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**S4 and SM Junior European Championship:
Surra is the new S4 champion,
while Benvenuti consolidates the leadership in the Junior**



The second round of the S4 European Championship and the first one of the SM Junior European Championship took place at the Busca Kart Planet, Italy.

Alberto Surra (KTM) is the new Champion of the S4: the young Italian rider almost had a perfect weekend with the pole position and two victories out of three motos, second place went to Spanish Alex Rafael Gourdon (Husqvarna) and third position to another Italian rider, Mattia Rato (TM). In the Junior Andrea Benvenuti ruled the day and strengthened his leadership in the championship thanks to two confident victories.

S4 Race 1

A few minutes before the start, race directors called out a wet race and all the riders mounted rain tyres. As the red lights blinked off Alberto Surra (KTM) did not make the

best out of his pole position losing several positions. The Gourdon brothers took the lead of the race but in the first lap Mattia Rato (TM) took the lead of the operations chased by Alex Rafael Gourdon (Husqvarna). Behind them Alberto Surra started to increase his phenomenal race pace and after a few laps moved up to the front. Surra and Rato opened a gap on their chasers and battled it out till the chequered flag. Alex Rafael Gourdon crossed the finish line in third position.

S4 Race 2

At the start of the second race of the European Cup Mattia Rato (TM) took the lead closely followed by Alberto Surra (KTM). The two Italians pulled away and during the race the rider with the TM bike took an advantage over his rival being able to manage the challenge. Unfortunately the unexpected is always round the corner and with a few laps before the end Rato broke the engine awarding the victory to Alberto Surra. Behind them there was a thrilling battle among several riders, with Antonino Navarria (Team Gazza Racing) protagonist of the show as he recovered to second place. Third position went to Spanish Alex Rafael Gourdon (Husqvarna).

S4 Race 3

The starting grid of the last race is defined according to the results of Race2. Surra kept the pole position but Mattia Rato had to start from the last position. Surra made no mistakes at the start and immediately took the lead with an unbeatable rhythm for all the other riders which allowed him to go far from them. Surra was followed by Mattia Rato, who made an amazing recovery till second place, as well as Alex Rafael Gourdon and Antonino Navarria. With two laps to go there was a twist when Alberto Surra crashed giving the green light to Mattia Rato, who won in front of Gourdon and Navarria.

The outcome for the final victory was not affected by what happened, in fact Alberto Surra came home with the gold plate of the European Cup winner. The second step of the podium went to Alex Rafael Gourdon, while Mattia Rato was third thanks to the victory taken in the final moto.

S4 European Cup Classification Top Ten:

1. SURRA Alberto (ITA, KTM) Pts. 68,000 (25+25+18); 2. GOURDON RAFAEL Alex (ESP, Husqvarna) Pts. 62,000 (20+20+22); 3. RATO Mattia (ITA, TM) Pts. 57,000 (22+10+25); 4. NAVARRIA Antonino Achille (ITA, Honda) Pts. 57,000 (15+22+20); 5. CONTE Paolo (ITA, TM) Pts. 48,000 (16+18+14); 6. BERTOLA Edoardo (ITA, Honda) Pts. 46,000 (14+16+16); 7. GOURDON RAFAEL Theo (ESP, Husqvarna) Pts. 45,000 (18+12+15); 8. KOVALOV Maksym (UKR, Husqvarna) Pts. 39,000 (13+13+13); 9. GENTILI Giorgio (ITA, TM) Pts. 38,000 (11+15+12); 10. FORD DUNN Loris (GBR, Husqvarna) Pts. 37,000 (12+14+11)

SM Junior Race 1

Andrea Benvenuti (KTM MTR Racing) was the star performer of the Junior first race. The young Italian rider and his KTM were impeccable, with a solid start and a rhythm which allowed him to lead the race from the first to the last lap. A thrilling battle took place behind him between Daniele Cornolti (GasGas) and Yevsevii Kovalyov (Husqvarna) who got to the finish line in the same order. Andrea Benvenuti strengthened his advantage in the standings over his main rival.

SM Junior Race 2

As the red lights blinked off Kovalyov took the lead of the operations but made a mistake in the sky section and was overtaken by Daniele Cornolti who moved to the front and tried to pull away. Andrea Benvenuti cancelled the hesitation and started to chase the race leader. It took several laps for the KTM rider before being able to overtake his rival and head to the victory. Cornolti had to resist the attacks of Kovalyov who tried to overtake him till the end.

Andrea Benvenuti came home with the second victory of the season and strengthened his position in the standings.

A mention about young rider Liliana Irzyk, winner of the 65cc class.

SM Junior Classification Top Ten:

1. BENVENUTI Andrea (ITA, KTM) Pts. 50,000 (25+25); 2. CORNOLTI Daniele (ITA, GasGas) Pts. 44,000 (22+22); 3. KOVALYOV Yevsevii (UKR, Husqvarna) Pts. 40,000 (20+20); 4. BERCZKI David Zsolt (HUN, Husqvarna) Pts. 34,000 (16+18); 5. TERRANEO Nathan (SUI, KTM) Pts. 30,000 (18+12); 6. BANG Lorenz (GER, KTM) Pts. 29,000 (13+16); 7. MAIMONTE Mattia (BEL, TM) Pts. 29,000 (14+15); 8. MUHERINA Lean (GER, KTM) Pts. 29,000 (15+14); 9. IRZYK Liliana (POL, KTM) Pts. 25,000 (12+13); 10. LAPADULA Leonardo (ITA, TM) Pts. 0,000 (0+0)

Hard Enduro Cup:

Jozsa Norbert Levente is the 2024 champion



Thrilling weekend for the Hard Enduro Cup with the third and last round of the season. After round 1 in Spain and round 2 in Portugal, the series moved to Romania, where the competition was fierce as the best European riders fought it out for the 2024 Hard Enduro title.

The town of Zărnești, that at the beginning of the month welcomed the best riders of the EMX65 / EMX85 European Championship - South West and South East Zone, was the best set for the challenge. The National Park of Piatra Craiului was the perfect landscape for a race on a dry-hard ground and in perfect summer weather conditions.

On home soil Romanian rider Jozsa Norbert Levente ruled the race topping the podium. At the end of three days of hard-fought action, he also got the European title and thanks to the results conquered he became the new champion.

**EMX65 / EMX85 European Championship and EMX Women' European Championship:
Central Europe and North Europe Zone raced its Semi Final,
while Lucy Barker and Elsa Andersson-Lof take the EMX Women' titles**



Three weeks after the first Semi Final in Romania, the second Semi Final of the EMX65 / EMX85 European Championship was hosted and organized by Lithuanian Federation at Aleksandrija Motocross Track in Siuliai. The city, about 2 hours from the capital Riga, welcomed riders of the Central Europe and North Europe Zone, in fight for the prestigious Loket Final that will be held in July.

The track hosted also the fifth round of the EMX Women' European Championship. In perfect weather conditions, riders from 16 European countries showcased their skills in a thrilling competition.

On the first day, training and qualifying races narrowed down the field to 40 riders in the EMX85 class and 40 in the EMX65 class, selected from 46 and 49 participants respectively. The EMX Women class saw 18 competitors, with 10 in the EMX Women 125 category. Intense battles characterized the qualifiers, with some participants finishing within a second of each other.

EMX85

Estonian rider Lucas Leok (Husqvarna) dominated the first race and despite a crash in the second race, he impressively climbed back to finish eighth. Marten Raud (Husqvarna) from Estonia and Moritz Ernecker (GasGas) from Austria finished second and third in Race 1. The second race concluded with Jekabs Hudolejs (GasGas), Hayden Statt (KTM) and Ernecker leading the pack. Until the end there was a lot of uncertainty as to who would cross the finish line faster and get on the podium in Šiauliai. The overall podium saw Statt first, Ernecker second and Leok third.

“It was a good race, got my own rhythm, pushed through it and got my way to the second place to get the overall win. I learnt that I need to put more work over the win, to push more and try harder” - winner Hayden Statt stated.

EMX65

Race 1 saw British rider Cohen Jagielski (GasGas), Luca Nierychlo (Husqvarna) from Germany and Rasmus Naar (KTM) from Estonia taking the top three positions. A collision of Haakon Ronning in the first corner of the second race and a mass crash of riders behind him led to a shake-up in the standings, with Nierychlo, Jett Gardiner (KTM) and Kristofer Valk (GasGas) leading at the finish. In the overall Nierychlo claimed first place, followed by Gardiner and Valk.

Luca Nierychlo said - *“I had not a good start but I came in front and I am so happy for the overall first place. I hope all the other riders are okay and I aim to win in Loket”*.

Women

Lucy Barker (KTM) secured a dominant victory, finishing 14 seconds ahead of her closest competitor and lapping some riders. Thanks to this fourth success out of five round, she took the 2024 title.

“It was awesome, it was very hot and the track was super rough, but I’m happy to get the title here” - said Lucy Barker.

Elsa Andersson-Lof (GasGas) achieved her first overall podium finish, placing third in the EMX Women class. Finishing first in the EMX Women 125 class she not only conquered her fifth overall victory in a row, but also the 2024 title.

Elsa Andersson-Lof remarked - *“The first race was better: I had a pretty good start and tried to push. Race 2 was hot and I was so tired. I’m so happy for no crashing. I’m happy, it’s my first podium”*.

European Under 19 Individual Speedway Championship: Semi Final 1



The Semi Final 1 of the European Under 19 Individual Speedway Championship took place in Plezen, in the Czech Republic.

On a very well-prepared track, riders competed for the promotion to the Final, which will take place on the 3rd of October in Germany.

Young riders gave a demonstration of great skills, showing some interesting actions.

At the end, an additional heat was necessary to declare the winner: Danish rider Vilads Nagel was faster than the Polish Wiktor Przyjemski. Third position for the Ukrainian Nazar Parnitskyi.

Matouš Kameník, Bartosz Bańbor, Luke Killeen, Mikkel Andersen and Paweł Trzeźniewski were promoted to the final too.

Top three

1. Villands Nagel, DEN, 13 + 3 points
2. Wiktor Przyjemski, POL, 13 + 2 points
3. Nazar Parnitskyi, UKR, 12 points