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**Moto2 European Championship  
European Talent Cup  
Stock European Championship**



The series was back in action at the Autódromo Internacional do Algarve, Portugal, playing host to Round 4 of the season. Perfect weekend for Senna Agius (Liqui Moly Husqvarna Intact GP Junior Team) who did the double in the Moto2™ European Championship. Dodo Boggio (Aspar Junior Team) and Daniel Muñoz (SP57 Racing Team) clocked memorable victories in the south of Portugal, as they stood on the top step in the European Talent Cup and Stock European Championship races respectively.

**Moto2 European Championship**

In the opening race, Senna Agius bounced back from his Jerez blip in style, taking a comfortable win in Portimao with an 11.788s advantage, extending the Australian's lead atop the standing. Alberto Surra (Team Ciatti - Boscoscuro) conquered the Long Lap



penalty loop to claim a maiden podium of the campaign in P2, holding off a hard charging Xavi Cardelus (Promoracing) on the line with the Andorran securing his second podium of the year.

There was also major disappointment for title contender Carlos Tatay (Pertamina Mandalika SAG Team) who crashed out of the contest in the opening stages, and after a visit to the medical centre, he was ruled out of Race 2.

That left the door open for Agius to extend his title advantage, something which he did emphatically with the young Australian having the perfect day in Portimao and doing the double. Xavi Cardelus went one better in the afternoon for his second rostrum of the day, coming home in second while Roberto Garcia (Cardoso - Fantic Racing) debuted on the box in the south of Portugal.

### European Talent Cup

Portimao held just one race on Sunday, but there was more than enough drama to keep fans happy. Dodo Boggio took the win in sensational fashion, profiting from Aspar teammate Maximo Quiles' last lap crash to steal the win on the final corner. Having experienced a barren podium run in 2023 to date, including for P4 finishes in a row, the Italian was back on the top step, while Casey O'Gorman (SuperHugo44 Team), who came from 30th on the grid, and reigning Champion Guido Pini (AC Racing Team) joined him on the box. The late drama also ensured the absent Brian Uriarte didn't lose any ground in the title race, with the Spaniard still trailing Quiles by a solitary point, with a Catalunya double awaiting in just a couple weeks time.

### Stock European Championship

Rounding out the day's action was the Stock ECh race, and it proved a Muñoz masterclass. The Championship leader romped home without any other rider managing to lay a glove on him. Eric Fernandez (FAU55 TEY Racing), Muñoz' main opposition in the title fight, started at the back of the grid but wasted little to no time in scything his way through the pack, and he came home second in what proved a successful exercise in damage control.

The fight for the final podium place went down to the wire, but Marco Garcia (EasyRace Team) held off the threat of Archie McDonald (MRE Talent) and Alex Millan (Fifty Motorsport) on the line to take his second top three of the year.

**Yamaha bLU cRU European Championship:  
Vich victorious in Race 1, Mahendra battles adversity for Race 2 win**



It was a dramatic day of action in the Yamaha bLU cRU European Championship at Donington Park, Great Britain.

The fourth round of the Yamaha R3 bLU cRU European Championship saw Spain's Marc Vich take an impressive victory in an exciting Race 1, while Indonesia's Aldi Mahendra battled back after disappointment and penalties for a strong Race 2 win.

### **Race 1**

Pole-sitter Kevin Fontainha took the 'holeshot' but title-leader Emiliano Ercolani quickly closed him down and proceeded to give chase. The leading group of five was fractured in the early stages of the race when Mahendra had an incident with Dorian Joulin which saw both competitors exit the race. The three Brazilian riders: Fontainha, Gustavo Manso, and



Eduardo Burr were looking extremely strong as the newly-formed pack started to settle into a race rhythm, but Ercolani and Vich were keen to keep them in their sights. With five laps to go there was a break-away group at the front, but with the determination and pace of the chasing riders it was once again a group of 10 before the final three laps. The closing moments of the race were intense when another incident happened between championship leader Ercolani and Krittapat Keankum, with both riders left in the gravel, although they were able to rejoin - finishing 12<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> respectively. Vich kept his cool and stayed out of trouble to take a superb victory - his first of the season. Fontainha and Manso completed the Top 3.

## **Race2**

No less dramatic than the first, with Mahendra cleared fit to ride but having to serve a double long lap penalty for his part in the Race 1 crash. Manso was the quickest off the line but there was no chance to make a break with little to split the entire field and plenty of chopping and changing in the running order. Italy's Christian Stringhetti suffered a high side at Turn 11 at the mid-way point of the race which Vich and Valentin Arnaud were unable to avoid. All riders walked away from the incident, and Arnaud was able to rejoin the running. The action continued to the chequered flag, and it was Mahendra who proved strongest despite his penalty; the Indonesian took his second win of the season. Ercolani recouped from his Race 1 crash to take second, and Fontainha crossed the line third, but was later demoted, moving Manso into the position.

## **EMX65 / EMX85 European Championship - Semifinal SW and SE zone**

After the challenge between the Central Europe and North Europe zone, last week the SW and SE zone met in Gazzane di Preseglie, Italy, for the second EMX65 / EMX85 European Championship - Semifinal.



## EMX65

The first race of EMX65 saw the win of the SW zone leader Francesco Assini (GasGas) ahead of French riders Tim Lopes (GasGas) and Loan Torro (GasGas).

Race 2 was ruled by Slovenian Taj Golez (Husqvarna), who won the qualifying race on Saturday, but finished sixth in the first heat. With the second position and 22 points the Italian rider Assini took the Semifinal win. Third place for Gonzalo Salvador (KTM), fourth for Alex Novak (KTM) and fifth for Loan Torro.

## EMX65 Top three

1. Francesco Assini, ITA
2. Taj Golez, SLO
3. Loan Torro, FRA

## EMX85

The EMX85 class was dominated by home hero Riccardo Pini (KTM). The SW leader took full points by winning both of the races. The challenge for the podium was a matter between Aron Katona (KTM) and the second best rider of SW zone Nicolò Alvisi (GasGas). They shared one second and one third each, but with the second round being the deciding one, the Hungarian came up on top.



### EMX85 Top three

1. Riccardo Pini, ITA
2. Aron Katona, HUN
3. Nicolò Alvisi, ITA

Now eyes on the EMX65 and EMX85 Final for all the four zones, that will take place in Loket, in the Czech Republic, on 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July in the same weekend of the MXGP.

### EMX Women' European Championship: Van Drunen and Barker claim the title



The EMX Women' European Championship raced the last round of the season featuring the EMX65 / EMX85 European Championship - SW and SE zone Semifinal in Gazzane di Preseglie, Italy.

For the sixth time in a row Lotte Van Drunen (Kawasaki) ruled the weekend with a masterpiece of 25+25 points. The Dutch rider had no rivals this season, winning all the races and becoming the new EMX Women' Champion.

Difficult season to date for the defending champion Mathea Selebo (Yamaha), who with another double second position confirmed the second place in the standings.

With a double third in Gazzane di Preseglie, Alexandra Massury (KTM) is third in the standing too.

In EMX Women 125 the fight for the title was a matter between Lucy Barker (KTM) and Tyra Backstrom (GasGas). At the end of a thrilling season with great battles in Italy they took one win each, but that was enough for the English rider to take the 2023 title. Third place in race and in the standings too for Swedish rider Elsa Andersson Lof.

### European Individual Grass Track Championship: SF2 in France



Semi Final 2 of the European Individual Grass Track Championship in Tayac, France, for a race in dry perfect conditions after the rain of the morning.

At the end of a very close race, the British Andrew Appelton won ahead of French riders Mathias Tressarieu and Lordan Dubernard.

The Final is scheduled on July 22<sup>nd</sup> in Werlte, Germany.

### Top three

1. Andrew Appelton, GBR
2. Mathias Tressarieu, FRA
3. Lordan Dubernard, FRA

### European 250cc Pairs Speedway Championship: first round in Slovenia



The first round of the 250cc Pairs Speedway Championship was raced in Krsko, Slovenia, in perfect weather conditions on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July as the original date of 1<sup>st</sup> July was postponed because of the heavy rain.

8 national pairs and two mixed teams divided into two groups battled for the top three places of their groups to secure places in Finals C, B and A.





In a thrilling day with exciting battles, the young up and coming riders showed great skills and teams qualified into finals C, B and A, that were not decided until the last races in their groups.

At the end team Poland win ahead Denmark and Sweeden.

### Top three

1. Poland
2. Denmark
3. Sweeden