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France

FUCHS France sponsors the prestigious Rallye d'Automne

FUCHS France, with the support of its client Barbier Automobiles, was an official partner of the 63rd Rallye d'Automne (Autumn Rally). FUCHS was represented with its brand logo on the racing cars, on the podium, and at the 15 stages of this competition. // Page 2.



Portugal

A standing ovation for the FUCHS Team

For the second time in a row, Ricardo Teodósio and José Teixeira were crowned champions of the Portuguese National Rally Championship. After a chaotic year, the duo won the title in the final seconds of the finishing round of the season. // Page 8.

Zimbabwe

2022 title hopes for Dylan Pragji

15-year-old driver Dylan Pragji began his first racing season in the 1300 cc Saloon D class of the National Saloon Car Championship in 2021. Thanks to a strong performance, the teenager won the Index and Performance of the Main Event and has great ambitions for next year. // Page 9.





France

Legendary partnership with the Autumn Rally

For decades, FUCHS France has sponsored the French second division rally championship which is an undisputed reference in world car racing. In 2021, 158 competitors took part in the rally, divided into different categories including Moderns (125), Historic (29), Regularity (two) and New Energy (two).

In the Moderns class, around ten teams were able to claim victory. One of the big favorites, Jean-Marie Cuoq, former earth and asphalt multiple-champion of France, took the start in a Citroën C4 WRC with Eric Vallon. Competing alongside were Pierre Ragues and his co-driver Julien Pesenti, who were ready to lead intensive battles with their Polo R5. The duo were recently crowned champions in the FIA R-GT World Cup. Nicolas Hernandez (winner of the Autumn Rally in 2017 and vice-champion in 2019) and Mathieu Maurin pushed their skills to full capacity in a Škoda Fabia R5. Eric Brunson, winner of the Autumn Rally in 2015 and 2019, chose to run with a VW Polo GTi R5 and hoped for a third title.

The teams took advantage of the practice sessions to validate the last fundamental parameters before facing the 15 short and fast stages, four of which were nocturnal.



The FUCHS France staff was present in this 63rd edition to consolidate its bond with the organizers, to meet important automotive world figures but also to share exciting moments with its customers and prospects.

FUCHS France South Regional Director, Pascal Chantelou, said: "It's the first time I've attended this rally, and I could measure all the opportunities offered to us in this event. It gave us high visibility of FUCHS logos on the 158 vehicles and allowed us to meet passionate people which opened the door to future collaborations."



Italy

An eventful season for the Novamarine GSM Racing Team

The Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli (Italy) welcomed the last rounds of the Lamborghini Huracán Super Trofeo Europe and USA, then the World Final. Over 60 Lamborghinis were on the starting line of the races.

FUCHS Italy-sponsored Novamarine GSM Racing lined up four drivers. Jonathan Cecotto and Kevin Rossel took part in the sixth and final round of the Super Trofeo Europe, in the PRO class. They performed well and came fourth in race one and third in race two, while teammate Kikko Galbiati crossed the line fourth in races one and two. In the LB CUP class of the Super Trofeo USA, Jon Hirshberg finished third in race two.

The World Final turned out more difficult for the team than expected. In the first race, Cecotto and Rossel claimed eighth place with their Lamborghini 620 hp V10, then Galbiati secured tenth place. Race two saw Rossel forced off the track to avoid an accident, and eventually classed eleventh. Galbiati left the race after

eleven laps because of a collision with another car causing irreparable damage. American Jon Hirshberg managed fourth in his class.

“It was an exciting season, although there were some regrets,” explained Team Principal, Andrea Grillini. “We’ve always ensured excellent performances but unfortunately the final result doesn’t reflect our potential. The points lost at the beginning of the season, in penalties and due to some unfortunate episodes in which our cars were involved, stopped us from achieving our goals. I want to congratulate Kevin and Jonathan, in particular, for always giving their best as well as all the drivers who raced with us this season. I would also like to thank the mechanics for their wonderful job and our sponsors who have been with us for years. Now we’re already working towards achieving ambitious goals next season.”

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Italy

A satisfying first season for the team

The Formula SAE® is a world student design competition organized by SAE International (Society of Automotive Engineers). For the first time in 2021, FUCHS Italy-sponsored Squadra Corse Politecnico di Torino Racing Team supported the prestigious university Politecnico di Torino in their commitment to the Formula SAE®.

The objective of the Formula is to develop the design skills of engineering students in an international competition involving the best universities and engineering schools from all over the world. These races are dedicated to performance, innovation, and engineering excellence. Each team must design, build, and test a reliable single-seater car. The prototypes are judged on static criteria (design, business, and cost) and dynamic criteria (acceleration tests, skid pads, autocross, and endurance). 650 international teams participated in these exciting competitions.

The FUCHS team qualified for both final races in Spain and Italy. “We won second and fourth places in the Engineering Design category. These results demonstrate the validity of our project. Thanks to this experience, we’re now determined and ready to work even harder next season. We will focus especially on a longer testing period on the track to obtain a high-performance and reliable car,” said the Team Manager.



FUCHS lubricants: TITAN ATF 9134 FE, TITAN SINTOFLUID FE 75 W, RENOLIT PU-MA 2, RENOLIT AS



Germany

BLACK FALCON triumphed at the Hockenheim Circuit

The team celebrated two Carrera Cup Championship title and podium finishes in GT4 Germany. It was the most successful season so far for the BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR with two Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland Championship titles. In an extremely exciting finale, Loek Hartog secured the Rookie Championship then Carlos Rivas won his third ProAm Championship title in a row, both running with the Porsche 992 GT3 Cup. Thanks to this title, Rivas has become the most successful ProAm driver in the 30+ year history of the Cup. In the ADAC GT4 Germany, Axel Saringen and Daniel Schwerfeld claimed two podium finishes in the Trophy classification.

Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland

Loek Hartog (Rookie)

For the last race of the season, the Junior Championship standings were very close with a two-point lead for Hartog. Once again, the 19-year-old driver showed great mental strength and secured the title of best rookie driver with two flawless races. With this brilliant performance, Hartog has recommended himself for a career in professional motorsport.



Carlos Rivas (ProAm)

With a tenth win obtained in the penultimate round of the season, Rivas secured his third ProAm Championship title in a row early and became the record holder in this class. In the final race, he took the class lead and never gave his opponents a chance. This eleventh win has extended his impressive track record of 39 class victories in five seasons.

Sören Spreng (ProAm)

After a break of more than two years, Spreng celebrated an extremely successful return to the Porsche one-make cup with remarkable performances. The 35-year-old driver set the fourth and third-fastest times in his class in the qualifying sessions. At the end of both races, he came eighth and sixth.



Germany

BLACK FALCON triumphed at the Hockenheim Circuit

ADAC GT4 Germany / round five

BLACK FALCON entered two cars in the fifth round of the championship for the first time. In addition to the regular drivers, Axel Saringen and Daniel Schwerfeld, who shared the TEXTAR Porsche Cayman GT4, Saif Assam and Cabell Fisher celebrated their debut in the championship with a Mercedes-AMG GT4.

Axel Saringen and Daniel Schwerfeld

Saringen proved his excellent driving skills during the first stint. At the mid-race, Schwerfeld took over the Porsche, he then became the fastest man on the track, quickly moving up to second place overall and securing another podium. In race two, the duo confirmed its good lap times and finished third place overall thanks to another indisputable performance.

Saif Assam and Cabell Fisher

After intensive preparation, Saif Assam and Cabell Fisher secured third place in the free practice sessions of the Trophy standings, setting a remarkable example on the very first day. As Assam and Fisher had previously taken a break from racing for several years, they went for arrival rather than attack in the race. In race one, they secured fifth in the Trophy standings and finished seventh in their class after a solid performance in race two.

Head of Motorsport BLACK FALCON, Timo Frings, said: "I am very proud of Loek, Carlos, and the whole team.

Looking back, it was a very challenging year with very strong competitors in the ProAm and Rookie classes. To win both titles at the end of the season and thus reaching all the season's goals is a very special achievement. Furthermore, Sören has impressed with a very good performance on his return to the Carrera Cup. In the GT4 Germany, we also had a very successful weekend. With each race in their debut season, Axel and Daniel are getting more comfortable and got two well-deserved podium places. Saif and Cabell also did very well in their first GT4 race. The Hockenheim weekend was one of the best team performances of the whole season. Now we're looking forward to the GT4 Germany final at the Nürburgring Circuit."



Saif Assam



Portugal

High exposure for FUCHS in the ExpoMECÂNICA 2021

The world show has become the new prime destination for the automotive aftermarket. It is held in Portugal with 250 exhibitors, 16,000 visitors, and 700 national and international brands displayed across 16,000m². FUCHS Portugal attended this exhibition and offered to show some of its racing vehicles in the common areas and in the hall. Seduced by the idea, the promotor authorized FUCHS to showcase ten of its sponsored-racing vehicles in this prestigious event over three days without any financial compensation. “The impact and interest of the visitors were enormous, and FUCHS had among the best brand visibility in this well-renowned event,” said André Castro Pinheiro from FUCHS Portugal.





Portugal

The FUCHS Team crowned 2021 champion

FUCHS celebrated the new title of Ricardo Teodósio and José Teixeira in the Portuguese National Rally Championship. At first, it seemed quite impossible for the two 2019 champions to keep their title this season given the challenge to overcome after their accident. That was without counting on the talent of this FUCHS duo who went above and beyond in magnificent battles and won, in the last stages, their second title in three years.

“Congratulations to Ricardo Teodósio and José Teixeira with their Škoda Fabia Rally 2 EVO,” said André Castro Pinheiro from FUCHS Portugal.



FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S 10W-60, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-140, MAINTAIN BRAKE CLEANER



Zimbabwe

Dylan Pragji, a determined young driver

Finally, after many months of waiting, Dylan Pragji was granted his full racing license before the legal age of 16. He started his official race debut in the 1300 cc Saloon D class of the Zimbabwe National Saloon Car Championship and achieved second place overall with his FUCHS-sponsored Toyota Starlet. The second round took place at the Bulawayo Motorsport Park, Dylan's hometown, where the 15-year-old driver secured third place overall.

Then due to COVID-19, all the racing activities were cancelled for a few months, so Dylan took advantage of that time to improve his car by himself. He also benefitted from his father and coach's experience, Darren Pragji.

The championship re-started in September. The young teenager once again proved his skills with flawless performance and won the second place overall for the day in his class. In October, Dylan was back in action in the Toyota 1-Hour Endurance Race.

"Now we have a competitive car with a perfect set-up. After many discussions with my coach, we decided that I must strive to have consistent lap times and a strong finish". Dylan followed this valuable advice, won the Index and Performance of the Main Event, and classed tenth out of 17.

The next round, the 3-Hour Endurance Race, will be held at the Bulawayo Motorsport Park in a few weeks.

Dylan is already preparing the next season and his goal is to win the championship in his class.

"We're proud to sponsor the young talented Dylan. We will continue to support him as well as the FUCHS Zimbabwe Team in 2022," said Paul Marais from FUCHS Zimbabwe.

Car: Toyota Starlet, 1300 cc Naturally Aspirated engine, 110 hp

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN Supersyn 5W-40, TITAN Supergear 80W-90, MAINTAIN DOT 5.1





Great Britain

FUCHS LUBRICANTS BHRC 2021 champions crowned

FUCHS LUBRICANTS-sponsored British Historic Rally Championship celebrated a great season of competition once again. The battles were constant, and the titles were fought until the last stage of the year. Bold and daring teams have proven their performance once more in all the rounds of the championship.

Ben Friend and co-driver Cliffy Simmons became 2021 champions with a stellar performance in the final round, the Carlisle Stages Rally. The duo performed faultlessly in their Ford Escort MK2 to tame the notorious stages in and around the Kielder Forest complex, and grabbed the lead from 2019 BHRC champions Simon Webster and Jez Rogers on the third test. They were not overtaken in the remaining three stages, securing a maiden championship title in style.

Barry Stevenson-Wheeler and John Pickavance spent around three minutes off the road in the opening stage, leaving the fight for the title out of reach but still securing second place overall. Josh Browne and Jane Edgington rounded off the top three in the top-flight category.



Chris Skill and Simon Jones took their Ford Escort MK1 to their first category two win of the year. However, second place in this stage was enough for Chris and Ali Cornwell-Browne to win the title.

Bob Bean and Colin Thompson made their hat trick of category one victories in their Lotus Cortina to take the title, coping admirably with the tough conditions throughout the day.



Great Britain

Another podium for Lloyd signals strong end to season

FUCHS-sponsored Power Maxed Racing took on Brands Hatch's fearsome GP circuit for the 2021 British Touring Car Championship finale.

Dan Lloyd put in a stellar drive during qualifying and took fifth place on the grid for race one, whilst teammate Jason Plato secured 17th, just half a second from the pole position. At the end, Lloyd claimed fourth in front of a 45,000-strong crowd.

Race two saw Lloyd put on another fantastic display and moved up second, chasing down the lead Honda of former PMR-driver Josh Cook. On lap 13, the intervention of the safety car reduced the gap between Lloyd and his chasers, so he had to battle hard to keep his

second place. He held position, crossing the line to take his fourth podium of the last three rounds.

On his side, Plato opted to change his engine before the second race. With such a short turnaround time, the team were unable to complete the job before the start, so the former double champion began down a lap. The 97-time race winner managed to fight his way back, crossing the line with a hugely impressive 18th place.

With the championship winner having been decided at the end of race two, the third and final race was set to be an interesting session for every competitor. Following the reverse grid draw, Lloyd would be starting eighth with a massive 66 kg of success ballast.

Meanwhile, Plato was firmly on the assault, gaining five places in three laps, before passing teammate Lloyd for tenth. The penultimate lap would see him touse with Rory Butcher, before conceding and settling for tenth, eight places up on his starting position. Lloyd finished 13th, grabbing a handful of last-minute points for the team.

Dan Lloyd achieved seventh in the Independent Driver Standings, Jason Plato tenth, and the team fifth in the Independent Standings.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S 5W-30, TITAN RACE PRO S 10W-60, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN



Great Britain

Consistency is key for Freddie in rookie year

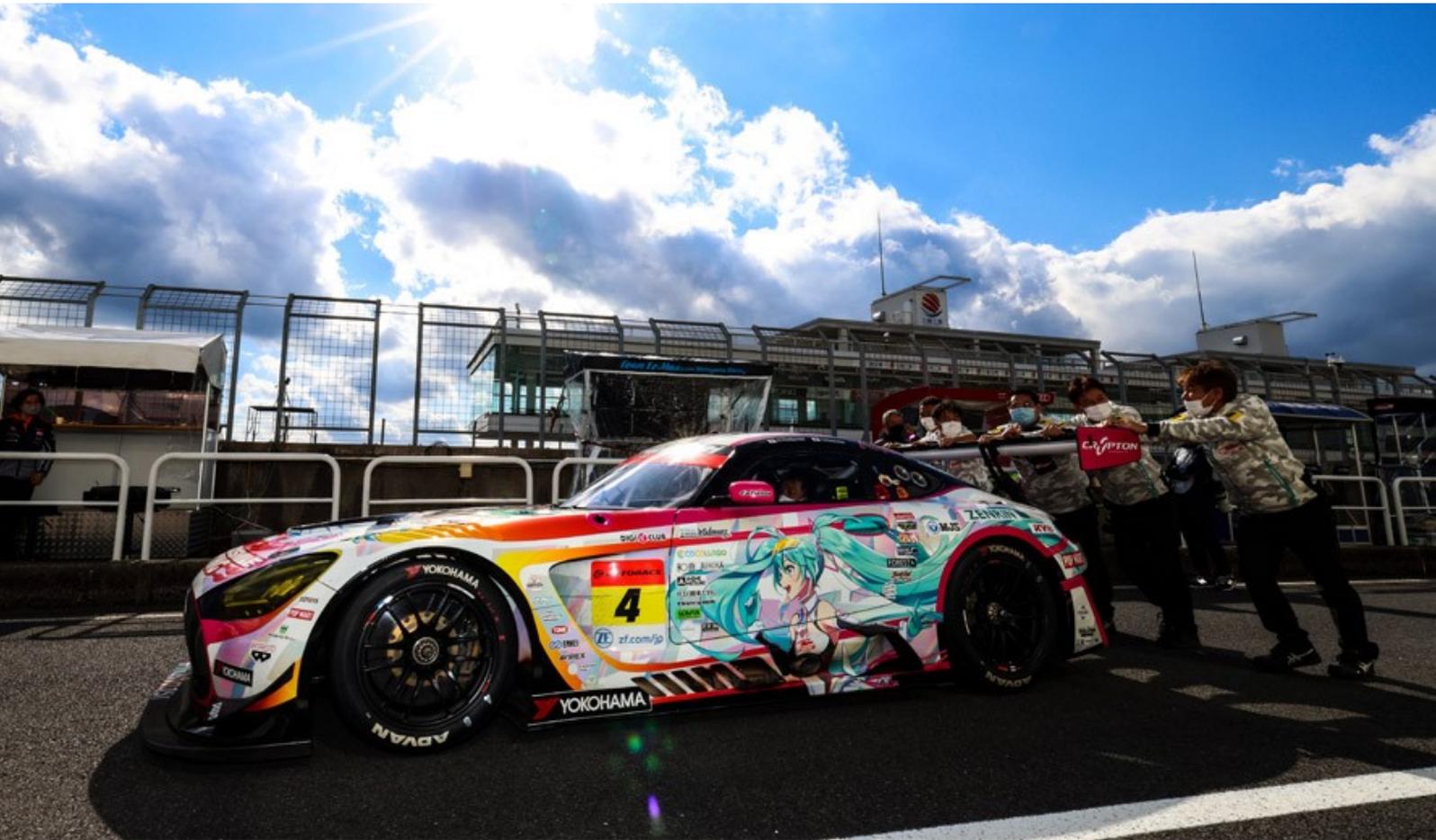
Freddie Housley raced the last round of the British Karting Championship in the Mini Max class at the PF International Kart Circuit.

Despite wet weather, qualifying saw the 11-year-old driver manage 17th, which meant difficulty ahead. In heat one, he made it into the top ten. "With the rain forecast, we knew it was going to be tough as Freddie has had little experience in his new class on wet tires," said the Team Manager.

Sunday's weather was horrendous. Freddie struggled during practice, but after changes to the kart and listening to his coaches, he got faster and faster. He started 20th in the final and finished tenth, which meant consistent top ten finishes in every British championship round in his rookie year.

This season, Freddie was a guest in the Ultimate Karting Championship. The heats were a struggle getting the tires to work on a cold and wet track and all the drivers fought to keep the karts on the track with great difficulty. Despite three chaotic heats, the teenager qualified ninth in the final. On a slippery circuit, Freddie made an amazing start, got up to fourth in the first lap but got knocked by another driver which meant he dropped to seventh. After finding the good grip levels, he finished the super final fifth.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO KR2, Silkolene PRO 2, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene WASH OFF



Japan

Overtaking 23 cars and gained points!

Since 2015, FUCHS local distributor Abe Shokai Ltd and FUCHS Japan have sponsored the GOODSMILE RACING & TeamUKYO Team. The two renowned drivers, Nobuteru Taniguchi and Tatsuya Kataoka, started in the AUTOPOLIS GT 300km RACE, the sixth round of the 2021 AUTOBACS SUPER GT, in Ōita Prefecture. The duo was excited to run the 65-lap race against 29 contenders.

“After a successful warm-up session, our Good Smile HATSUNEMIKU AMG car had a problem with the gear shift, so we couldn’t leave the pits in time for the grid. Fortunately, the mechanics repaired it quickly and Kataoka was able to take position at the back of the grid,” explained Team Manager, Ukyo Katayama.

To deal with this unexpected problem, the team reviewed its racing strategy. “We decided to equip the car with hard tires and reduce the number of pit-stops.”

As soon as the race started, the team quickly caught up with its opponents and progressed in the ranking. The race-stops

due to several collisions reduced the gap-time between the drivers for the benefit of the team. “Our choice of hard tires proved that our strategy was good. While our opponents were losing performance due to a lack of tire grip, we were able to set some good lap times and move up in the rankings.”

At the end, Nobuteru Taniguchi and Tatsuya Kataoka overtook 23 cars, finished sixth, gained five points and joined the top ten overall.

For the next round at the Twin Ring Motegi, the weight will be halved. FUCHS Japan Automotive Product Manager, Takashi Fujitsu, said: “We’re looking forward to another exciting race!”

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN Supersyn LONGLIFE 0W-40, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-90, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN V