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**EMX250 and EMX125 European Championships:  
first win for Rossi in EMX250, while Reisulis is back on the top of the EMX125**



The Round of Germany offered incredible racing in both categories as riders dompted the old school circuit of Teutschenthal for their sixth round of the season.

In EMX250, it was Team VRT KTM Factory Juniors' Marc-Antoine Rossi who won his first EMX250 round of his career with showing great speed in front of Red Plate holder Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing Team's Andrea Bonacorsi and BT Racing Team's Kay Karssemakers getting his 4th consecutive podium.

In EMX125 presented by FMF Racing, Red Plate Holder MJC Yamaha Official EMX125's Janis Martin won in front of 737 Performers GASGAS's Mathis Valin and Sturm STC Racing Team's Mads who stepped on his first podium.

### **EMX250**

In race 1, the rider who took the best out of every rider was VRT KTM Factory Juniors' Ferruccio Zanchi who took the lead early on from Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing Team's



Andrea Bonacorsi after few turns and kept on riding without looking behind. Zanchi went on to win the race in a dominant fashion while Bonacorsi settled for 2nd.

On the back of his first EMX250 win in Latvia, Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing Team's Ivano Van Erp rode efficiently and kept his 3rd position.

Behind, Team VRT KTM Factory Juniors' Marc-Antoine Rossi briefly overtook Van Erp for 3rd, immediately crashed and pick his bike up in 7th. Rossi showed us earlier this year that he has the capacities to fight for the top spot and the Frenchman came back up to the 4th spot. Rossi put the pressure on BT Racing Team's Kay Karssemakers along the way on lap 9 of 15 for 4th and Karssemakers crashed after a mistake; Rossi went on to make a great comeback finishing 4th in the end Karssemakers had to settle for 6th in the end while Bud Racing Kawasaki's Quentin Prugnieres capitalised on this mistake to finish 5th. Husqvarna BT Racing Team's Maxime Grau managed a good 7th place in front of KTM Beddini Racing Team's Valerio Lata 8th in the end and Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing Team's Karlis Reisulis 9th while Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Cas Valk made few mistakes and moved down from 6th on lap 1 to 10th in the end.

In race 2, it was Rossi who took the strongest start this time and edged away very quickly to get a comfortable lead in front of Lata. Rossi raced amazingly setting the fastest lap of the race and cruised to the finish line showing a great pace and skill on this tough track. In the end, the Frenchman went 4-1 and won his first ever overall which consolidate him in 3rd in the Championship.

Lata took a great start and he went 2nd but got under pressure by the ever more consistent Karssemakers. Karssemakers was pushing very hard and Lata eventually made a little mistake on lap 7 of 15 which Karssemakers capitalised on to go 2nd until the checkered flag. Karssemakers got his 4th consecutive podium with a 6-2 for 3rd overall.

Lata ultimately moved down to 4th after getting caught up by the Red Plate Bonacorsi on lap 10. Bonacorsi rode solidly this weekend despite not winning as he went 2-3 to get to the second step of the podium and extend his lead in the Championship. Lata went 8-4 for 6th overall.



Valk was again solid as he rode half of the race in 4th position and only overtaken by Bonacorsi to finish 5th in the and 8th overall. Behind in race 2, Van Erp capitalised on Prugnieres getting stuck in a rut to move up to 7th and then piled pressure on his teammate Reisulis on lap 11 to finish 6th. Van Erp went 5th overall while Reisulis finished 7th for 9th overall. After his mistake Prugnieres managed to keep his 8th place until the end to go 5-8 for 7th overall.

Zanchi did not have the same success as in the first race as he went down early to find himself 24th on the turn of lap 1. He had a great comeback to finish 9th in the end but missed out on the podium.

In the end Marc-Antoine Rossi had a great first win in front of Red Plate Andrea Bonacorsi and the consistent Kay Karssemakers.

**EMX250 - Overall Top 10 Classification:** 1. Marc-Antoine Rossi (FRA, KTM), 43 points; 2. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, YAM), 42 p.; 3. Kay Karssemakers (NED, HUS), 37 p.; 4. Ferruccio Zanchi (ITA, KTM), 37 p.; 5. Ivano Van Erp (NED, YAM), 35 p.; 6. Valerio Lata (ITA, KTM), 31 p.; 7. Quentin Marc Prugnieres (FRA, KAW), 29 p.; 8. Cas Valk (NED, FAN), 27 p.; 9. Karlis Alberts Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 26 p.; 10. Xavier Cazal (FRA, GAS), 18 p

**EMX250 - Championship Top 10 Classification:** 1. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, YAM), 262 points; 2. Kay Karssemakers (NED, HUS), 227 p.; 3. Marc-Antoine Rossi (FRA, KTM), 199 p.; 4. Ferruccio Zanchi (ITA, KTM), 188 p.; 5. Cas Valk (NED, FAN), 176 p.; 6. Ivano Van Erp (NED, YAM), 175 p.; 7. Karlis Alberts Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 171 p.; 8. Valerio Lata (ITA, KTM), 149 p.; 9. Quentin Marc Prugnieres (FRA, KAW), 148 p.; 10. Maxime Grau (FRA, HUS), 94 p

## EMX125

In race 1, it was 737 Performers GASGAS's Mathis Valin who had a flying start. The young Frenchman started the round of Germany as he finished the Round of Latvia and took the lead. MJC Yamaha Official EMX125's Janis Reisulis quickly moved up to 2nd place in the first lap. Valin went on to lead Reisulis by 6 seconds. However, Valin lost precious time when he caught backmarkers and struggled to overtake them quickly. Being held, made his gap with Reisulis halved to 3 seconds. However, the speed of Valin was so fast and he managed to increase the gap again to 8 seconds. All could have been lost with a short



moment of focus loss as Valin went out of the track on the very last lap but managed to stay on the bike and did not lose much time in the end. Valin won the race displaying many skills. Reisulis had to settle for the 2nd place in the end

In 3rd position until lap 10 of 14 was WZ Racing Team's Gyan Doensen who had a solid start but could not maintain his rhythm until the end as he saw Simone Mancini and Sturm STC Racing Team's Mads Fredsoe overtaking him consecutively. Doensen finished 5th in the end while Mancini made a good operation from 7 on lap 1 to finishing 3rd and Fredsoe finished 4th.

August Frisk rode a solid race as he finished in front of Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Elias Escandell who was had a great start and found himself 4th on lap 1 got completely stuck in a rut and saw number of riders pass him which underlines the challenges of the track. Escandell in the end had to settle for 7th.

RFME GASGAS MXJUNIOR TEAM's Francisco Garcia was 8th on lap 3 when he completely flew in the air and lost the control of his bike and pick it up in 16th. He did very well to get back up to 10th in the end behind Vitezslav Marek and Salvador Perez, 8th and 9th respectively.

In race 2, we saw Valin coming out the gate strongly with Fantic Factory Team Maddii's Maximilian Werner who was back racing after missing out on race 1 for sickness. Both were at the front of the pack when over the third turn Valin attacked and showed the wheel to go in front but unfortunately Werner clipped his rear wheel which made Valin crashed early on.

Reisulis just behind benefited from Valin's crash and kept going to take the lead off Werner a few turns later and edged away. Reisulis dominated the race until the end winning with an 18 second-gap. With a 2-1 Reisulis went on to win the round of Germany and increased his lead to the championship in front Valin.

Despite crashing down early, Valin made a heroic come back after picking himself up last. Valin's determination and talent made him overtake an incredible number of riders to get to 6th with 3 laps to go. Valin finished there in the end to get to the 2nd spot of the podium with a 1-6. He salvaged important points for the Championship behind Reisulis.



Werner finished in 10th position, his sickness may have been the factor of his lack of rhythm as he progressively moved down the ranks.

Finishing on the podium for the first time was Fredsoe who managed a strong and solid race to go 4th from start to finish, making 4-4 throughout the weekend and clinch the 3rd step of the podium. Fredsoe showed some solid ridings the whole weekend and it paid in the end.

Another noticeable performance was the one from Garcia who made an excellent charge from the 9th place on lap 1 to show blistering pace and determination as the Spanish went on to finish 2nd in the end. The battle with Fredsoe for 4th over the lap 6 and 7 was intense but Garcia managed to make a pass and continued his strong performance by overtaking the surprising Nikolai Skovbjerg for 2nd on lap 9, and keep that position until the end. With a 10-2, Garcia unfortunately missed out on the podium for 3 point and finish 4th in the end.

Although he finished 16th in race 1, Skovbjerg managed to finished 3rd in race 2 to secure his first ever top 3 finish. He displayed a lot of solidity which will be encouraging for the rest of the season.

Frisk had a good performance again as he finished 5th for a 6-5 and 5 overall while Yamaha Europe EMX125 MJC Julius Mikula ended in 7th place after a good comeback from 12th place as he went 13-7 for 9th overall. Zanoz managed to finish 8th for a 12-8 and a 10th overall. Salvador Perez stayed very consistent going 9-9 for 6th overall.

In the end Janis Reisulis won his 3rd round win of the season in front of his closest rival Mathis Valin 2nd, who also won 3 round wins as share all the EMX125 wins of the season so far. Third and on the podium for the first time was Mads Fredsoe who rode solidly the whole weekend.

**EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing - Overall Top 10 Classification:** 1. Janis Martins Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 47 points; 2. Mathis Valin (FRA, GAS), 40 p.; 3. Mads Fredsoe (DEN, KTM), 36 p.; 4. Francisco Garcia (ESP, GAS), 33 p.; 5. August Frisk (SWE, KTM), 31 p.; 6. Simone Mancini (ITA, YAM), 30 p.; 7. Nicolai Skovbjerg (DEN, YAM), 25 p.; 8. Salvador Perez (ESP, YAM), 24 p.; 9. Julius Mikula (CZE, YAM), 22 p.; 10. Noel Zanoz (HUN, KTM), 22 p.

**EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing - Championship Top 10 Classification:** 1. Janis Martins Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 266 points; 2. Mathis Valin (FRA, GAS), 245 p.; 3. Maximilian Werner (GER, FAN), 184 p.; 4. Vitezslav Marek (CZE, KTM), 180 p.; 5. Elias Escandell (ESP, FAN), 179 p.; 6. Francisco Garcia (ESP, GAS), 171 p.; 7. Mads Fredsoe (DEN, KTM), 151 p.; 8. Noel Zanocz (HUN, KTM), 117 p.; 9. Gyan Doensen (NED, KTM), 109 p.; 10. August Frisk (SWE, KTM), 108 p

### Kevin Saar does it again in EMX Quad European Championship and starts the new season with a win



The first round of the EMX Quad European Championship officially kicked off last weekend in the beautiful track of Lange near the city of Tartu. Situated in south-east Estonia, it is the second largest city in the country about 180 km away from the capital Tallinn.

The first seasonal race out of five saw 18 riders fight for the win in good weather conditions and in a friendly atmosphere.

European Champion Kevin Saar was the man to beat at the first event of the 2023 Championship and Race 1 featured the win of Norwegian Joakim Granli who managed to

take on the challenge of defeating Kevin Saar by a comfortable margin. Kevin had to settle for second place while Patrick Turrini of Italy was third.

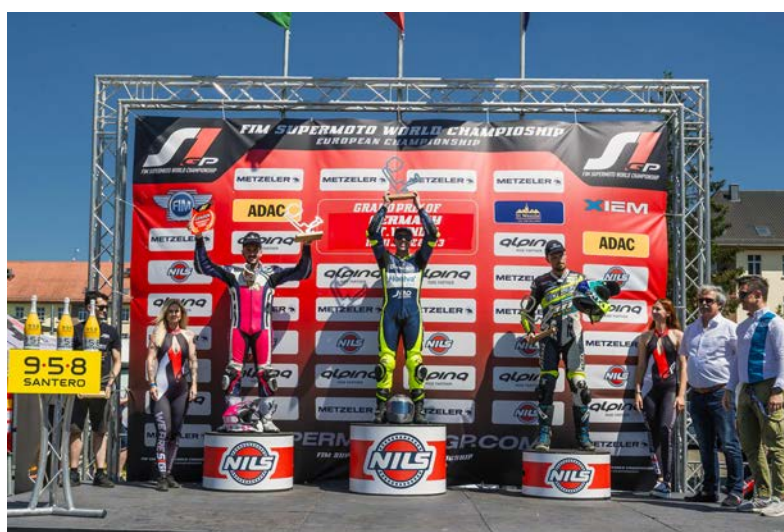
In the second race Kevin managed to win in great style with a 47 second gap on the second placed Karl Robin Rillo, also from Estonia, thus securing his first win of the season and the lead in the Championship standings. Third was again Patrick Turrini while winner of race 1 Joakim Granli got demoted 5 places to 7<sup>th</sup> for failing the noise test after the race, therefore missing the overall podium by 1 point.

Next round of the EMX Quad European Championship will take place in Gdansk (Poland) on the 17th-18th June.

### Overall top three

1. Kevin Saar, EST
2. Karl Robin Rillo, EST
3. Patrick Turrini, ITA

### S4 and SM Junior European Championships: Gomez and Albrecht won in Germany





The riders of the S4 and SM Junior put on a great show that paid off the audience arrived in St. Wendel. In the S4, Spanish Francisco Gomez Requena (Husqvarna) triumphed thanks to a double victory and Kevin Vandi (L30 Racing Tm Factory) is the current Championship leader, while young German Til Albrecht starred in the SM Junior.

### **S4**

In Race 1 Alex Ruiz Jimenez (L30 Racing Tm Factory) did not make any mistake at the start of the race and perfectly took advantage of the pole position, his main rivals Francisco Gomez Requena (Husqvarna) and Kevin Vandi (L30 Racing Tm Factory) could not do anything else apart from following him. After a few laps Alex Ruiz Jimenez crashed forcing the race to be red flagged, unfortunately the strong Spanish rider could not get back to racing.

When the race restarted Francisco Gomez Requena took the lead, Kevin Vandi could not keep up with the Spanish challenger and had to be happy with the second position. Third on the finish line was Lorenzo Papalini (L30 Racing Tm Factory).

The second moto, without Alex Ruiz Jimenez, was a battle for two between Francisco Gomez Requena (Husqvarna) and Kevin Vandi (L30 Racing Tm Factory) but the challenge lasted just the time to get to the first corner. Gomez Requena pulled away at the start and left no room for his rival. The Spanish had an incredible rhythm at the German city circuit and was able to open a solid gap over rivals and manage most of the race.

Lorenzo Papalini (L30 Racing Tm Factory), third qualified in the race, slipped at the second corner and threw away the chance of reaching the podium. Alexis Delong (TM) finished third thanks to a solid race.

### **SM Junior**

Race 1 saw a close fight in the SM Junior, where Matej Kokes (Husqvarna) took advantage of the first position but during the second lap he was overtaken by home rider Til Albrecht (Yamaha) who set his race pace. Kokes tried to stay close to him for the whole moto but the German rider managed to take a slight advantage lap after lap and crossed the finish



line alone. Christoph Steiner (KTM) was third. Standings leader Andrea Benvenuti (KTM) improved his performance after an unsatisfactory result in the qualifying and finished with the fourth place.

Matej Kokes (Husqvarna) made a mistake at the start of the second Race 2 losing several positions at the first corner, Paul Mueller (GasGas) took the lead followed by Til Albrecht (Yamaha).

During the second lap Albrecht took the lead and managed to take a great advantage thanks to an excellent pace that allowed him to win the race, more than six seconds ahead of the second qualified. Matej Kokes, who was fifth after the first lap, had to work hard to recover and get back at the front. With two laps to go, he moved to second position, Paul Mueller was third at the end of the race.

The overall podium went to the winner Til Albrecht, thanks to his double victory, Matej Kokes was second and is the current series leader. The third step of the podium went to Christoph Steiner.

### European U19 Individual Speedway Championship: SF1 in Norway won by local hero Pollestad



The meeting was run on a beautiful track situated in Norwegian city of Elgane. The fans watched the future stars of speedway fiercely fighting for promotion to the Under 19 Individual Speedway Championship Final which will take place on August 19 in Gorzow Wielkopolski, Poland.

Riders competed for eight places awarded with promotion to the finals.

Local fans could enjoy the victory of the Norwegian Mathias Pollestad, who won in front of his crowd.

### Overall top three

1. Mathias Pollestad, NOR
2. Damian Ratajczak, POL
3. William Drejer, DEN

### European Sidecar Championship: QR in Loppersum won by the Meier's





Loppersum in the Netherlands was the venue for this Sidecar qualification round. 11 teams were prepared to battle for 6 spots in the final.

Under very hot summer condition 2300 spectators saw very good and exciting action on the track.

12 qualification heats provided the line ups for the 3 finals. Manuel Meier with passenger Melanie Meier went directly to the final with 10 points. He was joined in the final by Markus Brandhofer and passenger Sandra Mollema, who also racked up 10 points.

The B final provided the other 2 teams to the A final, Danish/German pair of Mike Frederiksen and passenger Desiree Holstein together with French pair Rémi Valladon and passenger Dylan Fourcade.

A fierce heat ensued in the final with the German team Manuel Meier and passenger Melanie Meier coming out victorious. They were joined on the rostrum in 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Frederiksen and passenger Desiree Holstein, and Markus Brandhofer together with passenger Sandra Mollema taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

### **Overall top three**

1. Manuel Meier / Melanie Meier, GER / GER
2. Mike Frederiksen / Desiree Holstein, DEN / GER
3. Markus Brandhofer / Sandra Mollema, GER / NED