

# Motorsport News

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## South Africa

### Historic cars in the spotlight

Passionate about classic car-racing, Johann Barnard will compete in the 2021 Historic Saloon Car Series with his father's Ford Capri from the 1970s for the third time in a row. The series will take place on some of the most legendary South African circuits. // Page 3.

## Japan

### Ready for a successful season

After a turbulent 2020 season that was full of ups and downs, Eisuke Samura of Tripoint & Factory Hiro FUCHS Silkolene Team is very excited to race in the 2021 Suzuka Sunday Road Race. The first of the five rounds will take place at the end of March on the Suzuka Circuit. // Page 2.



## Great Britain

### Racing return for Plato and PMR

Two-time BTCC champion Jason Plato will once again race in the British Touring Car Championship with PMR this season. Plato hopes to celebrate his 100th victory with the Power Maxed Car Care Racing Astra. // Page 6.



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Pictured: Eisuke Samura (on the left) and Keiichi Sakaguchi (on the right)

## Japan

### Eisuke Samura enthusiastic for the 2021 season

FUCHS rider Eisuke Samura was excited to race in the fifth and final round of the 2020 Suzuka Sunday Road Race, which took place at the Suzuka Circuit, at the end of November. Only riders with a MFJ license (Motorcycle Federation of Japan) were allowed to participate in this race.

Eisuke Samura of Tripoint & Factory Hiro FUCHS Silkolene Team started the race 20th on the grid in the International JSB 1000 class, and 25th in the mixed race (JSB 1000 Interclass and ST 1000 class).

The ten laps of race one were very challenging, resulting in a red flag. Eisuke finished in 18th place.

The second race of five laps was a super sprint. The FUCHS rider finished ninth in the International JSB 1000 class and 13th overall in the mixed class. It's worth mentioning that Eisuke had the best top speed among the Suzuki riders (290.861 km per hour). He was 3 km per hour faster than his nearest Suzuki competitor.

Eisuke commented: "2020 was the most difficult year we have ever had. The first and second rounds of the Suzuka Sunday Road Race as well as the Suzuka 8 Hours Endurance Road Race were canceled due to COVID-19.

We finished in ninth place overall in the championship and collected a lot of data to improve the performance of the bike. We're planning to race the Suzuka Sunday Road Race Inter JSB Class as well as the Suzuka 8 Hours in 2021. My goal is to attend the annual awards ceremony, and I will do everything I can to get there."

FUCHS Japan Automotive Manager, Takashi Fujitsu, said: "There is a nice synergy between Eisuke and FUCHS Silkolene. Keiichi Sakaguchi – Assistant Manager at Iga Plant in FUCHS Japan – has participated in the team's motorcycle activities and has been supporting it with FUCHS Silkolene." The team has been sponsored by FUCHS for three years.

2021 calendar: All the races will take place on the Suzuka Circuit  
*Suzuka Sunday Road Race*: March 28; May 15-16; July 4; October 24; December 4-5  
*Suzuka 8 Hours Endurance Road Race*: July 15-17

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 10W-50 XP, Silkolene PRO 4 10W-40 XP, Silkolene RSF 5, Silkolene PRO RG2, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene PRO CCA Ultra**



## South Africa

### Legend and nostalgia

Driver Johann Barnard inherited his passion for racing from his father, Johan Senior. Johann knows the FUCHS Group well, his father is the owner of Inter Mine Engineering (IME), which was established in 1968 and a FUCHS reseller in the 1980s. "FUCHS LUBRICANTS is an integrated part of our group of companies. It's a quality brand that we're proud to be associated with," said Johann.

Three years ago, Johann restored his father's car, a Ford Capri from the 1970s, and raced in the Historic Saloon Car Series in Historic Racing South Africa (HRSa). The series was formed in 1973 with the aim of preserving and racing old cars. These races are popular and attract a good following of spectators. All competitions are streamed live. Between 50 and 70 drivers race in this series.

"In a world filled with cars with advanced technology, it's a humbling experience to race these old cars. You experience exactly what the drivers back then had to deal with. The Capri is an original modified saloon racecar from the 1970s, which is what makes the car so special. It's the same car as it was when my dad raced it in the 1970s – no power steering, adjustable brake bias, or suspension modification, which would be available for these cars currently. Originally, it was a Ford Capri Mk1 3.0 GT with a 3.0 Ford Essex V6 engine. The engine was redone last year through Van Der Linde Developments – a specialist in high-performance developments – by the legendary driver Hennie Van Der Linde\*. They managed to improve the flow in the cylinder heads, profiled the cam, and fitted adjustable

timing gears. Spare parts are relatively easy to get and some suspension parts get manufactured."

The design of Johann's car takes inspiration from the 1970s, using the FUCHS logo of this period to bring even more authenticity to the Ford Capri. "It's amazing how well the FUCHS colors complement the look of the Capri. It somehow totally transformed the car's look. It's an honor to have the branding on my car."

\*Five times National Modified Saloon Car champion

2021 Calendar: March – Red Star Raceway; April – Phakisa Freeway Welkom; June – Historic Festival and Passion For Speed Zwartkops Raceway; August: Dezzi Raceway Port Shepstone; September: Zwartkops Raceway; October: Redstar Raceway



## South Africa

### Fifth title for Dewald Brummer

The MAD Racing Team benefits from forty years of racing expertise. It comprises three circuit drivers, four endurance kart drivers, as well as eight international drivers racing in Angola. Its motto is: “Always give your best but remember to have fun and take your helmet off with a smile on your face. It makes the sport priceless.”

For the fifth year in a row, Dewald Brummer of the MAD Racing Team dominated the F400 Karting Endurance Series. This competitive series offers the opportunity to race at a high level with a limited budget. There are around fifty drivers with identical karts – only minor chassis set-ups are allowed, which means the focus is on the skills of the drivers.

The 2021 season started with key objectives for the team. “Our aim is to once again win the F400 Karting Endurance Series, with our current driver line-up of Dewald Brummer, Nico Roets, and Michael Gibson,” explained Deon Brummer, the team’s owner and Dewald’s father. “We also rebuilt and upgraded our VW Polo, which will be raced by Dewald Brummer in the GT SUPERCUP. We’re looking at doing a couple of endurance events in the South African Endurance Series, if possible, with our Golf 1 GTi, known as the “Giant Killer”. Using the same driver line-up will put us in a position to win our class in this series.”

The team has been sponsored by FUCHS South Africa since 2016, when they raced in the Formula Ford Championship. “The quality and performance of FUCHS lubricants cannot be matched. To be competitive and reliable, we need the best lubricants for our cars and FUCHS provides us with the best and most consistent results. Since our involvement with FUCHS South Africa, we’re always a force to be reckoned with. We perform, are reliable, and win races.”

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S 5W-40, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-90, TITAN GT1 5W-40, MAINTAIN DOT 5.1**



## Belgium

### Kick-off of the 24H Series at the Dubai Autodrome

The first of the eight rounds of the 24H Series powered by Hankook took place on January 14 to 16. This international endurance series, of twelve or 24-hour races, is intended for amateur and semi-professional drivers racing with GT or touring cars. Most of the 2021 rounds will be held at legendary Formula 1 circuits in seven countries on three continents. The 16th annual Hankook 24H Dubai welcomed 250 drivers (54 cars) representing twelve manufacturers and 33 nationalities.

The Belgian Speed Lover Team of André Van Hoof, sponsored by FUCHS Benelux, lined-up two Porsches in the 991-II Cup class. Porsche #978 was driven by Pierre-Yves Paque, Olivier Dons, Jürgen Van Hover (who also drove #979), Pieter Ooms, and Michael Blanchemain – a faithful of the French FFSA GT Championship. The Porsche #979 was driven by Rolph Lietart – continuing his progression in the international motorsport scene –, Kurt Hensen, Philippe Wils, and Eric Mouez.

After having been crowned the 24H Series European champions in their class in 2020, Jürgen Van Hover, Olivier Dons, and Eric Mouez were excited to challenge the best competitors, however, the Dubai

race will not go down in history for the team. “We had a few problems with the two cars; nevertheless, it was a useful experience. I was hit by a car that was braking and my wheel was broken by the impact. Thanks to the performance of our mechanics, I could rejoin the race after an hour and a half. I had a second collision during the night. In a succession of fast corners, I went a bit too far to the side to let the faster FIA GT3 car pass and ended up off the racing line, which was covered with desert sand. I slid, got back on the circuit, and then was hit by another competitor. Finally, the suspension broke, I also had some neck pain, and the race was finished for us. I’ve never had an accident in my life, let alone two in the 24H Series!” explained Jürgen Van Hover.

The Porsche # 978 had to stop the race due to a broken v-belt after just an hour of racing.

2021 calendar: March – 12H Mugello (Italy); April – 12H Spa-Francorchamps (Belgium); May – 12H Hockenheimring (Germany); July – 24H Portimao (Portugal); September – 24H Barcelona (Spain); October – 12H Sicily (Italy); November – 24H Sebring (USA)

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN GT1 5W-40, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-90, MAINTAIN BRAKE CLEANER**



## Great Britain

### PMR hopes to shine in 2021 after the confirmed return of Jason Plato

Power Maxed Racing (PMR), sponsored by FUCHS UK, has confirmed that Jason Plato will once again drive one of their race-winning Vauxhall Astra's in the 2021 British Touring Car Championship.

The championship stalwart, who won the final race of the 2019 season in his Power Maxed Car Care Racing Astra, took a twelve-month sabbatical from racing during the current pandemic.

Two-time BTCC champion Plato, who holds the record for the most British Touring Car Championship victories, is aiming to win his 100th race in 2021. The stalwart will find himself making his 600th race start at the season's opening round at Thruxton Circuit on May 9.

The team has confirmed a two-car entry with the second driver yet to be announced.

Jason Plato, driver of PMR Car #11, said: "Obviously 2020 was less than ideal for many of us but, for me at least, it gave me time to put a lot of things into perspective. I was lucky enough to be able to spend a lot more time than I normally would at home with the family, but I'm itching to get back in a racecar now. It's the longest I've been without racing, and it's made me appreciate just how much I love it, and I've really missed my team. I'm excited about the future with PMR and winning the final race in 2019 has lit a fire underneath me, so I'm more than ready to get back out and win my 100th race!"

"We are looking forward to a great season with the team and hope to help Jason step back on the podium for 100+ total wins!" said John Mosley from FUCHS UK.



## Great Britain

### Continued partnership with Kawasaki Motors UK

FUCHS Silkolene enters the third year of their partnership with Kawasaki Motors UK in 2021. As part of the deal, FUCHS Silkolene will remain the lubricant partner to all Team Green racing activities.

FUCHS Silkolene and Kawasaki Motors UK have enjoyed a history of shared success on the circuit in MotoGP, World SBK, and more recently in the British Superbike Championship, where the FUCHS Silkolene sponsored JG Speedfit Kawasaki team won the 2019 title.

Current Team Green outfits FS-3 Racing, MSS Performance, and Gearlink Kawasaki, plus a host of other competitive Team Green race teams are looking to repeat this success across BSB, other Support Series, and various motocross disciplines following strong showings in 2020.



The team uses the entire range of FUCHS Silkolene products for its different disciplines.



## Great Britain

### **FUCHS LUBRICANTS continues title sponsorship of leading Historic Championships**

FUCHS UK will once again be the title sponsor for the popular Motorsport UK British Historic Rally Championship and the RACRMC Asphalt/Rally 2 Mixed Surface Rally Championship.

Despite a disappointing 2020 season with stage cancellations due to COVID-19, both championships aim to complete full 2021 calendars, pushing certain events to later in the year.

“FUCHS is proud to see how the championship has grown over the years, with entry lists continuing to grow and featuring both returning and new competitors, adding more fire to the championship challenge,” said John Mosley from FUCHS UK.

“Event Championship start and finish points will feature strong FUCHS branding, plus each vehicle will feature a FUCHS motorsport decal, sun-strip, and door sticker. Both championships are also well covered in local and national press for further exposure. We wish all organizers and competitors the very best of luck in 2021,” said John Mosley.

FUCHS LUBRICANTS Motorsport UK British Historic Rally Championship: seven Event Championship including two asphalt stages.

FUCHS LUBRICANTS RACRMC Asphalt/Rally 2 Mixed Surface Rally Championship: ten Event Championship including five asphalt stages.



## South Africa

### Rich Racing Team commits to respecting the environment

The environmental impact of major sporting events is increasingly the subject of public debate. The objectives for organizers, sporting federations, and teams are to combine ecology and competition.

Concerned about its environmental footprint, Rich Racing Team has decided to reduce its impact on the environment. Team Manager, Vic Rich, has implemented simple rules to respect the environment during the races and in his workshop for several seasons. Drivers, mechanics, and engineers on the team are all involved.

“We’re one of the very few teams to take the environment seriously. It’s compulsory for the bikes and cars to be parked on the environmental mats – all of them are branded with FUCHS Silkolene and have been for more than three years. Our mechanics and competitors are strictly advised to work on the mat and no oil is to be thrown away but must be taken back to the workshop for disposal. Our oil changes are collected in drums and disposed of

via oil recyclers. Furthermore, the team is not allowed to throw away plastic, glass bottles, or containers in dustbins at the circuit. It’s something very simple, but we adhere to these rules vigorously,” explained Vic Rich. All competitions have a strong media impact and racers are therefore potential ambassadors for ecology. The team has been sponsored by FUCHS for four years.

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**Rich Racing Team takes the environment very seriously**

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#### FUCHS lubricants:

*For cars:* TITAN RACE PRO S 10W-60, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-140, TITAN ATF 4400

*For bikes:* Silkolene PRO 4 10W-40, Silkolene PRO 4 10W-30, Silkolene SILKOPEN, Silkolene WASH OFF, Silkolene CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene CHAIN LUBE, Silkolene PRO BOOST