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**EMX Quad European Championship:
Walker and Turrini share victories in mixed conditions at Cusses Gorse**



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After last weekend's race in Ireland, fourth and next to last round of the EMX Quad European Championship has been hosted at Cusses Gorse Circuit in Aylesbury, Great Britain.

Race 1

A fine drizzle hovered over the Cusses Gorse circuit prior to the race which dampened the track almost perfectly, but did not dampen the spirits of the British crowd as local riders #7 Harry Walker and #919 Mark McLernon taking the second and third gate pick, with the Italian #15 Patrick Turrini having first choice, opting for the inside gate.



The gates slammed down and 21 riders stormed uphill toward the tight left-hand turn, with #5 Dafydd Davies claiming the holeshot with a marginal advantage over McLernon. Turrini slotted into third ahead of Walker, and #96 Murray Graham, having a better day than yesterday, finding himself in seventh as the riders completed the first lap.

McLernon experienced ever-increasing pressure as Walker carved his way through his opponents and took the lead of the race from McLernon. From this point, Walker opened up the advantage by setting his fastest lap of the race on lap 3 - 2:03.580. Throughout this period, third-placed Davies was under ever-increasing pressure from Turrini and #58 Christopher Tveraen. Despite his best efforts, Davies lost position to both Turrini and Tveraen.

With the Italian and Norwegian having clear track in front of them, they increased their pace in the pursuit of McLernon, who was unable to match the pace of the race leader. Heading into the mid-point of the race, all eyes were firmly set on the battle for second place.

Throughout the preceding laps, both Turrini and Tveraen were closing the gap between themselves and McLernon, however, it was on lap 6 and 7 when the crowd were treated to a spectacular battle between McLernon, Turrini and Tveraen. The Italian was certainly looking to put a pass on McLernon, however, he did not anticipate the fantastic defense that McLernon was to put up as he positioned his machine in all the right positions to keep ahold of his second place, with Tveraen ready to take any opportunity to move past, should it come his way. Lap 8 saw both riders move in front of McLernon, but by this point, Walker was already 8 seconds in the lead.

Turrini soon found his groove, and commenced his mission of chasing down Walker, but with only five laps remaining, it seemed as though it was too much of a challenge. What was not taken into consideration, was Turrini's sheer speed and determination, which saw



him close the gap with every passing lap. Further down the order, #91 Adam Tucek moved up to sixth position ahead of Graham due to, what appeared to be, a missed gear from the Briton.

The clock struck zero and the two-laps remaining board was shown, with the gap having been reduced to 2.5 seconds between Walker and Turrini, with the #15 machine lapping quicker than Walker by 1.5 seconds, on the twelfth lap. This set the scene for what would be an incredible last lap between the Brit, and the Italian. The middle section of the circuit is where Turrini gained the most amount of time and, on the final lap, there were only a couple of bike-lengths between the leading duo! Much to the delight of the local crowd, Walker reappeared, soaring through the air to take victory over the determined Turrini, to claim the victory by 0.794 seconds, with Tveraen rounding off the podium to take 20 valuable points.

Tucek crossed the line in a respectable sixth position, however, failing to pass the post-race sound test meant the Czech was penalised 5 positions, and was eventually credited with 11th position.

Race 2

Pre-race favourites Walker and Turrini both made impressive starts, with the experienced Italian taking the holeshot ahead of Walker, and fast-starting Dafydd Davies keeping a watching brief in third. As ever, there was drama throughout the opening lap, with the luckless Murray Graham having to retire from the race due to his rear-left wheel coming off of the machine, and #41 Jan Brhel also retiring through, what appeared to be, a mechanical issue. In the latter half of the opening lap, it was local man and race one victor Harry Walker who skilfully took the lead from Turrini, and immediately looked to increase the advantage.



From the outset, Tveraen, in fourth position, had Davies in his sights and used the skill that took him to four European Vice Championships to manoeuvre past Davies on the fourth lap. The leaders by this point were fighting hard over control of the race, with Walker leading Turrini by less than one second! Their lap times were already down to 2:15, with Tveraen looking to join the duo. Adam Tucek and the young Estonian #741 Karl Robin Rillo were racing frantically, but on lap seven Rillo swooped ahead of the Czech rider, and would not be challenged throughout the remainder of the race.

Over the coming laps, the attention was on the fight for the lead, with Turrini stalking Walker in front of the supporting British fans. Turrini appeared to be struggling with vision in the wet conditions, and soon removed his goggles which resulted in a slight gap appearing between himself and the leader, but Turrini fought on and was soon back with Walker, eager to get passed the Brit.

On the eleventh lap, Turrini stormed around the outside of Walker to claim the race lead, with Tveraen in third position, slowly but surely, reducing the deficit between himself the Walker. Try as he might, Walker has no response to the pace of Turrini, as he set the fastest lap of the race, 2:15.343, in his efforts to increase the margin at the front of the race. Rillo was now ahead of Tucek but he was not close enough to Dafydd Davies, resulting in him finishing the race inside the top five - a welcome result after the 13th place finish in race one.

The two-laps remaining board was shown to the 13 circulating riders, and Tveraen was the man on the charge in his attempts to close the gap between himself and Walker, in second position. Backmarkers were now coming into play and, despite a slight loss of time for Turrini, his gap was large enough that he was not challenged in his pursuit of race victory.



Turrini knew he had enough of an advantage over Walker to take the victory as he punched the air in jubilation, with Walker crossing the line to complete the race in second place, and Tveraen once more rounding off the podium with another third position. Dafydd Davies was once again inside the top-five with his fourth place, and Rillo completed the race comfortably in fifth position.

Overall top five

1. Patrick Turrini, 47 points
2. Harry Walker, 47
3. Christopher Tveraen, 40
4. Dafydd Davies, 34
5. Adam Tucek, 25

Championship standings

1. Patrick Turrini, 163 points
2. Karl Robin Rollo, 146
3. Jan Brhel, 109

European Under19 Individual Speedway Championship:

Polish rider Przyjemski wins SF2

The SF2 of the European Under19 Individual Speedway Championship took place in Žarnovica, Slovakia.

On a very well-prepared track, 17 riders competed for the promotion to the Final, which will take place on the 19th of August in Poland.

Young riders gave a demonstration of their skills showing some interesting actions. Polish rider Wiktor Przyjemski won all the races ahead of Nazar Parnitskiy from Ukraine and countryman Oskar Paluch.

Antoni Mencel (Poland), Norick Blodorn (Germany), Daniel Thompson (UK), Sebastian Kössler (Austria) and Anže Grmek (Slovenia) were promoted to the final too.

Due to a storm started after the 20th race, an extra run for the reserve position could not take place. In accordance with the qualification rules, place 9 was taken by Matouš Kamenik (Czech Republic).



Top three

1. Wiktor Przyjemski, POL, 15 points
2. Nazar Parnitskiy, UKR, 13 points
3. Oskar Paluch, POL, 12 points

E-Bike Enduro Cup:

Alessio Bonetta grabs the Overall title

Thrilling weekend for e-bike lovers in Piedmont, Italy.

The town of Sestriere, well-known for the Winter Olympic Games and the Ski World Cup, for two days became the e-bike capital with the single round of the E-Bike Enduro Cup, raced together with the E-bike Enduro World Championship and the third and fourth rounds of the Italian Enduro Championship and the Italian E-Bike Cup.

A sunny day welcomed all participants to this second edition of the Cup, that took place in the Alps, about 2.000 meters above sea level: a breath-taking scenery for its natural beauty.

At the end of the 6 different special tests, Italian rider Alessio Bonetta (Rockmountain 250 2T) took the win of the Overall Class with three minutes gap on countryman Grassi Marco (Fulgur Mula-Polini).

The E3 class was won by Davide Rossin (Sem 450 2T) ahead of French rider Quentin Busuttill (Surrón LB) and Victorien Bouvard (Dur-Ron).

Andrea Sassoli (Exept 250 2T) won the E2 class.

