall victory in Portuguese round



The second round of the Enduro European Championship was hosted in Santa Marta de Penaguião, Portugal.

#### Day1

Matej Skuta topped in all the three special tests: after the missing victory in Fabriano, the Czechoslovak rider managed to end the day with the best time ever. Second step of the podium for the French rider Diego Houton, who managed to maintain a good pace in all the special tests. David Abgrall, former European Champion, managed to finish third overall despite a small crash in the second lap.

The Youth class was won by French rider Romain Dagna ahead of Luca Colorio and Davide Mei, who took the podium for the first time.



Third victory in a row for Riccardo Fabris in Junior 1, while the Polish rider Dawid Babicz was second and Nicola Paolucci third. In Junior 2 Matej Skuta got a second gold; Diego Hauton was second and Quentin Tournier third.

Third consecutive success for Andrea Beier: the German ruled the Enduro1 class and strengthened his leadership. Second position for Polish rider Aleksander Bracik, while Patrick Irmischer was third.

Alex Walton took his first win in Enduro 2 ahead of Yann Dupic and championship leader Killian Irigoien.

In the Enduro 3 class first win for David Abgrall; behind him the reigning champion Dietger Damiaens and Gabriel Chetnicki.

Third success in a row also for Maurizio Micheluz: the Italian rider won again the Senior class, this time ahead of the German Nico Rambow and André Decker.

Vilde Marie Holt topped the Women Class, getting the second victory of the season.

## Day2

Double win for Matej Skuta, who turned out to be the overall best rider. David Abgrall improved and finished second, while the young Romain Dagna finished third.

Romain Dagna won again the Youth Class ahead of the Italian Luca Colorio.

Fourth win in a row for Riccardo Fabris in Junior 1, where Dawid Babicz and Nicolò Paolucci confirmed the second and third position. In the Junior 2 class another success for Matej Skuta.

Fourth victory in a row also for Andreas Beier: the German rider had another excellent performance which led him to finish again on the top of Enduro 1. Second position for Aleksander Bracik, while Patrick Irmischer was third.

Double success for Alex Walton too. The English rider triumphed again in the E2 class ahead of Yann Dupic and Killian Irigoien.

The second overall position allowed David Abgrall to take his second win in the E3 class. European Champion Dietger Damiaens finished second while Roberto Da Canal third.

Fourth victory in a row also for Maurizio Micheluz in the Senior Class.

The Women class saw the hard-fought battle between Vilde Marie Holt and Tanja Schlosser: in the end the Norwegian won, while Joana Gongalves finished third.

### Individual Speedway Euro Championship: Berge wins SEC challenge



In Nagyhalasz, Hungary, we finally met the next five participants of the SEC - Individual Speedway Euro Championship.

Dimitri Berge, Kacper Woryna, Jan Kvech, Grzegorz Zengota and Andreas Lyager advanced to the series and will fight for the title of Individual European Champion.

The Frenchman sealed his promotion already in the fourth series, when he reached the finish line first for the fourth consecutive time and got 12 points. He recorded his first defeat only in race 19, in which he was third.

Promotion to the TAURON SEC series was won by two representatives of Poland - Kacper Woryna and Grzegorz Zengota. Both scored 10 points each, and their promotion means that we will see at least five Poles in the fight for the title of Individual European





Champion. In addition to Woryna and Zengota, Janusz Kolodziej, Patryk Dudek and Dominik Kubera will also take part in TAURON SEC.

Jan Kvech will leave Nagyhalasz extremely satisfied. The Czech collected 10 points, which ensured his promotion to the series from the third place. It is worth to mention, that this year's final of the Individual European Championship will be held on September 22nd in Pardubice, and for now, Kvech is the only representative of the hosts. The 22-year-old will face the chance to perform in front of his crowd for the second time in a row. A year ago, during the TAURON SEC 2022 final, the SGP 2 silver medallist performed very successfully and finished eighth.

After the main phase of racing in Nagyhalasz, five riders had nine points each. They were Andreas Lyager, Antonio Lindbaeck, Szymon Wozniak, Niels Kristian Iversen and Mads Hansen. To decide who would take the fifth place - the last spot which provide a promotion, we had a four-race tournament, in which Lyager was the best. The Dane reached two additional victories and he got promoted to the TAURON Speedway Euro Championship 2023.