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European 250cc Pairs Speedway Championship: Poland grabs the title at home fight



Team Poland put in a commanding performance to rule with Kacper Mania, Maksymilian Pawelczak, Emil Maroszek as the battle for supremacy in the 2023 European 250cc Pairs Speedway Championship ended at Bydgoszcz in Poland, last Thursday.

It was an exciting round for home heroes in a perfect race organized by Moto Club Bydgoszcz.

All expectations were not disappointed and the challenge for the title between team Poland and Denmark was a thrilling show. Arrived at this Final event with just two points difference, the Danish had to deal with a bad day while Poland did it through. Home riders grabbed the title also winning the race with 12 points ahead of Comi team (10 points, Pavel Sitek from Poland and Zoltan Lovas from Hungary) and Great Britain (8 points).

Thanks to a good season the Danish team could get the silver medal, while Sweden the bronze one after the ninth position in this last event at the end of a close fight with Slovenia.

Final standing:

1. Poland (Kacper Mania, Maksymilian Pawelczak, Emil Maroszek), 46 points
2. Denmark (Mikkel Andersen, Patrick Kruse, Villads Pedersen), 38 points
3. Sweden (Rasmus Karlsson, Dante Johansson), 24 points

European Under19 Pairs Speedway Championship: Poland storms the title



Single-race events for the European Under19 Pairs Speedway Championship in Pardubice, in the Czech Republic. Located about 90 kilometres east of Prague, the city lies on the Elbe River: it was the perfect venue for the series, as the city is really well known for its sport events. This season also hosted the second round of the European Team Speedway Championship in mid-April.

The strong heat and high temperatures put a strain on riders, but did not prevent the smooth running of the race, raced on a dry and good conditioned track.

At the end of 28 thrilling and very battled heats team Poland claimed the victor thanks to the good job of Damian Ratajczak, Jakub Krawczyk, Oskar Paluch.

The fight for the second position remained open till heats 27, with the challenge between the Swedish and Danish. At the end of an exciting heat Denmark grabbed P2 ahead of Sweden.

Top three

1. Poland (Damian Ratajczak, Jakub Krawczyk, Oskar Paluch)
2. Denmark (Jesper Knudsen, William Drejer, Nicolai Heiselberg)
3. Sweden (Casper Henriksson, Noel Walquist, Theo Bergkvist)

European Pairs Speedway Championship: Semi Final 2



Following the Semi Final 1 set in mid-July in Finland, the season of the European Pairs Speedway Championship continued last weekend with the Semi Final 2 in Hungary. The



town of Nagyhálsz, situated in the Northern Great Plain region of eastern Country, hosted for the second time this year a Track Racing competition as in May was the venue of the ECC round of the SEC.

Amazing day for the Italian team, that did at the end of a spectacular race made it through winning the Semi Final with 23 points.

After a slow opening heat, Italian duo Paco Castagna and Nicolas Covatti won 4 straight heats and secured the victory in their second last heat. Although Italy secured the victory early, the fight for the last two qualifying spots remained opened.

Four teams fought till the end to secure the second and third spot. Slovenia finished tied on points with Latvia and a run-off heat for second and third position was raced. Slovenia put the result out of reach of its rival.

The top five was completed with Ukraine and Chzech Republic: both finished tied on points (20) missing the qualifying for just one point.

The fight for the title begins now. The focus switches to Opole in Poland on 1 October for the Final.

Top three

1. Italy (Paco Castagna 11, Nicolas Covatti 12), 23 points
2. Slovenia (Nick Skorkja 14, Anze Grmek 7, Matic Ivacic DNR), 21+3 points
3. Latvia (Jevgenijs Kostigovs 11, Daniils Kolodinski 10), 21 + 2 points

**SSP 300 Women's European Championship:
Santos wins a thrilling head-to-head with Rivera**



The Autodromo del Mugello welcomed the Women's European Championship for the penultimate round of the 2023 season. This Italian Circuit in the middle of Tuscans hills saw action, battles and adrenaline: the perfect ingredients for an incredible round until the chequered flag.

Beatriz Neila Santos (511 Racing Team) beat Natalia Rivera (Trasimeno) winning by just 43 thousandths. Third position for Roberta Ponziani (Roc'n'DeA), who completed the podium. Fourth position for Sara Cabrini (Gradara Corse), while Aurelia Cruciani (Roc'n'DeA) finished fifth ahead of Austrian Lena Kemmer (Bertlkr Racing).

Now the series take a break before the season finale, which will take place in Imola from 6th to 8th October.

Race results

1. Santos Beatriz Neila 21'42"235, 2. Rivera Natalia +0.043; 3. Ponziani Roberta +6.147; 4. Cabrini Sara +6.221; 5. Cruciani Aurelia +23.842; 6. Kemmer Lena +33.555; 7. Howden Jessica (Trasimeno) +33.576; 8. Yochay Ran (Celo Racing) +34.087; 9. Sowa Patrycja (Sowa Racing) +35.889; 10. Guarino Martina

(MotoXRacing) +37.817; 11. Barbera Beatrice (GP3 AD11) +38.736; 12. Saluste Maria (Motoclub Sinilind) + 1 lap.

Standings top ten

1. Santos Beatriz Neila 212 points; 2. Rivera Natalia 151; 3. Ponziani Roberta 120; 4. Cruciani Aurelia 109; 5. Cabrini Sara 98; 6. Yochay Ran 82; 7. Carreno Isis 63; 8. Kemmer Lena 60; 9. Guarino Martina 49; 10. Rusthen Mia 48.

S3 Junior European Championship: Brando Campobasso is the new champion!



Two weeks after the second and third rounds of the FIM Europe S3 Junior Supermoto European Championship in Romania, the fourth and the fifth rounds of the series was raced Pleven, Bulgaria.

Expectations were high and not dashed too as perfect conditions were reunited to offer an amazing and special show in this last date with the crown of the new champion.

Ruler in the last two races, Brando Campocasso from France grabbed the S3 Junior European title, taking the gold medal with just two points ahead of his biggest rival from Bulgaria, Jivko Ivanov.

Both riders finalized an interesting season and event in Pleven. Despite Ivanov was on home soil, a mistake in the first race on Saturday costed him these two points gap to the French rider. Even if the Bulgarian rider took three wins, that was not enough, giving the title in the hands of Campocasso who calculated his chances and did perfect tactical races which at the end led him to the gold place.

Third position for Nikola Dosev from Bulgaria, tied on points with Atanas Lekov: missing the event because of an injury the bronze medal went to Dosev.

EMX250 European Championship: Bonacorsi dominates in Turkiye to clinch the title



The penultimate round of the EMX250 in Afyon, Turkiye witnessed greatness in the making with many battles and good racing happening over the weekend.



In the end, Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing Team's Andrea Bonacorsi managed to clinch the overall and the EMX250 Championship Title with one round to spare and a 100% podiums which shows the dominance of the Italian this season. Bonacorsi cannot be caught up by Husqvarna BT Racing Team's Kay Karssemakers in the last round in Great Britain and can enjoy to be a double European Champion following his title in EMX125.

The round of Turkiye then saw Andrea Bonacorsi win the overall with an impressive second race win in front of Fantic Racing MX's Cas Valk in second who is confirming week after week his talent and Kay Karssemakers, third, who has been consistently riding for the top spot throughout the season.

In Race 1, it was Husqvarna BT Racing Team's Maxime Grau who took the best start and took the command of the race in front of Cas Valk and KTM Beddini Racing Team's Valerio Lata. Grau was doing very well until lap 3 of 15 when he crashed down to pick himself up in 11th place. Valk didn't need more to take the lead but Lata stated to threaten the Dutch rider and launched himself on the inside of Valk to take the lead on lap 5. However, a couple of corners later, Lata went down and was out of the lead which left Valk off the hook. Valk pulled away and flew to victory continuing on his recent form. Grau managed to get to 10th in the end.

Lata had to settle for the 3rd place in the end. Fantic Racing MX's Alexis Fueri who was 3rd when Lata fell, moved up to 2nd place. However, an impressive VRT KTM Factory Juniors' Ferruccio Zanchi came from the 7th place on the opening lap and put pressure on Fueri over few corners on lap 7 and finally took a commanding line that nudged Fueri out of the way. Fueri fell quickly after and in the end had to retire a few laps later. Zanchi who set a couple of fastest laps during the race was very quick and finished comfortably 2nd.

Red Plate Andrea Bonacorsi got a decent start to find himself in 5th right in front of his closest rival in the Championship, Kay Karssemakers Both riders got overtaken by a very fast Zanchi and both riders followed each other. Karssemakers could not find the way past



the Championship leader and had to settle for 5th in the end while Bonacorsi finished 4th and gave himself the best chance for winning the Championship after Race 2.

It was a great performance for Bud Racing Kawasaki's Benjamin Garib who consistently rode into the top 10 to climb to the 6th place in the end after overtaking his teammate Bud Racing Kawasaki's Quentin Prugnieres on the very last lap. Prugnieres rode well and settled for 7th. Hutten Metaal Yamaha Racing Team's Karlis Reisulis stayed consistent and finished on the same position that he found himself in the opening round, 8th.

In Race 2, Fueri took another good start with the Holeshot and took the lead but unfortunately the young French rider committed a mistake and move down to 6th while Karsmakers took the lead in front of Lata. Karssemakers was doing all he could to delay Bonacorsi's Title while in the meantime, Bonacorsi took a decent start to get to 4th on the opening lap. Karssemakers was getting under pressure by Lata when Bonacorsi caught them up and overtook both rider over the course of two laps to show his determination to win the Title with a race and overall win. On lap 7, Bonacorsi was the new leader and started to pull away from Karssemakers to comfortably clinch the race win, the overall round in Turkiye and the EMX250 Championship in an incredible atmosphere celebrated by all his team and family.

Karssemakers had to deal with a menacing Lata who managed to find the way to pass the Dutch rider to go 2nd on lap 10. However, the Italian tipped over on the very next turn and left Karssemakers off the hook in 2nd position while Lata went down to 4th. Karssemakers managed to keep his 2nd place until the end and keep Lata out of the podium as both riders levelled in point. Lata finished 4th overall in the end while Karssemakers secured yet another podium with 3rd overall.

Prugnieres showed very good qualities again in race 2 as he solidly finished 3rd after avoiding to make mistakes and keep good control. Prugnieres went 5th overall with 7-3. Valk didn't have the same impact as in the first race but stayed focused to gain two positions along the way and finish 5th which put him on the second step of the podium



and kept a chance to threaten Karssemakers for the 2nd place in the Championship with a 29 points gap.

Garib confirmed his good first race with another confident performance to finish 6th and go 6-6 for 7th overall. Zanchi had a nightmare in race 2 as he crashed in the start straight and made other mistakes along the way despite a good comeback in 11th place to finish 6th overall. Zanchi compromised his chances of podium by alternating the great and the less decisive.

EMX250 - Overall Top 10 Classification: 1. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, YAM), 43 points; 2. Cas Valk (NED, FAN), 41 p.; 3. Kay Karssemakers (NED, HUS), 38 p.; 4. Valerio Lata (ITA, KTM), 38 p.; 5. Quentin Marc Prugnieres (FRA, KAW), 34 p.; 6. Ferruccio Zanchi (ITA, KTM), 32 p.; 7. Benjamin Garib (CHI, KAW), 30 p.; 8. Karlis Alberts Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 26 p.; 9. Haakon Osterhagen (NOR, FAN), 22 p.; 10. Maxime Grau (FRA, HUS), 20 p

EMX250 - Championship Top 10 Classification: 1. Andrea Bonacorsi (ITA, YAM), 393 points; 2. Kay Karssemakers (NED, HUS), 334 p.; 3. Cas Valk (NED, FAN), 305 p.; 4. Ferruccio Zanchi (ITA, KTM), 272 p.; 5. Quentin Marc Prugnieres (FRA, KAW), 249 p.; 6. Valerio Lata (ITA, KTM), 241 p.; 7. Marc-Antoine Rossi (FRA, KTM), 199 p.; 8. Karlis Alberts Reisulis (LAT, YAM), 197 p.; 9. Ivano Van Erp (NED, YAM), 190 p.; 10. Alexis Fueri (FRA, FAN), 158 p