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S3 and SM Junior European Championship: scorching heat in Pleven



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After a long break the S3 and SM Junior European Championship were back in action at the track of Pleven in Bulgaria - an iconic track for the discipline, as it was the first circuit to include the asphalted off-road section also called sky section.

SM Junior

In Race 1 Andrea Benvenuti (MTR Ktm Racing) took the lead at the start of the first moto, after the first corner and despite Matej Kokes (Husqvarna) tried to overtake his rival, he did not succeed. The top three was rounded off by Nathan Terraneo (Ktm). Benvenuti's race pace was unsustainable for his rivals, so he was the protagonist of a solitary race. The young Italian rider followed the recommendations his team gave him from the pit lane



and managed the race without exaggerating and without making mistakes. The rider came home with the first victory of the day, while Kokes crossed the finish line in second and Terraneo was third.

In Race 2 Benvenuti took the lead of the race thanks to a perfect start but slipped after the third corner, so he had to start from the last position. In the meantime, Matej Kokes had taken the lead of the race followed by Terraneo. Benvenuti did not give up and was the author of a storming recovery; with record time he worked his way up and climbed the standings and reached Kokes in the last lap eventually overtaking him so that he won the race. The Ktm rider was joined on the podium by second qualified Matej Kokes while Natahan Terraneo was third.

Thanks to this result Benvenuti is the new red plate holder.

S3

The French Gianni Catorc hit a double win ahead of Czech rider Jan Ulman. Thanks to the third position in Race 2 Brando Compocasso was third overall.

Yamaha bLU cRU European Championship: Indonesia's Mahendra takes phenomenal double victory at Imola

The Yamaha R3 bLU cRU European Championship held its fifth round at Autodromo Internazionale Enzo e Dino Ferrari di Imola and history was made in the class when Aldi Satya Mahendra achieved a huge race winning margin in Race 1, and a second impressive victory in Race 2.

Race 1

Mahendra made a strong start in Race 1 and managed to dominate the pace from the early stages of the race, with a chasing pack of six eager riders trying hard to keep up. Championship leader and 2022 SuperFinale winner Emiliano Ercolani tried to stick to his

plan of starting off calm and pushing in the latter half of the race, but the Italian suffered a crash on the kerbs after shooting into second place with four laps to go. While the pack battled for positions, Mahendra kept his head down to build a phenomenal lead, crossing the line seven seconds ahead of his nearest rival. Kritapat Keankum finished in a hard-fought second place, while Kevin Fontainha completed the podium.

Race 2

In Race 2 the gaps were smaller and the result much harder to call until the final flag, but Mahendra once again got off to a flying start. Marc Vich and Ercolani gave chase and were joined in the lead group by Keankum and Eduardo Burr. Despite the best efforts of the leading group of seven, they eventually had to surrender to Mahendra's dominating pace as the Indonesian star extended the gap to two seconds in the closing laps. Ercolani, who worked his way through the field, finish second while Keankum was third. With this double victory, Mahendra moves to second in the title chase and closes the deficit to just 16 points ahead of the final round.



Women's European SSP 300 Championship and European STK 1000 and SSP 300 Cup: thrilling weekend in Brno

The Women's European SSP 300 Championship raced in Brno the fourth round of the 2023 season together with the third round of the European STK 1000 and SSP 300 Cup.



Women's European SSP 300 Championship: Santos took her fourth European title

Sara Sanchez's (511 Racing Team) comeback in the Women's European Championship was more than positive. The Spanish rider won Race 1 starting from pole position and making a comeback after a difficult start. Sanchez ended the race ahead of her team-mate Beatriz Neila Santos (511 Racing Team), second at the chequered flag.

Roberta Ponziani (Roc'nDeA) finished third, coming back to the podium after some tough races. Italian Sara Cabrini (Gradara Corse) was fourth with a ten second gap and Aurelia Cruciani (Roc'nDeA) was fifth.

In Race 2 Natalia Rivera (Trasimeno) took her first win, while Santos conquered her fourth European title thanks to the second position. The Spanish rider of Trasimeno team found redemption in Race 2 after Saturday's bad luck due to a problem, winning by only 41



thousandths over Santos. Ponziani took another third position, although with a wider gap from the first two.

European STK 1000 and SSP 300 Cup: double win for Szamado and Tritscher

In SSP 300 Mate Szamado from Hungary won both Race 1 and race 2 ahead of Polish rider Mateusz Molik, twice second. Double third for home rider Daniel Turecek.

In STK 1000 double victory for the Austrian rider Martin Tritscher. Behind him double second for Lenni Ulbl. In Race 1 third place for Daniel Ersek from Hungary, while in Race 2 Hristijan Buzalkovski took the third position.

Moto2 European Championship

European Talent Cup

Stock European Championship



The blistering Spanish sun welcomed riders to Round 5 at the Circuit de Barcelona - Catalunya.

Xavier Cardelus (Promoracing) and Unai Orradre (STV Laglisse Racing) securing success in the Moto2™ European Championship. Guido Pini (AC Racing Team) stood on the top step



in the European Talent Cup with Daniel Muñoz (SP57 Racing Team) doing likewise in the Stock European Championship, both after some incredible last lap drama.

Moto2

Leader Senna Agius (Liqui Moly Husqvarna Intact GP Team) was ruled out of both races, handing a big opportunity to his rivals to close the gap, and Xavi Cardelus duly obliged. The Andorran started on pole and led the majority of the race, put on an exhibitionary defensive performance to reject the advances of Unai Orradre for the win, though, the STV Laglisse Racing rider claimed a debut podium in the class. Alberto Surra (Team Ciatti - Boscoscuro) followed the two over the line, and those three riders were the main protagonists in Race 2.

Later in the day, Orradre did manage to get the win in fine fashion in what has proved a breakthrough weekend, while it was Surra who came second, and Cardelus third after an epic three-way battle for the win. All that means that going into the next round, Cardelus comes back into the title picture and sits just 20 points behind Agius in the standings.

ETC

There were twists and turns at every corner in the European Talent Cup race in Barcelona. Guido Pini claimed the win, with Casey O’Gorman (SuperHugo44 Team) and Ruche Moodley (Finetwork Mir Junior Team) on the podium after showstopping event. Championship leader Max Quiles (Aspar Junior Team) started at the back of the grid, while his main rival Brian Uriarte (Team Estrella Galicia 0,0) launched from pole. However, Quiles found himself among the lead group after just a few laps while Uriarte ended up in the gravel, ending his victory charge. The drama continued onto the last lap, with Quiles’ teammate Dodo Boggio attempting an ambitious move at Turn 10, only for the Italian to wipe out his teammate and Rico Salmela (Team Estrella Galicia 0,0). As a result, Pini profited enormously to take the win and enter the title picture heading to Aragon.

STOCK

Daniel Muñoz took the win, and did so in style. In a race that often saw a strangely slow pace set at the front, the Championship leader decided to take things into his own hands with just a few laps remaining. Eric Fernandez (FAU55 Racing Team) applied the pressure from behind, and even took the lead on the last lap after a brilliant Turn 10 maneuver, but Muñoz showed his x-factor with a Valentino Rossi-like overtake at the final corner to secure a sensational win. Dino Iozzo (IUM Motorsports) ran with the top two in the title race, and claimed a superb P3. After Muñoz's sensational late move, it stretches his advantage in the Championship to 35 points, and with just 50 left on the board, he can claim the Stock crown in Aragon after the summer break.

Enduro European Championship: double victory for Emil Pojola



A perfect summer weekend in Paikuse, Estonia, welcomed the third round of the Enduro European Championship. The route: 3 laps, 64 km, with 3 special tests - Airoh Cross Test, Eleveit Enduro Test and 24MX Extreme Test.



Day1

Eemil Pohjola read perfectly all the tests, taking the lead with a fair gap. Alex Walton took the second overall position defending himself from Diego Haution, third, and Lucas Bergstrom.

Luca Colorio won for the very first time in the Youth class. Thanks to the excellent lap times set throughout the day he managed to keep the championship leader Romain Dagna behind. The gap that separated the two young champions was only 3 cents.

Fifth success for Riccardo Fabris in Junior 1 ahead of Miks Rasmanis.

After fighting hard all day long, Diego Haution took his first win in Junior 2, while Lucas Bergstrom was second and Lorenzo Bernini third.

In E1 class Eemil Helander interrupted Andreas Beier's successes, winning ahead of Jacopo Traini. The Italian, after missing the second round, was back to the action and took the podium ahead of class leader Beier, who finished third.

Eemil Pohjola won E2 class ahead of leader Alex Walton and reigning champion Erik Willems.

David Abgrall was still the best riders of E3 class. The Frenchman won one more time, while reigning champion Dietger Damiaens was second and Polish Gabriel Chetnicki third. Maurizio Micheluz topped the Senior Class, managing to confirm himself as the best senior rider by tying Nico Rambow in second position and Mika Karma in third.

Tanja Schlosser was back to the victory in the Women class. Great time laps allowed her to triumph over championship leader Vilde Marie Holt and Vivi-Maria Makinen.

Day2

Eemil Pohjola ruled the race from the very first special test, proving to be the best riders. David Abgrall started the day slowly, but then was able to find the right pace. He took the second position ahead of his classmate Damiaens Dietger, who was back to the overall podium after one year. At the end of this second day Abgrall is the new leader.

The hard-fought Youth class saw a new name: Gabin Allemand. The young Frenchman won ahead of Pietro Scardina and Davide Mei.

Sixth success in a row and championship victory for Riccardo Fabris. Dawid Babicz managed to take the second place ahead of Miks Rasmanis.

Second win for Diego Haulton in Junior 2.

Eemil Helander repeated what he did in Day 1 winning E1 class.

Eemil Pohjola won E2 class.

David Abgrall won E3 class ahead of Damiaens Dietger and Gabriel Chetnicki.

Sixth consecutive success for Maurizio Micheluz.

Vilde Marie Holt won the Women class.

European 250cc Pairs Speedway Championship: Denmark rules the second round



After the first round in Slovenia, the second round of the European 250cc Pairs Speedway Championship was raced at Autoexperthen Arena in Motala, Sweden.

Even if the race was delayed due to the weather conditions, the event confirmed a great show with lots of fight, fights and emotions.

This time Team Denmark won ahead of Poland at the end of a tough final heat. Third position for Sweden after beating Germany in the B final.

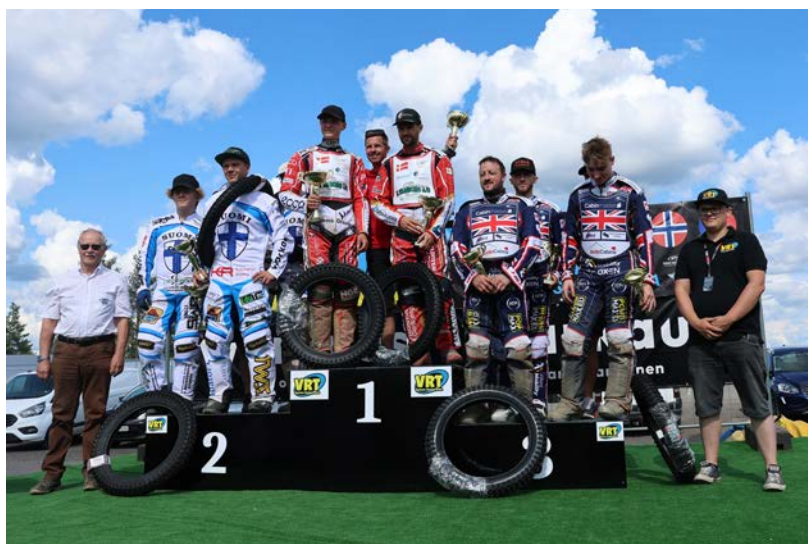
Final classification

1. Denmark - Mikkel Andersen, Patrick Kruse, TM Erik Gundersen
2. Poland - Kacper Mania, Maksymilian, Filip Beszkowski, TM Robert Kosciecha
3. Sweden - Rasmus Karlsson, Leo Klason, TM Magnus Sandberg, TM Richard Karlsson

Standing

1. Denmark, 22 points
2. Poland, 22 points
3. Sweden, 16 points

European Pairs Speedway Championship: SF1



Semi Final 1 of the European Pairs Speedway Championship took place in Varkaus, Finland. The event was raced in front of a warm audience in a perfect condition track and good weather.



The fight for the first place was a matter between Denmark and home heroes from Finland and only one point allowed Denmark to win. Third place for Great Britain.

Final classification

1. Denmark, 21 pt
2. Finland, 20 pt
3. Great Britain, 18 pt