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Individual Speedway Euro Championship:  
Janusz Kołodziej wins Final 2 in Güstrow



Janusz Kołodziej once again demonstrated that the track in Guestrów is one of his favorites. He won the second round of the TAURON Speedway Euro Championship and secured his first points in this year's series. Mikkel Michelsen claimed the second place and the lead position in the overall classification. Andzejs Lebedevs finished third.

After the absence caused by an injury during the first round in Częstochowa, it could be expected that the silver medalist from last year's SEC would do everything to make up for the points against his opponents. However, Janusz Kołodziej's performance on the German track was close to perfection. He won 4 out of 5 heats and confidently advanced to the final.

A similar form was shown by Mikkel Michelsen in Guestrów. A failed eleventh heat, in which he finished behind Kołodziej, Lindbaeck, and Madsen, allowed him to advance to the final from the second place.



Andzejs Lebedevs and Antonio Lindbaeck provided a positive surprise. Both riders met in the 17th heat, which turned out to be crucial in determining the order of places in the Last Chance Heat. The Latvian won it, while unfortunately, the Swede suffered motorcycle failure.

The disappointment of the tournament was Leon Madsen, who scored only 4 points in 5 heats. The representatives of Germany - Kai Huckenbeck and Norick Bloedorn - could also finish the competition with a sense of dissatisfaction. They brought in 7 and 3 points respectively.

The outside starting positions proved to be very beneficial for the riders. From them, in the Last Chance Heat, Andzejs Lebedevs and Dominik Kubera launched, maintaining the first two places by crossing the finish line ahead of Patryk Dudek and Antonio Lindbaeck. In the final, the standout performer during the second round, Janusz Kołodziej, held off Mikkel Michelsen's attacks and won Final 2 in Guestrow.

In the overall classification, Mikkel Michelsen took the lead, having a 9-point advantage over Leon Madsen. Kacper Woryna, Andzejs Lebedevs, Patryk Dudek, and Janusz Kołodziej moved into the top positions.

The next event will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September in Bydgoszcz, Poland.

### Final 2 top three

1. Janusz Kołodziej, POL, 17 points
2. Mikkel Michelsen, DEN, 14 points
3. Andzejs Lebedevs, LAT, 11 points

### Standings

1. Mikkel Michelsen, DEN, 29 points
2. Leon Madsen, DEN, 20 points
3. Andzejs Lebedevs, LAT, 19 points

Hill Climb European Championship:  
Italy hosted round 4



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The fourth round of the Hill Climb European Championship took place in the beautiful mountains of Umbria region, near the old city of Spoleto, Italy, on a track winding up the mountain to Forca di Cerro.

The championship has 5 classes: 250 GP, SuperSport 300, SuperSport 600, SuperBike and SuperMoto.

In good weather conditions riders from five different nations faced free practices, qualifying and two races.

In 250 GP both races were ruled by Italian rider Guido Testoni, who is leading the championship ahead of Bernard Depierreux, second in Italy, and Rolf Haller, third.

Daniele Stolli from Italy won both races of SuperSport 300, increasing the gap in the standings where he is the leader ahead of countrymen Gionata Grassi and Marco Vigilucci.

Double win for Maurizio Bottalico in SuperSport 600, while Tiziano Rosati confirmed a double second.

In SuperBike the qualifying saw French rider Jean Luc David and the Italian Maurizio Bottalico have the same time. In the first race Bottalico managed to pull away from David, but only with a time difference of 0,7 sec. and a speed difference of 1 km/h. The track



included two chicanes to keep the speed down on the straights: if a rider went over the chicane, it was a track limit violation with a penalty of 3 seconds. In race 2 Bottalico crossed the chicane losing the first position and giving the win to David. Now they are both leader of the standings with 45 points. The final score will be settled at the final event in September.

Double win for Carmine Matarazzo in SuperMoto class.

### Final results

#### 250 GP race 1/race2

1. Guido Testoni, ITA
2. Bernard Depierreux, BEL
3. Rolf Haller, SWI

#### SuperSport 300 race 1/race2

1. Daniele Stolli, ITA
2. Gionata Grassi, ITA
3. Marco Vigilucci, ITA

#### SuperSport 600 race 1/race2

1. Maurizio Bottalico, ITA
2. Tiziano Rosati, ITA

#### SuperBike race 1

1. Maurizio Bottalico, ITA
2. Jean Luc David, FRA
3. Davis Lignite, ITA

#### SuperBike race 2

1. Jean Luc David, FRA
2. Maurizio Bottalico, ITA
3. Davis Lignite, ITA

#### SuperMoto race 1/race2

1. Carmine Matarazzo, ITA



2. Yuri Storniolo, ITA
3. Cosimo Sozzo, ITA

### Standings

#### 250 GP

1. Guido Testoni, ITA, 50 points
2. Bernard Depierreux, BEL, 40 points
3. Rolf Haller, SWI, 32 points

#### SuperSport 300

1. Daniele Stolli, ITA, 50 points
2. Gionata Grassi, ITA, 40 points
3. 3.Marco Vigilucci, ITA, 32 points

#### SuperSport 600

1. Maurizio Bottalico, ITA, 50 points
2. Tiziano Rosati, ITA, 40 points

#### SuperBike

1. Jean Luc David, FRA, 45 points
2. Maurizio Bottalico, ITA, 45 points
3. Davis Lignite, ITA, 32 points

#### SuperMoto

1. Carmine Matarazzo, ITA, 50 points
2. Yuri Storniolo, ITA, 40 points
3. Cosimo Sozzo, ITA, 32 points

European STK 1000 Cup and SSP 300 Cup:  
rainy weekend in Croatia



The 4<sup>th</sup> round of the European STK 1000 Cup and SSP 300 Cup took place together with the Alpe Adria Championship at Automotodrom Grobnik, Croatia, under mixed weather conditions.

### SSP300

On Saturday morning Hungarian rider Mate Szamado took the pole position in wet a qualifying practice.

In the afternoon Race 1 started in wet conditions even if the track was mostly dry. Szamado immediately took the lead and won with a gap of 9 seconds on Polish rider Mateusz Molik. Third place for Konuk Mert from Turkey.

Race 2 started under a heavy rain. At the second corner Lukacs Hamilton crashed out, while his teammate Samado won again ahead of Molik and Mert.

### STK 1000

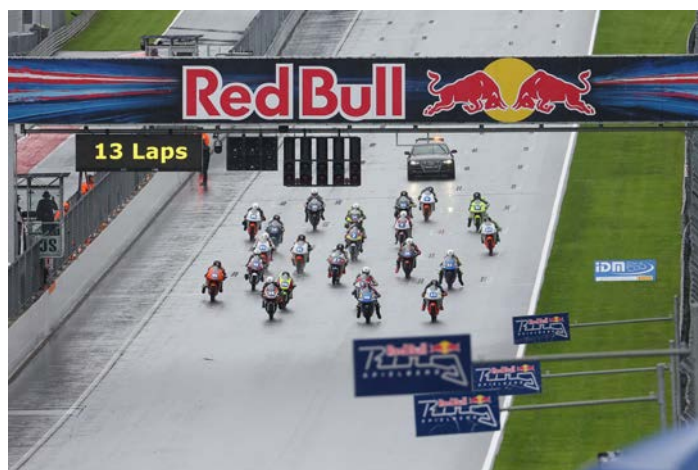
The weekend started in the best way but finished with a bittersweet taste for Sinisha Kochoski, who got the pole position in mixed conditions.

Race 1, started in dry conditions, saw the North Macedonian rider immediately lose the lead in favour of Lennart Ulbel. At the end of 11 exciting laps Martin Tritscher won in front of Ulbel and Kochoski.

After a dry Race 1, Race 2 was declared wet. This time Ulbel maintained the lead of the race winning ahead of Hristijan Buzalkovski and Tritscher.

### Northern Talent Cup:

Phommara and Frellsen emerge victorious in exhilarating Red Bull Ring battles



The seventh and next to last round of the Northern Talent Cup was raced at Red Bull Ring, in Austria.

### Race 1

In wet conditions, Lenox Phommara (Team Phommara) claimed a fourth victory of the season to launch himself to the top of the standings and place one hand on the NTC cup, his advantage at the top of the 2023 Northern Talent Cup standings now a substantial 19 points with just three races remaining. Riding in second position, Phommara made a last-lap move on Dutchman Jurrien Van Crugten (BB64 Academy) to take the lead onto the



main straight. It was very much a photo finish with riders Filip Novotny (DG Corse) and Van Crugten crossing the line milliseconds behind.

Austrian rookie Luis Rammerstorfer (Heating Factory Youngsters) took a surprise pole position in wet conditions at his home GP.

It was a lightning start off the line for Lennox Phommara and he was the first into Turn 1, just ahead of Van Crugten and poleman Rammerstorfer. Phommara looked to be running away with it as he quickly pulled out a gap at the front in the opening laps. But from ninth on the grid Dane Julius Frellsen (MCA Racing) was on the advance and having already made up five positions off the line, wasted no time in dispatching first Rammerstorfer and then Van Crugten. With ten laps to go, he caught and overtook Phommara on the inside of Turn 1 to take the lead.

Just behind, a small of riders had formed consisting of Levin Phommara (Team Phommara) and Dutchman Van Crugten, and the impressive Novotny. Meanwhile, at the front, Frellsen wasn't quite able to pull away from Lennox Phommara and as the race progressed it was the turn of Van Crugten to make his way to the front, with Levin Phommara dropping back. Poleman Rammerstorfer found himself in sixth position within a couple of laps. Dreams of memorable result were scuppered however by a high side at T3 that saw him retire from his home GP.

Everything was decided on the last lap and it was between Van Crugten, Lennox Phommara, Novotny & Frellsen, and it was in this order the lap began, but it was not how it finished. Lennox Phommara left it late to make his move on leader Van Crugten on the penultimate corner, with Novotny going with him and taking second, leaving Van Crugten and Frellsen to take third and fourth respectively.

Rounding out the top 10 was Levin Phommara (Team Phommara) in fifth, ahead of Martin Vincze (VM Racing Team), Luca Hafenegger (Austria Junior Cup Team), Maxime Schmid (Team Schmid), Niklas Wannemacher (KTM Braumandl) and Matteo Masili (Fairium Next Generation Riders Team) in tenth.





## Race 2

In an exhilarating race with a lead group of eight, Dane Julius Frellsen (MCA Racing) once again showed why he is a rider on the rise and very much at the top of his game, with a sublime performance that saw him overtake five riders on the last lap and claim a well-deserved victory at the Red Bull Ring ahead of title rivals Rocco Sessler (MCA Racing) and Lenox Phommara (Team Phommara).

In sunny and dry conditions, the stage was set for an exciting Race 2, and it did not disappoint. From second on the grid, it was a great start from Jurrien Van Crugten (BB64 Academy) off the line to beat poleman Lenox Phommara into Turn 1. Within a couple of laps, a lead group of eight riders had formed, and it stayed like this for the rest of the race, the leader changing multiple times, the likes of Matteo Masili (Fairium Next Generation Riders Team), Lenox Phommara, Martin Vincze (VM Racing Team) and Rocco Sessler (MCA Racing Team) all enjoying some time leading the chasing pack.

Not unsurprisingly, it all came down to the last lap. Our eventual race winner was in sixth at this point, first dispatching Novotny (DG Corse) into T1, Sessler at the chicane, Masili at T3, and then both Vincze and Lenox Phommara in a heroic move at T4. At the last turn, Sessler took first, but this only served to provide Frellsen with a convenient slipstream in the run-up to the finish line, where he secured his third victory of the season, ahead of Sessler, Phommara, Vincze, and Masili.

In terms of the title race, there was some consolation for Rocco Sessler having claimed second position ahead of cup leader Lenox Phommara in third, thus reducing the deficit at the top standings from 19 points to 15. A not insurmountable lead if the German wishes to claim the title (he does!), but not an easy one either. But this is racing, and anything can happen.

**European Handy Bridgestone Cup:  
Picasso and Sontacchi grab the titles**



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The third and last event of the European Handy Bridgestone Cup took place together with the European STK 1000 Cup and SSP 300 Cup and Alpe Adria Championship at Automotodrom Grobnik in Rijeka, Croatia.

The Race Direction decided to cancel the first Qualifying Session scheduled on Friday due to heavy rain and the second Qualifying took place in wet conditions. Even if the bad weather, rain tyres and lap times of all riders were within the percentage set by the Regulation to participate to the races.

### **Race 1**

In the 1000cc class Italian rider Lorenzo Picasso led the race for 8 laps, followed by Martin Horky from Czech Republic and Italian Emiliano Malagoli. In the final laps Horky overtook Picasso and crossed as first the finish line.

In the 600cc class, wild card Jakob Lorenz led the race from the beginning to the checkered flag. Behind the Austrian rider, Iacopo Gardiol finished second after overtook Maximilian Sontacchi in the middle of the race.



In the Lesser Impaired Category, the Italian Ivo Arnoldi won the 1000cc class, while the Spanish Antonio Montoya won the 600cc class.

## **Race 2**

In wet conditions Horky immediately took a huge advantage racing a lonely way. The same did Picasso finishing second. A good comeback by Jacopo Gullà let him to take the third position of 1000 cc.

The second race of 600cc class was the same of the first one, with Austrian rider Lorenz as fastest in wet conditions. Behind him Gardiol and Sontacchi.

In Lesser Impaired category another win for Arnoldi in the 1000cc class and Montoya in the 600cc class.

At the end of Race 2 the new champions have been crowned: Picasso took the title in the 1000cc class and Sontacchi in the 600cc class.

## **Standing**

### **1000 cc**

1. Lorenzo Picasso
2. Emiliano Malagoli
3. Jacopo Gullà

### **600 cc**

1. Maximilian Sontacchi
2. Jakob Lorenz
3. Iacopo Emilio Gardiol

## **Lesser Impaired**

**1000 cc** - Ivo Arnoldi

**600 cc** - Antonio Montoya