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Individual Grass Track European Championship:
SF1 in Germany



DMSC Bielefeld have been hosting Grass Track events for 50 years and staging successful FIM and FIM Europe Championship events at the Leineweberring, a big 700 metre Grass Track Circuit, in Bielefeld, in the north of Germany. The first being in 1985, with the UEM Semi Final event.

This year was no exception with fast, close and very competitive racing throughout the day, with this event being the first of two Semi Final.

The starting line-up consisted of 18 riders from 7 nations (Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Netherlands, and Germany), with the top 9 riders qualifying through to the European Final, which will take place at Werlte, Germany, on 22nd July.

The meeting was held on a hot sunny day, but due to the recent wet weather in north Germany, there was a grippy patch on part of the 3rd and 4th bend, which lead to a few

incidents early in the meeting. However, with a lot of work being undertaken by the track staff, improvements were made which then led to some very competitive racing and no further accidents.

The highlight of the day was the last race (the A Final), in which English rider Chris Harris, swapped places with “Flying Dutchman” Romano Hummel during the last two laps with Harris, just beating Hummel over the finish line by half a wheel.

The next event of the series will be held on 1st July in Tayac, in the South of France.

Top three

1. Chris Harris, GBR
2. Romano Hummel, NED
3. Jannick de Jong, NED

EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship - Central Europe zone EMX Women' European Championship



With the event in Vel'ké Uherce, Slovakia, the EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship - Central Europe zone raced its fourth and last round.



In EMX65 another amazing success for the British Harry Dale (KTM), who took his seventh and eighth victory in a row. 200 full points made him the best rider of the Central Europe zone. In Slovakia he won ahead of German Luca Nierychlo (Husqvarna), second and third, and Brian Gzles (KTM), fifth and second. The fourth overall position in Vel'ké Uherce and 38 points make Kenzo Jaspers (GasGas) grab the second in the standings, while Nierychlo is third.

In EMX85 the races and the zone leadership were very disputed. Dean Gregoire (KTM) won Race 1, while Dex Van Den Broek (KTM) ruled Race 2 after the third position in the first heat. Double second for Jarne Bervoets (KMT), who with a total of 172 points is the best rider of the Central Europe zone. Second place in the standings for Dani Heitink (Husqvarna), ahead of Gregoire.

EMX65 top three

1. Hary Dale, GBR
2. Luca Nierychlo, GER
3. Brian Gzles, GBR

EMX85 top three

1. Dex Kooiker, NED
2. Jame Bervoets, BEL
3. Moritz Ernecker, BEL

Fifth round of the season for the EMX Women' European Championship.

Lotte Van Drunnen (Kawasaki) is keeping on ruling the series. In Slovakia the Dutch signed her ninth and tenth success, once more ahead of Mathea Selebo (Yamaha), second, and Elena Kapsamer (GasGas), third.

In EMX Women 125cc Lucy Barker (KTM) scored her fifth overall victory, always ahead of Swedish rider Tyra Bäckström (GasGas). Third position for Elsa Andersson Löf (KTM).



EMX Women top three

1. Lotte Van Drunnen, NED
2. Mathea Selebø, NOR
3. Elena Kapsamer, AUT

EMX Women 125cc top three

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

Yamaha R3 bLU cRU European Cup:

Ercolani and Mahendra make it happen in Italy with a victory each



Thrilling weekend for the Yamaha R3 bLU cRU European Cup. Italy's Emiliano Ercolani took a spectacular victory in Race 1 on home race at Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli, while Aldi Satya Mahendra took a first ever win for Indonesia in the R3 bLU cRU European Championship in a thrilling Race 2.



Race 1 saw Mahendra take the holeshot, leading the field of 21 riders into the first corners of the Italian circuit. Before the race could settle into a rhythm there was a dramatic crash between Mert Konuk, Christian Stringhetti and Apostolos Kamzelis. All three riders emerged uninjured but Konuk would have to serve a double long lap penalty in Race 2 for his part in the incident. After this the riders broke into two groups, but the action remained intense. Mahendra and Ercolani swapped places countless times, but they also had to watch out for the advances of Krittapat Keankum, pole-sitter Kevin Fontainha and Marc Vich. With the home crowd on his side, Ercolani displayed his usual impressive determination to keep returning to the head of the pack. The Italian finished victorious in front of his adoring fan club, increasing his title lead in the process. Keankum took second, and Mahendra third.

Saturday afternoon brought scorching track temperatures, providing perfect grip for the 10-lap dash of Race 2. Mahendra shot to the front once again, but he found himself heading an enormous lead group of 12 riders for the entire race. More than five riders had a go at hitting the front as the freight train spread across the track. Brazil's Gustavo Manzo was ready to take the fight to Mahendra, but the huge battle culminated in the Indonesian holding firm and becoming the first rider from his country to win in R3, following in the footsteps of his brother, Galang Hendra Pratama who is a double winner in the WorldSSP300 class. Vich, fresh from his experience at the Master Camp displayed impressive skills to finish second, while Ercolani got a solid third. Brazilian star Eduardo Burr was unlucky to suffer a mechanical issue which ruled him out of contention in the second race. Greek wildcard rider Kamzelis unfortunately crashed out of both races.



Moto2 European Championship
European Talent Cup
Stock European Championship



The iconic Circuito de Jerez - Ángel Nieto played host to Round 3 of the Moto2 European Championship, European Talent Cup and Stock European Championship.

Carlos Tatay (Pertamina Mandalika SAG team) converted great speed into victory in the Moto2™ European Championship, while championship rivals Max Quiles (Aspar Junior Team) and Brian Uriarte (Team Estrella Galica 0,0) took the spoils in both European Talent Cup races. While in the Stock European Championship Eric Fernandez (FAU55 TEY Racing) pulled out a stunning last-lap pass for the win.

Moto2 European Championship

For the first time in 2023 Moto2™ European Championship, Senna Agius (Liqui Moly Husqvarna Intact Junior Team) wasn't the favourite entering the race, that honour went to Carlos Tatay. Topping every session, the Moto2™ rookie started from a career first pole position, he lost out at the start to Yeray Ruiz (FAU55 TEY Racing) and the fast-starting Senna Agius but it wasn't long before the #99 found his way to the front. Once the Spaniard



hit the front he cleared off into the sunset, leaving Agius and Ruiz to content the rest of the podium positions. The Australian had attempts at passing the #72 but when he did, Ruiz would strike right back, eventually holding off the championship leader for 2nd and a career-first podium. However, no one could stop Carlos Tatay as the Spaniard romped to a maiden win and he'll be hoping to do the same in Portimao in four weeks' time.

European Talent Cup

ETC Race 2 saw one of the greatest final laps in the class' history. The race started with a group of around 12 at the front but that was soon whittled down to just five at the front heading into the final lap. Hakim Danish (Team Estrella Galicia 0,0) made a brave move down the inside at Turn 6 but just couldn't hang on and unfortunately crashed out. What followed was quite possibly two of the greatest moves ever seen in the ETC by Uriarte. Into Turn 8 he picked off both Quiles and Boggio before then going around the outside of Pini at the final corner and holding him off to the line by just 0.021 of a second. Quiles completed the podium just over half a tenth behind and still leads the championship but now just by one point from Uriarte.

Stock European Championship

In the Stock ECh race the tale of the race was expected for most of its length. Daniel Muñoz (SP57 Racing Team) has been the dominant force in Stock ECh in 2023 and from the off he was leading here in Jerez. Fernandez, who has shown great potential so far was close behind. Impressively, Fernandez was able to go with and keep the pressure on Muñoz in the closing laps when Muñoz started to up the pace. That persistent pressure was rewarded as Muñoz made a mistake through Turn 7 on the final lap. Fernandez pounced at the next corner but Muñoz but back heading into the final turn. Fernandez saw it coming and cut back underneath for his first victory of the 2023 season. Further behind, Dino Iozzo (IUM Motorsports) had a quiet but rewarding race as he picked up his second podium on the bounce. Muñoz remains the championship leader, but new winner Fernandez now lurks 25 points behind.

**EMX125 European Championship and EMX250 European Championship:
first Van Herp in EMX250, while it's back to back win for Valin in EMX125**



The Round of Latvia was really eventful in both categories and we saw a lot of intense battles throughout the weekend in Kegums.

In EMX250, it was Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing Team's Ivano Van Erp who won his first EMX250 round of his career with a solid performance in front of the always consistent BT Racing Team's Kay Karssemakers and Red Plate holder Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing Team's Andrea Bonacorsi.

In EMX125 presented by FMF Racing, 737 Performers GASGAS's Mathis Valin got a back-to-back win in front of Red plate holder MJC Yamaha Official EMX125's Janis Martin and Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Maximilian Werner.

EMX250

In Race 1, the first race was won by Team VRT KTM Factory Juniors' Marc-Antoine Rossi but the Frenchman lost 10 positions due to a penalty received for not respecting waved yellow flag. Rossi eventually finished 11th. In the end it was Ivano Van Erp who rode an excellent race to finish 2nd synonymous of victory. Van Erp was the quickest out of the gate and



took the lead only to get overtaken once by Rossi on lap 3 of 14. Van Erp solidly maintain his position until the end.

The Red Plate holder Andrea Bonacorsi kept garnering a lot of point with a 2nd place in the end. Bonacorsi shows that when he is not riding at the lead, he can be patient and manage to keep getting a chance to win the overall. Bonacorsi overtook Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing Team's Karlis Reisulis on lap 7 for 4th and kept riding strongly to pass Kay Karssemakers on lap 10 for 3rd and stayed there until the end. Gaining a position due to Rossi's penalty, Karssemakers stayed consistent and continued on his good form to get 3rd while Reisulis also maintained a good pace on the back of a good performance in France with a 4th place.

VRT KTM Factory Juniors' Ferruccio Zanchi spend the race in 6th position without getting into any trouble and finished officially 5th. Similarly, to Zanchi, local rider Edvards Bidzans made a fast start and maintained his pace throughout the race to finish 6th.

TM moto SteelsDrJack's Meico Vettik had to fight his way up from the 11th to 9th over the first 3 laps. He kept charging forward and get into an intense battle with home rider Mairis Pumpurs for the 8th place in a give and take that finished with Vettik getting the best out of Pumpurs to finish 8th (7th in the end). Pumpurs got overtaken in the very last lap by an excellent Bud Racing Kawasaki's Quentin Prugnieres who came back from the 13th place to 9th, and then 8th because of Rossi's penalty. Pumpurs finished 9th in the end in front of Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Cas Valk who managed to get a top 10 finish.

In race 2, Van Erp made a blistering start again and took the lead. Rossi was behind in 2nd position and looked very comfortable on this track and eventually passed Van Erp on to lead on lap 5 but his lead was short-lived as Rossi fell down a few turns later to pick himself 4th. Van Erp took back the lead immediately. Van Erp looked like he was going for the win when Karssemakers came back from 5th on lap 1 to get right behind Van Erp in 2nd position on lap 5. Van Erp defended very well but Karssemakers' pace made the difference on lap 12 and overtook Van Erp. Karssemakers went on to win his first race of the season. Van Erp finished 2nd for an excellent 2-2 to win his first round of his career in EMX250.



Karssemakers continues his podium streak to three in a row and consolidating his second place in the Championship. Rossi was really fast this weekend and managed to get back up to 3rd on lap 12 of 14 as he overtook Reisulis. With the penalty in the race 1, Rossi went 11-3 for 6th overall. Reisulis finished 4th after being consistent and went 4-4 to miss the podium for 2 points.

Bonacorsi went down after the start and picked himself up in 18th place and had to charge forward to get important points for the championship. The Red Plate holder showed his immense talent as he didn't waste any time to move up to 10th already on lap 1. His charge was not over as he passed many riders with a sense of urgency. Bonacorsi eventually found himself 5th on lap 8 to finish there and go 2-5 and get another podium in 3rd position.

Zanchi managed another solid race as he passed Vettik and KTM Beddini Racing Team's Valerio Lata and Bidvans to move up to 6th and kept his position until the end to go 5-6 for 5th overall. The surprising Bidvans held his ground to finish 7th and go 6-7 for 7th overall while Lata had to settle for 9th and Vettik finished 8th for 8th overall.

In the end it is an amazing first EMX250 win for Ivano Van Erp in front of the consistent Kay Karssemakers and Red Plate holder Andrea Bonacorsi.

EMX250 - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Ivano Van Erp (NED, YAM), 47 points; 2. Kay Karssemakers (NED, HUS), 45 p.; 3. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, YAM), 38 p.; 4. Karlis Alberts Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 36 p.; 5. Ferruccio Zanchi (ITA, KTM), 31 p.; 6. Marc-Antoine Rossi (FRA, KTM), 30 p.; 7. Edvards Bidzans (LAT, HUS), 29 p.; 8. Meico Vettik (EST, TM), 27 p.; 9. Quentin Marc Prugnieres (FRA, KAW), 24 p.; 10. Mairis Pumpurs (LAT, YAM), 22 p

EMX250 - Championship Top 10 Classification: 1. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, YAM), 220 points; 2. Kay Karssemakers (NED, HUS), 190 p.; 3. Marc-Antoine Rossi (FRA, KTM), 156 p.; 4. Ferruccio Zanchi (ITA, KTM), 151 p.; 5. Cas Valk (NED, FAN), 149 p.; 6. Karlis Alberts Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 145 p.; 7. Ivano Van Erp (NED, YAM), 140 p.; 8. Quentin Marc Prugnieres (FRA, KAW), 119 p.; 9. Valerio Lata (ITA, KTM), 118 p.; 10. Meico Vettik (EST, TM), 91 p

EMX125



In Race 1, it was Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Maximilian Werner who took the lead early on after a great start but got passed by a very fast Mathis Valin and MJC Yamaha Official EMX125's Janis Martin Reisulis on lap 3. From there on it was all about Valin and Reisulis to battle for the lead. Reisulis maintained an incredible pace and Valin could not follow and Reisulis took the lead on lap 8 of 14 to never let it go and cruise to victory. Valin settled for the 2nd place.

Werner was 3rd for the most part of the race but couldn't defend on his teammate, Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Elias Escandell who overtook him for 3rd at the end. Werner ended at the 4th place Julius Mikula performed really well as he went from 8th on lap 1 to 5th even putting some pressure at the end to Werner for 4th.

Vitezslav Marek continues to show a lot of qualities as he went from 13th to 6th and overtook many riders while Sturm STC Racing Team's Mads Fredsoe did the opposite as after an excellent start he couldn't maintain his pace and moved down the rank to finish 8th. Finishing 7th was August Frisk who had an incredible finish as he overtook 3 times in the last lap to move from 10th to 7th.

In race 2, Werner got the best start of the pack and took the lead in front of Valin and Marek. On lap 2, Valin pushed and took charge of the race as he set a fastest lap to move on to the lead. Valin set an infernal pace and edged away. That gap helped him when Valin fell but picked himself up still in front and went on to dominantly win without dropping his pace. Valin went 2-1 for a back-to-back win and his 3rd win of the season.

Finishing 2nd was his usual rival Reisulis who couldn't keep the pace and settled for 2nd after a nice effort to move up from 6th on lap 1. With 1-2 Reisulis finished 2nd overall and lost few points in the Championship to Valin but still kept the Red Plate.

Werner who got overtaken only by Valin and Reisulis continues his great form with his 4th podium in a row and an strong 4-3 for 3rd overall. Marek keeps fighting at the top recently and got only passed by Reisulis to finish 4th with a 5th overall.

Riding strongly and consistently were RFME GASGAS MXJUNIOR TEAM's Francisco Garcia and Cole McCullough crossed paths on lap 2. Garcia finally managed to pass McCullough on lap 8 to go 5th until the end while McCullough settled for 6th. Garcia in



the end went 11-5 for 7th overall, McCullough showed good qualities and went 12-6 for 8th overall.

Escandell made a mistake on lap 2 to move down from 5th to 8th and manage to gain a position as he overtook Noel Zanocs for 7th while Zanocs settled for 8th. Escandell went 3-7 for 4th overall, missing the podium by 4 points behind his teammate Werner. Zanocs on his side went 10-8 for 9th overall to get a good top 10.

Fredsoe managed to be more consistent in race 2 and didn't fade out as he shadowed Mikula during the race and moved up the leader board throughout the race going from 13th to 10th while Mikula went from 12th to 9th.

In the end Mathis Valin managed a really impressive weekend to win a back-to-back round in front of Red Plate holder Janis Reisulis and Maximilian Werner who continues on his impressive podium streak.

EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Mathis Valin (FRA, GAS), 47 points; 2. Janis Martins Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 47 p.; 3. Maximilian Werner (GER, FAN), 38 p.; 4. Elias Escandell (ESP, FAN), 34 p.; 5. Vitezslav Marek (CZE, KTM), 33 p.; 6. Julius Mikula (CZE, YAM), 28 p.; 7. Francisco Garcia (ESP, GAS), 26 p.; 8. Cole McCullough (IRL, KTM), 24 p.; 9. Noel Zanocz (HUN, KTM), 24 p.; 10. Mads Fredsoe (DEN, KTM), 24 p.

EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing - Championship Top 10 Classification: 1. Janis Martins Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 219 points; 2. Mathis Valin (FRA, GAS), 205 p.; 3. Maximilian Werner (GER, FAN), 173 p.; 4. Elias Escandell (ESP, FAN), 162 p.; 5. Vitezslav Marek (CZE, KTM), 160 p.; 6. Francisco Garcia (ESP, GAS), 138 p.; 7. Mads Fredsoe (DEN, KTM), 115 p.; 8. Noel Zanocz (HUN, KTM), 95 p.; 9. Gyan Doensen (NED, KTM), 93 p.; 10. Laban Alm (SWE, HUS), 86 p