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GREAT BRITAIN

Triple score for Wix Racing at Brands Hatch

The Ciceley Motorsport Racing Team has been fortunate enough to have started the new Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship season with a solid run at the start of the month, where the team enjoyed three point finishes in the opening races at this year's Brands Hatch. The first races were very impressive as Adam Morgan was able to qualify just three tenths of a second from pole position. Despite this, Adam ended his first weekend at the wheel of the new Mercedes sitting seventh in the championship standings and fourth in the Independents' Trophy, with WIX Racing in seventh in the HiQ Teams' Championship.



GERMANY

Luke Wankmüller: one of the fastest junior kart drivers in Germany

With the winter trophy in Kerpen, a new chapter opened for Luke Wankmüller. In 2014, the 12-year-old young driver moved up to the higher performing KF Junior Class. At his debut, he finished his excellent performance with an impressive third place overall. After successful years, it was time for him to say good-bye to the Bambini Class in October. For the youngster from Keltern, Baden, moving up to the KF Junior Class is the next step on his career ladder. In spite of the larger karts and the more powerful engines, he quickly adjusted to the new requirements. Finishing third place among the much more experienced competitors shows his enormous talent. "I had not expected this", he said enthusiastically. In addition to the ADAC Kart Masters, the largest kart racing series in Germany, Luke will also race in the German Junior Kart Championship.

AUSTRALIA/GREAT BRITAIN

Lee Hogan: a high-quality teacher

FUCHS Silkolene has sponsored eleven time national Super Cross and Motocross champion rider Lee Hogan for 15 years. Lee is now the director and head coach of BCP 'Building Champions Program' Australia's largest and most reputable riding school company. "I wouldn't use any other lubricant in my team of machines", explains the champion.





ZIMBABWE

FUCHS 4x4 Nite Xtreme: an extraordinary and daredevil competition

“Action” and “performance”, “suspense” and “emotions” are the catchwords describing the drivers and the spectators coming to this breathtaking 4x4 competition in Zimbabwe.

After three months of planning and support by the FUCHS Zimbabwe team, the FUCHS 4x4 Nite Xtreme took place on March 22, 2014. It was the 5th Nite Xtreme event with a total of 24 entrants with vehicles ranging from standard Land Rovers to the most extreme customized Cournils and Jeeps.

The FUCHS 4x4 Nite Xtreme is an event run at night, hence the name. It takes the drivers, their skills and capabilities to the limits. Four rollovers occurred. “We had great feedback from the drivers and spectators, they all loved the event. Thanks to FUCHS in Zimbabwe being the name sponsor of the event - the FUCHS 4x4 Nite Xtreme - more participants and spectators could be welcomed than ever before”, explains Paul Marais, Managing Director of the FUCHS distribution partner in Zimbabwe.

The marshals did a great job in controlling the crowds and the drivers. “They appreciated the thank-you packs they received from FUCHS in Zimbabwe very much. Drivers and navigators were also very pleased with the prizes, which included FUCHS lubricants and other gadgets. After this year’s great success, we look forward to working with FUCHS in Zimbabwe again in 2015.”



GREAT BRITAIN

Paul Bird Motorsport Team: Laverty denied a point

For the second time in a row at the 2014 Moto GP World Championship, the Paul Bird Motorsport rider Michael Laverty just missed out on a point as he finished in 16th place. This happened at the Red Bull Grand Prix circuit of the Americas, Austin. Broc Parkes, the PBM teammate, was hoping to add to the brilliant point he scored for 15th in Qatar at his Grand Prix debut and managed to qualify half a second behind Laverty on row seven of the grid for the Penrith based team.

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FRANCE

Justine Charroux sets the pace

Off the back of being crowned French national champion, Charroux set off on her first WMX World Championship in Qatar. Fighting through the pain of her injured shoulder, the 20-year-old managed to work her way into the top 10 after the two rounds. "It was a real miracle when you think about the circumstances", she says "but I should be able to break the top 5 in the coming GPs." She had barely stepped off the plane back in France when she followed up her World Championship exploits by taking part in the first race of the France Elite Championship in Sommières, where she tore apart the field, adding to her already impressive trophy cabinet. "I aim to do everything I can to succeed. You can't

get to the top without putting in the graft!" she smiles, reflecting her passion for a sport that she has practiced since she was seven. At the age of nine, she took part in her first competition atop a 65cc bike and continued to train during her spare time under the guidance of a coach. In 2013, after earning a vocational qualification in banking, she took on a part-time job at Pro-Stage, "which gave me a chance to earn a salary. I've been considered a high-level athlete for five years, I've been in the French national team for three and I get help from the French Motorcycle Federation and a national coach, but I'm not making a living as a rider. I have to confess that I'm still living off my parents!" As a title-holder, Justine is determined to defend her crown "even though it's a long 9-round series and some of the other riders are really tough."

Upcoming GPs: Women's Motocross World Championship, Netherlands (Valkenswaard), 4 May – French Championship, Fublaines (Île-de-France), 11 May.

FRANCE

Sambardier Racing triumph from the first round

Pierre Sambardier entered the Promosport Coupe de France for 500cc bikes and in the very first race, took pole position followed by first place in the race proper. The competition got off to an inauspicious start when the rookie mechanic noticed a problem with a cylinder head joint during testing. But fate smiled upon him when he found a mechanic at the circuit who was able to replace the damaged part, giving him the chance to finally start; a chance he grasped with both hands. The second race of the weekend ended up being even more problematic for the young man from Toulouse as a flat forced him out of the race, but he remains upbeat: "The championship's far from over and I can still fight back to win!" A recent graduate and still just 23, Sambardier has a very clear idea of what he wants to do. "I want to make a living from what I love doing, by combining my racing and my studies."





GERMANY

Black Falcon celebrates successful start of the season

At the season opener of the VLN Long Distance Championship on the Nürburgring race track, the Black Falcon Team convinced all along the line with outstanding results. Jeroen Bleekemolen, Lance David Arnold and Andreas Simonsen finished second place overall with their Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG GT3. The near-series Porsche 991, competing for team for the first time, won in class and category.

Under ideal conditions, the Black Falcon Team presented a strong squad of drivers and race cars in the first race of the VLN season 2014. In the frontline, the Mercedes Benz SLS AMG GT3 of Jeroen Bleekemolen, Lance David Arnold and Andreas Simonsen could replicate the success of the previous year at the Nürburgring race track. Equipped with Michelin tires for the first time, the SLS trio competed well in a large GT3 field right from the start. Even though the race was merely a test for team and drivers preparing for the 24-Hour Race, the wing-door vehicle quickly established a leading position. After four race hours with the usual reliable performance, the SLS vehicle passed the finish line in second place entitling the team to participate in the top-30 qualifying for the marathon classic in June.

With great excitement, the entire Black Falcon Team TMD Friction awaited the debut of the new near-series race cars Porsche 991 and Porsche Cayman.

Throughout the winter, the mechanics in Meuspath accomplished real wonders in order to get the vehicles ready in impeccable condition for the grid. Right from the start, the performance of the new vehicles put a big smile in the faces of their drivers. Class and category victories of Christian Schmitz, Manuel Metzger and Ivan Jacoma eventually proved the potential of the new race cars from Zuffenhausen, with which the Black Falcon Team TMD Friction will compete in the VLN Championship. It looked like all seven vehicles competing would finish without any problems but shortly before the end of the race, a massive collision forced a Porsche 991 out of the class SP6 race. Due to sophisticated safety features installed in his race car, the driver basically remained unharmed. "Altogether, it was a very successful start into the new season – Black Falcon at the lead of the field and among the front finishers in the championship", says Dirk Nusselt, Head of Sales of FUCHS EUROPE SCHMIERSTOFFE GMBH.



POLAND

Fantastic debut of Maciej Stanco in new Chevrolet S10

In the first round of the Polish Championships – Baja Drawsko 2014, FUCHS Star Moto - G1 Racing won the first two podium places in this prestigious competition. Two prototype Chevrolet S10 cars representing the team's colors took part in this off-road rally. One car was driven by Łukasz Komornicki and his co-pilot Ernest Górecki, the other by Maciej Stanco and Artur Kołodziej. Łukasz Komornicki – (runner-up in the European Championship) won the rally and Maciej Stanco driving a T1 car the first time came in second place in the general rankings. "It was a very successful weekend for us. The two cars finished the race and both of them were in leading places", explains Maciej Stanco. "I think that it couldn't have been better. Baja Drawsko is one of the most difficult off-road rallies in Europe. The route covers almost 500 km on difficult military terrain in Drawsko. This rally puts all components of our cars to the limit, so it's our great success that both cars finished the rally and we won first and second place in the general rankings!"

POLAND

Ruch Chorzów: a new and prestigious partnership for FUCHS

At the beginning of February, FUCHS OIL CORPORATION started to cooperate with Ruch Chorzów. This football club is one of the oldest Polish football clubs, 14 Polish championships, currently 4th place in the league. "The cooperation also includes support for the Ruch Football Academy. For each goal scored by Ruch, FOPL will pay extra money to support the young football players", explains Agata Kozminska from the FUCHS OIL CORPORATION marketing department. This partnership also features a strong communication with the media and the football fans. The FUCHS logo appears in advertisements displayed on the stadium's LED boards during the match (3 min), the break (3 min) as well as after every goal scored by Ruch and in the fan zone. The FUCHS logo appears on VIP invitations, parking cards, match posters and the Ruch website. A mascot in the FUCHS colors promotes the brand during the matches. FUCHS benefits from the presence in the promotional video and also during the press conference as well as on the reports and statistics. FUCHS VIPs are invited to Ruch's home games. An interesting season is forthcoming!

