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**SSP 300 Women's European Championship:
poker for Beatriz Neila Santos**



The 2023 season of the Women's European Championship came to an end at the Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari in Imola, Italy.

It was the perfect weekend for Beatriz Neila Santos (511 Racing Team), who took an amazing win at the end of a very tight race that was hard fought until the chequered flag. Thanks to a good advantage in the standings and this umpteenth success the Spanish rider conquered her fourth European title in a row.

The reigning champion beat Sara Cabrini (Gradara Corse) in the final lap and the Italian was second at the finish line after fighting hard for victory and leading the race for a few laps.

Natalia Rivera (Trasimeno) was third in the race after a small mistake in the last corner, when she was fighting for victory with her compatriot. The Spanish vice-European Champion completed the podium ahead of Roberta Ponziani (Roc'n'DeA), fourth.



Aurelia Cruciani (Roc'n'DeA) finished fifth behind her teammate Ponziani. Ran Yochay (Celo Racing) was sixth ahead of Patrycja Sowa (Sowa Racing), seventh, while Lena Kemmer (Bertlkr Racing) was eighth. Martina Guarino (MotoXRacing) and wild card Abigail Bosson (Trasimeno) closed the top 10 ninth and tenth respectively.

Beatriz Neila Santos

“The race went very well. It was amazing and I am very happy. Until the last corner I didn't know if I was first, second. But in the end, I won. I want to thank everybody for the amazing job done this weekend. The Championship was tough, especially at the beginning, but we did our best!”.

Race top three

1. Santos Beatriz Neila 21'55"565
2. Cabrini Sara +0.355
3. Rivera Natalia +1.039

Standings top three

1. Santos Beatriz Neila, SPA, 238 points
2. Rivera Natalia, SPA, 167
3. Ponziani Roberta, ITA, 133

SM Junior European Championship:

Andrea Benvenuti wins in Belgium

The penultimate round of the SM Junior European Championship was raced at the city circuit of Mettet, Belgium, an historic location scene of the most beautiful European by-invitation-races. A circuit that ensured a thrilling show. Andrea Benvenuti (KTM) comes back home after achieving the victory in Mettet and prevailing over his main rival Matej

Kokes (Husqvarna). With one more race to go, both riders have the same number of points but the Italian rider has the red plate of Championship leader thanks to better results.



Race 1

As the red lights blinked off Nathan Terraneo could not pull away so Andrea Benvenuti and Matej Kokes got the green light. The Italian rider took the lead of the race but could keep it for just a few corners as he was overtaken by Kokes at the start of the off-road. Matej tried to run away but Benvenuti did not let him go and chased the Czech rider till the final lap when he attacked him and eventually won the race. The third spot went to Nathan Terraneo.

After this first race Matej Kokes is still holding the red plate of championship leader but his advantage shrank to two points only that divide him from Benvenuti.

SM Junior Race 1 Top Ten:

BENVENUTI Andrea (ITA, KTM) 8 laps in 14:49.239; 2. KOKES Matej (CZE, Husqvarna) +00.696; 3. TERRANEO Nathan (SUI, KTM) +01.200; 4. ANDREOTTI Riccardo (ITA, KTM) +14.634; 5. BEREZKI David Zsolt (HUN, Husqvarna) +19.694; 6. EBELMANN Rasmus (EST, Husqvarna) +23.097; 7. LAPADULA Leonardo (ITA, TM) +26.020; 8. MATAS Leckas (LTU, TM) +55.754; 9. FATNA Micah (FRA, KTM) +1:39.214; 10. BANG Lorenz (GER, KTM) +1:39.627;



Race 2

Nathan Terraneo (KTM) did not fail the start of Race 2 and after the first corner was leading the pack followed by Andrea Benvenuti (KTM), who overtook his main rival Matej Kokes (Husqvarna) at the first corner. Terraneo immediately set a solid race pace in the first laps and could open a small gap over Benvenuti, who tried to keep the rhythm of the Swiss rider but when understood that Kokes was far he managed the race properly. Nathan Terraneo rode eight solo laps undisturbed.

Courtesy of the two results achieved Andrea Benvenuti won the Mettet race and got back the red plate of Championship leader. Terraneo was second and Kokes rounded off the podium with the third place.

Race 2 Top Ten:

TERRANEO Nathan (SUI, KTM) 8 laps in 14:39.286; 2. BENVENUTI Andrea (ITA, KTM) +03.059; 3. KOKES Matej (CZE, Husqvarna) +09.925; 4. ANDREOTTI Riccardo (ITA, KTM) +17.505; 5. BERECZKI David Zsolt (HUN, Husqvarna) +25.175; 6. EBELMANN Rasmus (EST, Husqvarna) +27.343; 7. LAPADULA Leonardo (ITA, TM) +27.558; 8. BANG Lorenz (GER, KTM) +1:23.245; 9. FATNA Micah (FRA, KTM) +2:39.493; 10. MATAS Leckas (LTU, TM) 0 laps in 00.000;

Benvenuti now has the same number of points as Matej Kokes and will battle it out for the Championship victory in the final race scheduled in one week in Castelletto di Branduzzo, Italy, where the SM Junior will join the prestigious Trophy of Nations.

**Moto2 European Championship
European Talent Cup
Stock European Championship:
Senna Agius and Daniel Muñoz take the title!**



The 2023 Moto2 European Championship, European Talent Cup and Stock European Championship were underway with the penultimate round of the season at the iconic MotorLand Aragon circuit in Spain.

In the Moto2™ European Championship it was Senna Agius who flew to a mighty double, becoming the first Australian Champion in the class. In the European Talent Cup the title race is still on despite Maximo Quiles' double. In the Stock European Championship Eric Fernandez beat Daniel Muñoz in a final lap belter, although 17-year-old Muñoz is the 2023 Champion.

Moto2

Senna Agius went from pole to lead all of Race 1 although he was under early pressure from a fast-starting Yeray Ruiz, who jumped the start and only got to serve one of two Long Lap Penalties before falling at Turn 2; thankfully, he was OK. Agius' title rival Xavier



Cardelus couldn't replicate his strong pace from before, finishing P6. Ahead of the Andorran, the battle for the podium was unchained: teammates Roberto Garcia and Borja Gomez pipped Barcelona race winner Unai Orradre.

In Race 2, Agius didn't have it all his own way and the 18-year-old Australian had to deal with Alberto Surra for the first two thirds of action. Surra was pushing hard and trying to ruffle the Championship leader's feathers but soon enough, Agius got ahead of the #67 to take another victory and with it, the title in 2023. A historic achievement with it being the first title for Australia in the class and once again, the class proves itself as a true stepping stone to the Moto2™ World Championship, with Agius moving up to the big time in 2024. Completing the podium in Race 2 was Borja Gomez, who took the second podium of the day just a few hours after the first of his career. An honourable mention to Alberto Ferrandez, who moved into the class for the first time this weekend and dazzled with a P5 and P4.

ETC

Race 1 was a gloves off battle, like always in ETC but ultimately, Quiles took honours with a perfectly-timed move to the lead, having been at the front for so long earlier in the race. He overcame a Long Lap Penalty to beat title rival Uriarte and Jesus Rios, the latter taking a first podium in ETC. Also in the race-long battle, Ruche Moodley came from 20th on the grid to lead but retired on the final lap, with Rico Salmela and Pini completing Race 1's top five.

In the second duel, action was fiercer as Quiles tried to stretch the pack from pole but Pini was wise to this, knowing that with a 23-point deficit, he couldn't afford to finish behind the 2021 Champion. The Italian hit the front in the early stages and immediately slowed the pace down, at times two seconds slower than the immediate opening laps. This allowed the pack to close up and a massive battle soon erupted, although it'd be over for Belgian Lorenz Toni Luciano, who crashed at Turn 4. Rios once again starred, along with Uriarte, Salmela, Dodo Boggio, Moodley and his teammate Leonardo Zanni. In the last two laps, Quiles broke free after contact for Pini and Uriarte on the front straight,



making it a double win. Rios took a career-best P2 with Pini third, now out of the title fight. Uriarte's fourth means he's the only rider who can stop Quiles in Valencia from becoming the first double ETC Champion, albeit with an 18-point disadvantage.

STK

The initial staging was red-flagged for an incident involving Kike Ferrer at Turn 7. A six-lap restart was now on the billing, with a podium enough for Daniel Muñoz to be crowned Champion. However, Eric Fernandez was keen to lead and slow the race pace down, mirroring Pini's attempts in ETC. He took over at the head of the field and the gap back to third place and Dino Iozzo went from 2.3s to just 0.5s. Desperate not to end up locked in a battle, Muñoz hit the front in the last two laps but Fernandez was resilient; the two pulled away again and after contact on the penultimate lap at the final turn, it was a head-to-head thriller. Side-by-side into Turn 16, Muñoz got there first but ran wide, allowing Fernandez to take a second win of 2023 but it wasn't enough; Muñoz is the 2023 Champion with a round to spare, whilst Iozzo finished third.

Yamaha YZ bLU-cRU 65cc-85cc-125cc Cup:

**Maymann and Gordon do it for Denmark with YZ85 and YZ65 victories,
while Mancini puts on a masterclass to win the YZ125**

A fired-up French crowd were treated to YZ bLU cRU FIM Europe Cup SuperFinale races at the Monster Energy FIM Motocross of Nations in Ernèe.

On Saturday Denmark's Storm Maymann and Willads Gordon emerging victorious in the YZ85 and YZ65 classes, respectively.

On Sunday Italian Simone Mancini has taken victory in the YZ125 class after putting in a masterful display which saw him top timed practice, carve to the front and lead for the entire race.

This year, the European SuperFinale has roughly 40 riders in each of the three classes - YZ65, YZ85 and YZ125 - making it harder to call and more exciting than ever before as riders from all over Europe push hard to earn a spot in this year's bLU cRU Masterclass which will take place in November.



From left: Yamaha Motor Europe Marketing Motorsport Director's Paolo Pavesio, Infront Moto Racing CEO David Luongo, YZ Champions, FIM Europe Motocross Commission Vice Chairman Peter Goris

YZ125

As the French fans roared the YZ125 riders off the gate, it was fellow Italian Giorgio Orlando who rushed to the holeshot. Switzerland's Noe Zumstein slotted into second, and Mancini found himself third. But he attacked hard and rode the wheels off his Yamaha to pass his two rivals early in the first lap.

From this point, Mancini was remarkably controlled and settled, keeping up an impressive rhythm even when he needed to pass slower riders towards the end of the race - with five minutes (plus two laps) left, he had a lead of 7.8 seconds.



The battle behind Mancini was a little more tense, with Orlando and Zumstein initially squabbling it out for second and home rider Felix Cardineau also showing them his front wheel. Latvia's Jekabs Kubulins, who rode strongly in Saturday's timed practice, moved into fourth place and looked to chase after the leaders with great pace.

However, ten minutes before the end, just as he attempted a pass for the podium, he injured his foot without going down. He initially entered the pits due to the pain but bravely decided to continue, desperate to finish the prestigious race. He crossed the line in 25th, a result that belies his true potential.

Cardineau also lost a place to his compatriot, Maho Simo, who moved into fourth in the latter stages of the intense race. Orlando and Zumstein did their best to hunt down Mancini, but it was clear they had to settle for second and third. The Top Female Rider was Nellie Fransson from Sweden.

In each of the YZ bLU cRU FIM Europe Cup SuperFinale categories, the top three finishers and two wild cards will receive an invite to the bLU cRU Masterclass that will take place in mid-November. There, one YZ125 rider will win a place in a Yamaha-supported EMX125 team for 2024, while the top-performing YZ65 and YZ85 youngsters will earn added support from Yamaha Motor Europe for next season.

Simone Mancini, YZ125 Winner: *"For these two days here in Ernée, my feeling with the bike has been fantastic, and I also felt great with his track. Yesterday, I took the fastest lap in timed practice, and to win today is a huge emotion. My family and team have put so much into this, and I want to thank them all. My goal when I arrived here was to get a victory, and I'm so happy to achieve it. I hope I can continue my career in the best possible way".*

YZ125 Race - Classification: Simone Mancini (ITA, Yamaha), 25:36.240; 2. Giorgio Orlando (ITA, Yamaha), +0:14.109; 3. Noe Zumstein (SUI, Yamaha), +0:28.855; 4. Maho Simo (FRA, Yamaha), +0:41.293; 5. Felix Cardineau (FRA, Yamaha), +0:44.203; 6. Oliver Martinsen (NOR, Yamaha), +0:51.989; 7. Gal Gersak (SLO, Yamaha), +1:05.760; 8. Emil Gordon Rohmann (DEN, Yamaha), +1:08.793; 9. Erik Frisagård (SWE, Yamaha), +1:17.346; 10. Ofir Casey Tzemach (ISR, Yamaha), +1:20.614



YZ85

In the YZ85 class, it was Denmark's Bertram Thorius who got first gate pick after he topped the timed practice session, but when the race rolled around, he lost out on the holeshot to Austria's Davi Dür. It would turn out to be a three-way fight between the trio for the entirety of the race, although once Maymann took the lead, he settled into a great rhythm.

The young Dane never looked back once he hit the front and controlled the gap to his rivals nicely. However, things remained close between Dür and Thorius. The latter managed to make the move into second with one and a half laps to go, but a small crash saw him lose the spot again before the chequered flag. Switzerland's Luis Santeussanio and Kay Zijlstra from the Netherlands completed the Top 5. Elin Rotsthen of Sweden finished as Top Female Rider.

Storm Maymann, YZ85 Winner: *"I started well, getting into third off the start. After that, I was going for the lead, but I made a little mistake on the first step down, and I couldn't jump it, so I lost some ground. Then I recovered and got to the front, and I felt really good. It's amazing to take this victory - I worked really hard to achieve a good result here. It's been a tough season for me; winning was my goal, and I did it!"*

YZ85 Race - Classification: 1. Storm Maymann (DEN, Yamaha), 20:07.920; 2. Davie Duer (AUT, Yamaha), +0:08.009; 3. Bertram Thorius (DEN, Yamaha), +0:15.548; 4. Luis Santeussanio (SUI, Yamaha), +0:23.469; 5. Kay Zijlstra (NED, Yamaha), +1:05.899; 6. Tylan Lagain (FRA, Yamaha), +1:07.384; 7. Louis Boutet (FRA, Yamaha), +1:11.816; 8. Storm Askbo (DEN, Yamaha), +1:15.847; 9. Enea Alamanni (ITA, Yamaha), +1:16.165; 10. Neo Nindelt (GER, Yamaha), +1:51.737

YZ65

The YZ65 class saw Denmark take the double when Willads Gordon used the first gate pick he earned from setting the fastest lap in timed practice to great use, taking the holeshot and running away with it. After just two laps, he'd built an enormous lead of five and a



half seconds, and with smooth and precise riding, he only increased this further as the race wore on.

Maurice Heidegger (Austria) and Jann Huisman (Netherlands) went after the final two podium spots once it was clear that Gordon was uncatchable, and a small off for Heidegger further put paid to his chances. The front two seemed to be settled, but Huisman was hungry for more.

However, the Dutch rider fell at the end of the race while trying to make up time, allowing local rider Ryan Lustenberger to snatch the final spot on the podium, much to the delight of the assembled fans. Huisman, therefore, finished fourth, while Alberto Rodriguez (Spain) completed the Top 5. Maria Inês Gandon was the Top Female Rider.

Willads Gordon, YZ65 Winner: *“I had a really good race. I was thinking before the start that maybe I could win, and I changed my mindset to say that instead, I should win. I wanted to smile and have fun, plus I really love this track; I think all of those things helped me. I rode in the SuperFinale in France last year and came third; now I was able to actually win - it’s great! I hope I will have a good future in this sport”.*

YZ65 Race - Classification: 1. Willads Gordon (DEN, Yamaha), 17:04.933; 2. Maurice Heidegger (AUT, Yamaha), +0:20.739; 3. Ryan Lustenberger (FRA, Yamaha), +0:24.502; 4. Jann Huisman (NED, Yamaha), +0:31.320; 5. Alberto Rodriguez (ESP, Yamaha), +0:51.168; 6. Leo Gajser (SLO, Yamaha), +1:17.685; 7. Nael Lehmann (SUI, Yamaha), +1:21.963; 8. Ange Vernet (FRA, Yamaha), +1:24.562; 9. Thomas Bertacco (ITA, Yamaha), +1:41.074; 10. Brett Kastelijn (NED, Yamaha)

Bajas European Championship:

Baja TT do Oeste

After a relatively short break, the third and last round of the Bajas European Championship was raced from October 06th to 08th in occasion of the Baja TT do Oeste, official event for the Mini Baja Trophy and, internationally, for the FIM Bajas World Cup.



The public took advantage of the good weather over the weekend to visit the tracks, enjoying a huge spectacle with the high participation of drivers from different nationalities.

The Baja Oeste de Portugal took place on tracks designed in the municipalities of Torres Vedras, Bombarral, Azambuja, Alenquer, Óbidos, Sobral de Monte Agraço and Cadaval, the latter being home to the operations center for the Baja TT Oeste de Portugal organized by Escuderia Castelo Branco.

In this last round riders had to deal with Friday's prologue of 6 km, plus a route that included two selective sectors, one with 229 km on Saturday and a second and final one with 150 km on Sunday. Total length of Baja was about 350 km of SS and additional 144 km of liasons, for a total of 490 km.

The Portuguese rider David Megre won Moto class and also took the European title. Luis Fernandes won the Quad but the French Antoine Sanchez conquered the title thanks to the good advantage in the standings. In SSV home heroes João Monteiro and Nuno Morais won this round and the title too.

