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EMX Quad European Championship:

Mclernon takes GP win, as Walker puts one hand on 2024 European Championship



The fourth round of the EMX Quad European Championship at Tor Motocrossowy Gdansk, Poland, delivered another intense and competitive racing mixed with tough conditions for all the European riders.

Race 1

Roaring from the gate and throwing it sideways to block the path for any challengers, Patrick Turrini stormed into an early race lead, claiming the holeshot, ahead of Mark Mclernon and Marcus Thomsen, with the leader of the championship, Harry Walker, nipping at the heels. A seemingly impatient Harry Walker would look to place his Yamaha in any gap that opened in front of him and, in some cases, attempted to prize open any potential gap that would see him move further up the order. Coming into this weekend,

Manfred Zienecker was second in the championship, and this is a position he would love to hold onto, however, with Turrini leading the way, it was going to be a tall order.

A rather disastrous start for the Norwegian of Tarald Hellebust saw his Yamaha wheels-up in the opening couple of laps and this would see him forced to retire from the race. At the opposite end of the pack, Turrini sought about extending his leading margin over the hard-charging Mclernon who, throughout the course of the season, has been knocking at the door of the top five positions, and to see him fighting well inside the rostrum positions is a welcome sight to say the very least. Walker, using the talent and skill that saw him take the British national championship last year, looked to take the position occupied by Thomsen, however, what was not taken into consideration was the defending prowess of the Norwegian.

Mclernon was still only a couple of seconds behind the reigning European champion as we tipped into the latter half of the event, however, that last push that was needed was difficult to find as Turrini hit all his markers and made no mistake in his race lead - this kind of metronomic display has seen him claim multiple Italian national championships, as well as the European title last year.

Into the closing stages of the race, the 2 laps remaining board was thrown aloft and Turrini knew that he had done everything he needed to do in his hopes of retaining the crown in 2024, as Mclernon simply appeared to have no answer for the performance of the young Italian from San Remo. Thomsen would use of defensive skill to hold onto the final podium position ahead of the odds-on favourite for this year's championship, Harry Walker, however, as the old saying goes "it isn't over, until it's over". It was clear in the post-race interview that Thomsen was ready for the fight, as he intends to contest the final round of the season and, more importantly, the 2025 campaign.

Race 2

Elbows were most certainly out as the gate dropped once more as the racers slithered into the first turn, and this time around it was Mark Mclernon, the man who took second position in the opening race, who took the holeshot on his Yamaha. Turrini undoubtedly,

would be laying out his plan to take a perfect 50 points away from round 4 of the championship in his efforts to retain the European title sitting in second position, but he had to keep his wits about him as his main championship rival was almost riding pillion in the opening stages of the race.

Frustratingly for the likeable German rider, Manfred Zienecker would not see the end of the opening lap which would absolutely put a dent into his chances of holding onto second position in the standings, ahead of Turrini. We must mention the #3 rider of Oliver Sansom who did not take part in the opening race, but was well into the top ten positions in the first half of the race which was a very well-received positioning for the oldest rider in the field, who has not had the easiest time recently both on and off the circuit.

Only a few weeks ago, Mclernon had mentioned to us that he promised he would win a race this year and, after taking victory in the qualifying race he clearly had a taste for the first position as he was emulating Turrini from the first race, and that is to say that he was confident in his riding, and was making no mistakes at the head of the pack. That being said, it soon became a 12-wheeler at the head of the field as the laps ticked by, with both Turrini and Walker eating into the advantage that Mclernon had built up. The single-track nature of this circuit, especially in these conditions, would lend itself to unorthodox challenges being considered by Turrini in his efforts of overcoming the race lead.

From the naked eye, it would have appeared that Turrini was sizing up Mclernon for a late-race challenge, but drama was to unfold once more as Turrini would run off the course! It appeared to be a mechanical issue for Turrini and, he more than anyone else I suspect this year, will know all-too-well that mechanical reliability is vital when it comes down to claiming major points. While this took place, Adam Tucek would also have his Honda thrown into the air, wheels-up, and this would call time on this particular race for the Czech rider.

The 2-lap board signalled the closing quarters of this race and, in spite of an elbows out battle earlier in the race, the good friends of Mclernon and Walker would soon have some daylight between themselves and, it may have only been 0.7 seconds, but this would be

the difference between Walker becoming champion, and having to wait until the final round of the season in La Colla, as the gap becomes 49 points, with 50 left on the table.

Race 1 top five - 1. Patrick Turrini, 2. Mark McLernon, 3. Marcus Thomsen, 4. Harry Walker, 5. Manfred Zienecker.

Race 2 top five - 1. Mark McLernon, 2. Harry Walker, 3. Marcus Thomsen, 4. Roman Gwiazda, 5. Joakim Granli.

Overall top five - 1. Mark McLernon, 2. Harry Walker, 3. Marcus Thomsen, 4. Patrick Turrini, 5. Roman Gwiazda.

Enduro European Championship: World Champion Andrea Verona ruled in San Marino



The Republic of San Marino welcomed for the first time the Enduro European Championship. A great weekend of races organized by the San Marino Federation and Titano Motoclub, both directing this second round which saw more than 150.

Day 1

World Champion Andrea Verona joined the European challenge, taking the occasion to train for the Italian round of the World Championship, which will be held next week. An important presence that did not disappoint expectations. In fact, Verona won the Overall in front of a fast and determined Matej Skuta, who could do nothing. On the third step of the podium another prominent name: Davide Soreca.

In addition to the overall, Verona won the E2 class ahead of Daniel Mundell and Alex Walton.

Skuta won the Junior 2 class over Diego Haution and Riccardo Fabris.

Moreover, Soreca took the victory in E1, consolidating his lead in the standings. Davide Mei and Yann Dupic finished second and third.

Anthony Geslin won in E3 ahead of two Italians: Mattia Capuzzo, who gave Geslin a hard time, and Mirko Ciani.

Among the youngsters of Junior1, the Frenchman Killian Lunier was the best one. Second position for Nicolò Paolucci and Samuel Davies.

Pietro Scardina won the Youth one minute over Gabin Allemand.

In the Senior class Maurizio Micheluz took another victory.

New entry in the women's class: the American Rachel Gutish, for the first time at the European Championship, won ahead of Tanjia Schlosser and Linnea Akesson.

Day 2

In a hot summer day Italian rider Andrea Verona won also Day 2. Behind him Matej Skuta again second and Davide Soreca third.

Soreca won also the E1, taking his fourth success of the season.

Verona ruled the E2 ahead of the two Englishmen Daniel Mundell and Alex Walton.

Significant victory for Anthony Geslin in E3, with Mattia Capuzzo second and Mirko Ciani third. The French anthem resounded loudly again in the Junior 1 class thanks to Killian Lunier, uncatchable in San Marino.

In addition to the second position in the Overall, Skuta won the Junior2 ahead of Diego Haution and the Finnish Samuli Puhakainen.

Once more, the Youth class was ruled by Pietro Scardina, Rachel Gutish won the Women's and Maurizio Micheluz the Senior.

EMX125 European Championship: Doensen rises above to get victorious at Maggiora



The hilly circuit of Maggiora Park welcomed the EMX125 Presented by FMF Racing for their seventh round of the 2024 campaign and that offered the public a great show. Due to the race direction decision, the EMX125 got cancelled and we were spoiled with an intense one-race round.

It was Racestore KTM Factory Racing's Gyan Doensen who lit up the race and completely control the race to get on the top step of the podium and come back closer in the championship behind Fantic Factory Racing EMX125's Noel Zanocz.

What a great start from TM moto SteelsDrJack's Brandon Rispoli leading Gyan Doensen, his teammate Nicolò Alvisi and Tom Brunet from Jezyk Racing Team after the first corners. It was another tough start for red plate Noel Zanoz

Zanoz as he emerged in 13th place. Other riders that are used to see at the front also missed their start like RFME GASGAS MXJunior Team's Salvador Perez, Yamaha Europe EMX125 MJC from Mano Faure and Dream Racing's Francesco Bellei who were all 10th and above in the opening lap.

Rispoli started to create a good gap on Doensen after the first lap which was a dream start for the home rider.

Zanoz started his climbs and got right behind Faure on lap 2 in 11th. Meanwhile, Rispoli made a mistake and retrograded to 4th place as Doensen took the lead with a comfortable 8 seconds cushion on Alvisi. The Dutch rider was the fastest of the pack as he clocked the best time in lap 4.

Faure passed his teammate Dani Heitink for 9th on lap 3 with Zanoz pressuring Heitink but Faure crashed on lap 5 and lost precious time as he picked himself up in 12th.

With this one-race round, the urgency made itself known as Brunet did everything he could to squeeze past Alvisi on the inside after the big climb to move up 2nd and therefore on the podium. Things were not over for Alvisi as Rispoli also found a way past his countryman to move up 3rd and leave Alvisi 4th.

With Doensen, 10 seconds clear at the lead with 5 min + 2 to go, all was to play for the 2nd place as Rispoli had Brunet just in front of him. Rispoli pressured the young French but backmarkers made it hard to have a clear line to pass.

On lap 8, Rispoli managed perfectly to pass the Brunet but the fight wasn't over as the French rider took back his spot a couple of corners later. Meanwhile another Italian rider Simone Mancini made his way past Alvisi to move up 4th and get into the mix for a last showdown for the podium.

However, on lap 10, the hopes of a podium were all gone for Brunet as he made a costly mistake that saw Rispoli and Mancini passing him. Brunet would stay in 4th until the end missing out on a podium. This was the perfect scenario for Rispoli who took his first

podium of the season in 2nd as well as the consistent Mancini getting his 4th podium in a row. The fans showed their happiness to see two italians on the podium at home. Red Plate Zanoz managed to get back to 8th and keep his red plate but will need to watch over his shoulder over the next rounds.

EMX125 Overall - Top 10 Classification: 1. Gyan Doensen (NED, KTM), 25 points; 2. Brando Rispoli (ITA, TM), 22 p.; 3. Simone Mancini (ITA, FAN), 20 p.; 4. Tom Brunet (FRA, KTM), 18 p.; 5. Alessandro Gaspari (ITA, KTM), 16 p.; 6. Dani Heitink (NED, YAM), 15 p.; 7. Jarne Bervoets (BEL, YAM), 14 p.; 8. Noel Zanoz (HUN, FAN), 13 p.; 9. Nicolò Alvisi (ITA, KTM), 12 p.; 10. Maximilian Ernecker (AUT, GAS), 11 p.; 11. Francesco Bellei (ITA, KTM), 10 p.; 12. Mano Faure (FRA, YAM)

EMX125 Championship - Top 10 Classification: 1. Noel Zanoz (HUN, FAN), 245 points; 2. Gyan Doensen (NED, KTM), 231 p.; 3. Simone Mancini (ITA, FAN), 224 p.; 4. Salvador Perez (ESP, GAS), 192 p.; 5. Mano Faure (FRA, YAM), 185 p.; 6. Francesco Bellei (ITA, KTM), 182 p.; 7. Áron Katona (HUN, KTM), 133 p.; 8. Dani Heitink (NED, YAM), 132 p.; 9. Markuss Ozolins (LAT, GAS), 132 p.; 10. Jarne Bervoets (BEL, YAM), 127 p.

Supersport 300 Cup and Superstock 1000 Cup: round 2 in Hungary



Second round for the Supersport 300 Cup and Superstock 1000 Cup in good weather conditions at Pannonia Ring, in Hungary, always together with the Alpe Adria Championship.

SSP300

Amazing performance of Patrycia Sowa, who won Race 1 and finished second in Race 2 behind Daniel Turecek. The Czech rider finished third in the first manche just behind the young Turkish rider Konuk Mert, third in Race 2.

STK 1000

Max Melzer from Austria won Race 1, while Slovenian rider Jerman Marko took the win in Race 2. Double second position for Mate Szamado from Hungary.

Hill Climb European Championship and Vintage Hill Climb European Championship: back in Austria for round two



After the first round in Landshaag, once more Austria hosted the Hill Climb European Championship and the Vintage Hill Climb European Championship, this time in Julbach.

Two days of mixed conditions welcomed the action.

Here below the winners of the event.

Road Racing Hill Climb

250 GP - Guido Testoni, ITA, Honda

SSP 300 - Daniele Stolli, ITA, Yamaha

Supersport - Maurizio Bottalico, ITA, Kawasaki

Superbike - Maurizio Bottalico, ITA, Honda

Supermoto - Bernhard Hörmann, AUT, KTM

Vintage Hill Climb

Class 1 (Classic 350) - Martin Riedel, GER, Benelli

Class 3 (Classic over 500) - Alexander Weghofer, AUT, Ducati

Class 4 (125 GP) - Guido Testoni, ITA, Honda

Class 5 (250 GP) - Roman Wannorsdorfer, GER, Suzuki

Class 5 (Classic 500) - Bruno Aschauer, AUT, Honda

Class 8c (Sidecar) - Hanninger/Schwarz Dieter/Harald, AUT, Windle

Gierlinger Peter/Helga, GER, KMS

Class 9a - Williams Alonzi, ITA, Suzuki (day 1)

Dietmar Madlener, AUT, Kawasaki (day 2)

Class 9b - Tetour Johann, AUT, Yamaha

Dragbike European Championship and Dragbike Junior Cup: Sweden hosted the second round



The Dragbike European Championship and the Dragbike Junior Cup raced the second round in Tierp, Sweden. Another thrilling round with fierce competition.

Extreme and close racing in SuperStreetBike with English Alan Morrisson Jr., who timed at 6.779 seconds against home rider Mathias Bohlin at 6.780 sec.

Same story in ProStockBike, where a 7.140 run of the French Bertrand Maurice took the win over a 7.203 seconds run of Jörg Lymant from Germany.

The winners

ProStockBike - Bertrand Maurice, FRA

SuperStreetBike - Mathias Bohlin, SWE

SuperTwinBike - Marcus Christiansen, DEN

TopFuelBike - Rikard Gustafsson, SWE