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**S4 and SM Junior European Championship:
first victory for Alex Gourdeon Rafael in the S4
and Alex Serra Ginestra in the SM Junior**



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The Circuito de Alcarra's in Spain welcomed the fourth round of the S4 and SM Junior European Championship. Riders offered thrilling shows in their respective races: Gourdon Rafael took the victory in the S4 and home hero Alex Serra Ginestra triumphed in the SM Junior.

S4



In Race1, as the red lights blinked off, pole man Francisco Gomez Requena (Husqvarna) took the lead of the race after pulling away at the first corner, chased by Alex Gourdon Rafael (Husqvarna) and Kevin Vandi (L30 Racing Tm Factory). Gomez Requena was affected by a technical problem in the first lap so was forced to leave the race and Gourdon Rafael and Kevin Vandi moved to the front. The Italian rider tried to keep the race pace of the leader, but preferred not to take any risks since his closest rival was offside. Theo Gourdon Rafael kept third spot for most of the session, but with two laps to go and a flat tyre had to leave his place to Loris Ford Dunn.

A few minutes after the start of Race2 heavy rain forced riders to mount rain tyres and a hard-fought battle for the victory took place among three rivals who opened a huge gap over the other challengers. Francisco Gomez Requena immediately took the lead tailgated by Alex Gourdon Rafael and Kevin Vandi. The race pace of the three riders was very impressive as they moved very far from the other riders within just a few laps. Gomez Requena kept the lead and made no mistake, furthermore he never gave the chance to his chasers to attack him. Kevin Vandi, third, tried to overtake once and for all Gourdon Rafael but could not complete his attempt.

French Alex Gourdon Rafael reached the first step of the podium, joined by second qualified Kevin Vandi and Francisco Gomez Requena was third. In the Championship standings Kevin Vandi remains the current red plate holder and strengthened his advantage.

S4 Classification Top Ten

1. GOURDON RAFAEL Alex (FRA, Husqvarna) Pts. 47,000 (25+22); 2. VANDI Kevin (ITA, TM) Pts. 42,000 (22+20); 3. GOMEZ REQUENA Francisco (ESP, Husqvarna) Pts. 38,000 (13+25); 4. FORD DUNN Loris (GBR, Husqvarna) Pts. 36,000 (20+16); 5. GOURDON RAFAEL Theo (FRA, Husqvarna) Pts. 33,000 (15+18); 6. TSCHOPP Janik (SUI, TM) Pts. 31,000 (16+15); 7. STAAB Marie Louise (GER, Husqvarna) Pts. 28,000 (14+14); 8. PAPALINI Lorenzo (ITA, TM) Pts. 27,000 (18+9); 9. RAMIREZ Marcos (ESP, Husqvarna) Pts. 0,000 (0+0).



SM Junior

The SM Junior Race1 had just one protagonist, Spanish Max Serra Ginesta, who took the lead of the race right after the start and opened a huge gap over rivals; this allowed him to ride all nine laps without rivals getting any closer. Behind him, Matej Kokes could not do anything to keep up with the leader's pace. Third place was hard fought but went to red plate holder Andrea Benvenuti who succeeded despite a tough start.

In Race2 Max Serra Ginesta stretched away at the start to take the lead of the race and no rider could get any closer to him in this circuit where he opened a huge gap over rivals after just a few laps and was the first to cross the finish line after a solo race.

Behind him riders battled it out for the top positions. Kokes was second after the first corner and Andrea Benvenuti tried to overtake two rivals at the first corner but failed. However, the Italian rider worked his way up till the second place in the first laps also taking advantage of Koke's mistake in the off-road. Unfortunately, Benvenuti was affected by mechanical problems which slowed him down, so he qualified in the final positions. Riccardo Andreotti finished in second and Nathan Terraneo was third.

The podium went to Serra Ginestra, as well as second qualified Andreotti and Kokes was third. The latter is once again the Championship leader.

SM Junior Classification Top Ten

1. SERRA GINESTA Max (ESP, GasGas) Pts. 50,000 (25+25); 2. ANDREOTTI Riccardo (ITA, KTM) Pts. 40,000 (18+22); 3. KOKES Matej (CZE, Husqvarna) Pts. 40,000 (22+18); 4. TERRANEO Nathan (SUI, KTM) Pts. 36,000 (16+20); 5. BENVENUTI Andrea (ITA, KTM) Pts. 31,000 (20+11); 6. BERECZKI David Zsolt (HUN, Husqvarna) Pts. 30,000 (15+15); 7. CORNOLTI Daniele (ITA, GasGas) Pts. 29,000 (13+16); 8. EBELMANN Rasmus (EST, Husqvarna) Pts. 28,000 (14+14); 9. MOOSES Robin Robert (EST, Husqvarna) Pts. 25,000 (12+13); 10. BANG Lorenz (GER, KTM) Pts. 20,000 (10+10)

**Enduro European Championship:
crowned the 2023 champions!**



The Borilli Enduro European Championship's season finale kicked off in Kielce-Piekoszow, Poland, with the crowning of the 2023 Champions.

The FIM Europe President Michal Sikora attended the Season Finale by seeing and supporting all the riders all day long, both in the special test and during the prize ceremony.

Day1

Endgame for the Overall: thanks to a fourth place David Abgrall became the new European Champion. Day 1 overall winner was the Czech Krystof Kouble: at the end of a perfect day he signed the best time ahead of Alex Walton and the 2022 European Champion, Erik Willems.



In the hard-fought Youth class Pietro Scardina signed the best time after a long battle with the two title contenders Luca Colorio and Romain Dagna, respectively second and third.

The Junior 1 European Champion Riccardo Fabris continued to demonstrate his skill by winning the seventh day of race ahead of Dawid Babicz and Tomas Vanovacan, who both tried to keep up with the Italian. In the Junior 2 Lucas Bergstroem confirmed the good feeling with the sandy terrain by winning for the first time. The Swedish prevailed over the Frenchman Diego Haution and Czech rider Matyas Chlum.

In E1 class Andreas Beier won not only day 1, but also the title. The German rider finished first ahead of Polish racer Aleksander Bracik and Italian Alessandro Di Gregorio.

Victory for Krystof Kouble in E2, ahead of New European Champion Alex Walton; the Welsh rider succeeded in the feat of winning the continental title. Third place for Belgian Erik Willems.

David Abgrall graduated European Champion also in the E3 class. After a tough start the Frenchman managed to turn the tide of the final ranking by taking home the success right in front of the 2022 European Champion, Dietger Damiaens. Hungarian rider Noel Liszka was third on the podium.

In the women's class the German Tanja Schlosser won the day reducing the gap with the leader Vilde Marie Holt, who today finished third. Second position for Italian rider Francesca Nocera.

Thirteenth title for Maurizio Micheluz, this time in the Senior class. Second position for Nico Rambow, while Polish Jacek Roman was third.



In the class reserved for Trade Teams won Diligenti Racing.

In the European of Nations the Czech Matej Skuta, Matyas Chlum, Jaroslav Kalny and Krystof Kouble triumphed in the National Trophy ahead of France and Italy. In the Junior/Youth Trophy Italy was majestic winning ahead of France and Poland. In the Senior Trophy Poland triumphed thanks to the performances of Zych Tomasz, Krolkowski Waldemar and Roman Jacek. Second position for Germany. In the Women Trophy Italy ruled, while Czech Republic won between Clubs.

Day2

The Czech rider Krystof Kouble ruled the Overall ahead of Alex Walton and Dietger Damiaens.

In the Youth class Luca Colorio won ahead of Davide Mei and Pietro Scardina. The Italian rider conquered the title followed by Romain Dagna, who had to fight against the pain for a broken hand, and Davide Mei.

In the Junior 1 Riccardo Fabris finished a perfect season, collecting the eighth victory and taking the European title. Second place, both in race2 and in the standings, for home rider Dawid Babicz, while German Maximilian Wills finished third in race and Herman Ask in the standings.

Matyas Chlum won Junior 2 and took the second position in the standings. Second position for Diego Haution, while the new Junior 2 European Champion Lucas Bergstroem was third.

In the Enduro 1 class Alessandro Di Gregorio brought back home the first victory of the season, fighting against home rider Aleksander Bracik and German Patrick Irmscher. The E1 title went to Andreas Beier, while the silver medal to Aleksander Bracik and the bronze to Alessandro Di Gregorio.



Overall winner Krystof Kouble also won in Enduro 2 ahead of Alex Walton and Erik Willems.

In the Enduro 3 class Dietger Damiaens won ahead of David Abgrall and the Hungarian Roland Liska. David Abgrall, Dietger Damiaens and Roberto Da Canal are the riders who make up the Enduro 3 class podium.

Another win for Maurizio Micheluz in the Senior class, thus scoring a perfect season. Second position for Nico Rambow and third for Andre Decker.

In the Women class perfect day for Francesca Nocera: the Italian rider won ahead of the new European Champion Tanja Schlosser and Norwegian Vilde Marie Holt.

In the class reserved to Trade Teams, Diligenti Racing kept on winning ahead of KTM Korona Novi and Norway Enduro. In the standings Diligenti Racing confirmed the title.

In the European of Nations the Czech riders set the double becoming the new Champions. Second position for France and third for Italy. In the Junior/Youth Trophy won Italy ahead of France and Poland. In the Senior Trophy triumphed Poland, while in the Women Trophy won Italy. Between the Clubs won the Czech Republic.

**Hill Climb and Vintage Hill Climb European Championship:
final round in Italy**

The final round of the Hill Climb and Vintage Hill Climb European Championship took place in Italy. The track started in Saline and finished in the ancient and well-known city of Volterra, Tuscany.



The qualification of the Superbike class saw a rerun of the situation in the previous race in Spoleto with a very close result between the French Jean Luc David and Italian rider Maurizio Bottalico, with a difference of 0,02 seconds in Botallico's favor.

Here below the winners (both Race1 and Race2):

250 GP - Salvatore Sallustro, ITA
SuperSport 300 - Daniele Stolli, ITA
SuperSport 600 - Maurizio Bottalico, ITA
SuperBike - Maurizio Bottalico, ITA
SuperMoto - Yuri Storniolo, ITA

Vintage Class 1 - Dario Cavanna, ITA
Vintage Class 2 - Bert Heider, GER
Class 3 - Bert Heider, GER
Class 4 - Guido Testoni, ITA
Class 5 - Roberto Della Latta, ITA
Class 6 - Hermann Altenhuber, AUT
Class 7 - Dieter Reuter, GER
Class 8B - Armin Pfalf, GER
Class 8C - P. Gierlinger, GER
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