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EMX250 European Championship: Bonacorsi gets back to winning ways in Arnhem

The Round of Netherlands in EMX250 witnessed many battles across the board. The sand track of Arnhem allowed riders to show all their skills and speed to overtake and fight for the top spots.

Red Plate Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing Team's Andrea Bonacorsi won his 3rd round of the season and kept his 100% podium record this season while extending his lead in the Championship. Fantic Racing MX's Cas Valk confirmed his emphatic win in Sweden with the 2nd overall while BT Racing Team's Kay Karssemakers pulled out another podium after fighting hard to come back in the first race.



In race 1, home rider Cas Valk took a huge start and the lead in front of his countryman Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing Team's Ivano Van Erp and VRT KTM Factory Juniors' Ferruccio Zanchi. Both riders showed good speed but Valk edged away and



created a good gap. The front three riders disappeared at the front. Van Erp got closer and closer from Valk and managed to make an incredible pass on Valk on lap 10 of 15 to take the lead. Zanchi took inspiration from Van Erp and made the pass stick also on Valk a lap later. Unfortunately, Van Erp crashed while at the lead on lap 12 and Zanchi capitalised on that and flew to victory. Van Erp injured himself and broke his pelvis which will rule him out for the rest of the season.

Valk 2nd had to deal with a huge charge from Red Plate Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing Team's Andrea Bonacorsi who as he has shown in the last rounds, increased his pace as the race went on. Bonacorsi who found himself 7th on lap 1 powered through to move up the ranks consistently to get to 3rd on lap 12. Bonacorsi's speed was too much for Valk who could not hold his ground and saw the Italian pass him on lap 13 to finish 2nd. Valk finished 3rd although he unfortunately got penalised 5 positions for failing post-race noise control and finished 8th.

Bud Racing Kawasaki's Quentin Prungieres took a good start going 6th in lap 1 and quickly overtook KTM SB Racing's Nico Greutmann and RFME GASGAS MXJUNIOR TEAM's Francisco Garcia to move up to 4th on lap 4. Garcia who normally races in EMX125 presented by FMF Racing was racing well and showed good things while he was 5th but he had an issue with his bike and had to retire on lap 6. Prungieres 4th got overtaken by Bonacorsi on lap 8 and moved down to 5th although he benefitted from Van Erp crash and Valk's penalty to finish 3rd in the end.

Fantic Racing MX's Haakon Osterhagen rode solidly after an average start in 11th place. The Norwegian managed to make many overtakes and fought for most of the second part of the race with BT Racing Team's Kay Karssemakers. Osterhagen got the last word and finished 4th in the end while Karssemakers made a huge comeback after getting tangled in the first corners that made him have to ride from the back as he found himself 23rd on the turn of lap 1. Karssemakers showed huge determination to charge forward relentlessly



to finish 5th in the end with a last lap charge on SM Action Racing Team Yuasa Battery's Federico Tuani. Tuani settled for 6th in front of Fantic Racing MX's Alexis Fueri 7th.

In Race 2 it was KTM Beddini Racing Team's Valerio Lata who finished 10th in race 1 who took the best start in front of Karssemakers and Valk. Both riders engaged in a fierce battle for 2nd over the first couple of laps and went wheel to wheel but it was Valk who got the last word after setting the fastest lap of the race on lap 3 in 1.46:127. Valk kept riding forward and on lap 5 made a decisive move to take the lead off Lata. Valk pulled away quickly as he felt at one with the track to create a gap of up to 11 seconds and win the race comfortably. The home rider had to settle for the 2nd overall after getting demoted 5 positions in race 1 to go 8-1 but won his 3rd race out of the last 4 to prove how on form he is.

After getting passed by Valk, Lata made several mistakes which Karssemakers and Bonacorsi capitalised on. Lata in the end finished the race in 5th to go 10-5 for 8th overall. However, racings got intense between the top 2 in the Championship as Bonacorsi pushed hard to overtake Karssemakers. Karssemakers held his ground very well and hold off the Red Plate few times but in the end, Bonacorsi found the way and managed to pass Karssemakers on lap 14 of 15.

Bonacorsi finished 2nd to go 2-2 and clinch his 3rd overall win of the season and extended his lead in the Championship while Karssemakers finished 3rd to go 5-3 and round the podium.

After winning race 1, Zanchi fell in the opening lap and had a mountain to climb but the Italian raced superbly to move up to 10th in the end going 1-10 and take the 4th place overall.

Tuani raced very well once again as he gained position during the race to go from 9th on lap 1 to finish 5th after overtaking Osterhagen on lap 13. Tuani in the end got a 6-5 finish



to get the 7th overall while Osterhagen also rode solidly within the top 10 again to finish 6th with 4-6 for 6th overall. After a great first race Prugnieres had an average start to go 13th on lap 1 but showed a good fighting spirit to move up the ranks and finish 7th for 5th overall. Another French rider, Fueri solidly raced within the top 10 to get a good 8th place and go 7-8 for 9th overall.

EMX250 - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, YAM), 44 points; 2. Cas Valk (NED, FAN), 38 p.; 3. Kay Karssemakers (NED, HUS), 36 p.; 4. Ferruccio Zanchi (ITA, KTM), 36 p.; 5. Quentin Marc Prugnieres (FRA, KAW), 34 p.; 6. Haakon Osterhagen (NOR, FAN), 33 p.; 7. Federico Tuani (ITA, KTM), 31 p.; 8. Valerio Lata (ITA, KTM), 29 p.; 9. Alexis Fueri (FRA, FAN), 27 p.; 10. Kjeld Stuurman (NED, KTM), 20 p

EMX250 - Championship Top 10 Classification: 1. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, YAM), 350 points; 2. Kay Karssemakers (NED, HUS), 296 p.; 3. Cas Valk (NED, FAN), 264 p.; 4. Ferruccio Zanchi (ITA, KTM), 240 p.; 5. Quentin Marc Prugnieres (FRA, KAW), 215 p.; 6. Valerio Lata (ITA, KTM), 203 p.; 7. Marc-Antoine Rossi (FRA, KTM), 199 p.; 8. Ivano Van Erp (NED, YAM), 190 p.; 9. Karlis Alberts Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 171 p.; 10. Federico Tuani (ITA, KTM), 149 p

EMX Quad European Championship: Turrini takes the title

After four events raced in Estonia, Poland, Ireland and Great Britain, the fifth and final round of the EMX Quad European Championship was raced in the Czech Republic. Here the dream became true for Patrick Turrini (Yamaha).

The young Italian talented rider arrived to this last challenge in Locket with an advantage of 17 points on his direct opponent Karl Robin Rillo, but the challenge for the title already finished even before starting as the Estonian rider did not take part to the race.

Without the direct challenge between these two top riders, Turrini took his first European title.



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In hot Loket the new Champion easily faced the two races, after finishing third in qualifying. In the first heat he was third behind Czech Jan Brhel (Yamaha) and Norwegian Joakim Granli (Honda) for a long time, but in the course of the race he overtook Granli and secured second place. Instead, in Race2 Turrini won with no pressure ahead of Granli and the Czech David Susa with Brhel only fifth.

In the fight for standings Brhel became Vice European Champion and Rillo had to settle with the third position.

Overall, top three

1. Patrick Turrini, ITA (22-25=47)
2. Joakim Granli, NOR (20+22=42)
3. Jan Brhel, CZE (25+16=41)

Standings, top three

1. Patrick Turrini, ITA
2. Jan Brhel, CZE
3. Karl Robin Rillo, EST

**S3 Junior European Championship:
double victory and leadership for Brando Campocasso in Romania**



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This weekend Romania was the host of the second and third rounds of the FIM Europe S3 Junior Supermoto European Championship.

Prejmer Raceway Circuit near Braşov, about 200 km north of capital Bucharest, offered a perfect setting for Supermoto some with wide turns, fast corners and a nicely built offroad.

First race of Saturday was a real thriller with incredible highs and lows and an unexpected unfolding of events.

Bulgarian Jivko Ivanov (KTM) was on pole and managed to take the holeshot only to throw everything away in the second corner as he lost grip at the offroad entrance and crashed while going from first position to dead last in just a few seconds.

It was then French rider Brando Campocasso (KTM) who was gifted the lead and started to open up a gap to second place rider Bulgarian Atanas Lekov (KAWASAKI).



But it was a revival race for Jivko Ivanov after picking himself up after his early race crash as he made up great lengths of time and arrived second with only few laps to go.

Only a misfortune or a mistake could take the win away from Campocasso and before the finish a lapped rider crashed in front of the leader to take him out and give the victory to Jivko Ivanov from Bulgaria, who arrived from first at the start to immediately last after two corners and back to first again at the finish.

Campocasso managed to pick himself up and finish in second position while Atanas was third.

Second race was a mission of Campocasso, who managed to win in style and win round tied in points with Ivanov, while Atanas was third.

Third round on Sunday had the same history in both races, with Campocasso leading, Ivanov and Atanas running close by in second and third respectively, giving Campobasso of France the lead in the standings before the last event, which will be held in Pleven, Bulgaria, on September 2nd-3rd.

European Under19 Individual Speedway Championship: Final

Thrilling races in Gorzów Wielkopolski, Poland, in the Final of the European Under19 Individual Speedway Championship.

The picturesque Gorzów Speedway Arena became the perfect venue for an exhilarating display of skill and determination as the Under19 Championship unfolded amidst an atmosphere of excitement and anticipation. The exceptionally prepared track and the

radiant sun provided the perfect backdrop for a captivating spectacle that kept spectators on the edge of their seats.



After Semi Final 1 in Norway and Semi Final 2 in Slovakia, 18 young and talented riders from various corners of Europe gathered in Gorzów Wielkopolski to compete for glory and medals in the prestigious Under-19 European Speedway Championship.

Sunny weather enhanced the experience for spectators, who flocked to the stadium to witness the intense battles and thrilling manoeuvres of these young riders. Enthusiastic fans were amazed by the demonstration of high-speed actions and intense finishes, showcasing the dedication and perseverance of each participant.

After a series of captivating races, totalling 20 heats in all, the true champions took the spotlight. The competition was fierce, with every rider giving their all to secure victory. The culmination of skill and determination was evident when the winners and medallists of the Championship were finally determined.

After the top ten in 2022 season, this year Polish rider Wiktor Przyjemski became the new Champion. Silver medal for countryman Damian Ratajczak and bronze for 2022 Vice Champion Mathias Pollestad from Norway.

“We are proud to have been witnesses to such a fantastic display of sportsmanship and talent”, - said Maciej Polny, of Żuraw Club - “The dedication and passion of these young speedway riders are truly inspiring”.

The success of the event owes much to the hard work and commitment of the organizers. As the sun set on this remarkable day, the memory of these exciting races and spirited competition will continue to inspire both fans and participants alike.

Final - Top three

1. Wiktor Przyjemski, POL
2. Damian Ratajczak, POL
3. Mathias Pollestad, NOR

European 250cc Youth Speedway Championship: Semi Final 1, Semi Final 2, Final



The beautiful city of Riga, in Latvia, hosted the Semi Final 1, Semi Final 2 and Final of the European 250cc Youth Speedway Championship.



Semi Final 1 - Semi Final 2

These two meetings had been run under extremely hot weather conditions with temperatures over 30°. All young riders had been on a high professional level and the two Semi Finals only had one heavy crash. The rider had been transported to the hospital, but was released later and seen in the pit again. Racing was on a high level with good overtaking and close finish on some of the heats.

In Semi Final 1 Polish rider Kacper Mania took the overall win ahead of British William Cairns and Danish Mikkel Andersen. 8+1 riders qualified to the Final on Sunday.

In Semi Final 2 Polish rider Maksymilian Pawekczak claimed the victory ahead of Swedish Rasmus Karlsson and Sven Cerjak from Slovenia. 7+1 riders qualified to the Final, one of these was local rider Damirs Filimonovs).

Final

A hot day welcomed riders in a well-prepared track, that at the end of the day crowned the new European Champion.

Heat 1 started with a small crash, but all 4 riders had been participating in the re-run. Heat 5 was a really good racing between Mania, Karlsson and Pawekczak and at the end the Polish rider took the win. Heat 9 was another exciting race: Andersen fought hard till the last lap overtaking Cairns and taking another step towards the gold medal.

After 19 Heats two riders had 11 points and one rider 10 points: Heat 20 was the Final! Andersen took the lead right from the start and won ahead of Mania and Emil Maroszek. 7th final position for local hero Filimonovs.

Final - Top three:

1. Mikkel Andersen, DAN



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2. Kacper Mania, POL
3. Emil Maroszek, POL

