

# Motorsport News

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## Portugal

### Victories for PRMiniracing

Brothers Rui and Paulo Ramalho of the PRMiniracing team reigned supreme at the 2017 Portuguese Hill Climb Championship, winning 1st and 3rd places. FUCHS and the team benefited from great visibility with the two Osella cars racing in this highly competitive sporting event. All team members are already prepared for the first race of the 2018 season, which will take place in April. // Page 8.



## Great Britain

### A new famous driver for Ciceley Motorsport

Champion driver Tom Oliphant joins the FUCHS-sponsored Ciceley Motorsport in the 2018 Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship. The 27-year-old driver races with Adam Morgan on board a Mercedes-Benz A-class. The first event will take place in April at the Brands Hatch circuit. // Page 7.

## Zimbabwe

### Congratulations to Calvin Rademeyer

Calvin Rademeyer enjoyed success in the 2017 Class B Saloon Zimbabwean National Championship, winning heats in the calendar and the title at the end of the season. In the Bulawayo 3-Hour Endurance Race, Calvin Rademeyer won 1st place with Lyle Ramsay, a FUCHS South African rider and his teammate for this event. // Page 4.





## Austria

### FUCHS Austria presented at Motorrad Linz 2018

Motorrad Linz, the most important bike show in Austria, took place in the Linz Design Center between 9 and 11 February. Nearly one hundred exhibitors were spread across 10,000m<sup>2</sup> to present their ranges and new releases for 2018. The world's most renowned bike industry players, importers and manufacturers (wheels, helmets, lubricants etc.) came to meet the 25,000 visitors present at this two-wheel event. The big brands invited their riders' sponsors to exchange with the motorsport enthusiasts. Matthias Walkner – 2018 Dakar winner – was amongst the attendees and

answered questions from his supporters and the public. FUCHS Austria shared a booth with its partner IGFC Classic to present the whole range of FUCHS Silkolene products. FUCHS staff representatives were able to exchange ideas and give advice on the performance of different lubricants with their customers and visitors. IGFC Classic presented old-timer and current Ducati, KTM, MV Agusta, Yamaha and Matchless G 50 racing motorcycles.



## South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia

### Winning podiums for the FUCHS teams

FUCHS Silkolene regional riders from South Africa, Zimbabwe and Zambia had some good results in Port Elizabeth in the first round of the 2018 TRP Distributors SA National MX Championship.

Newly signed rider Emmanuel Bako (ZWE) on a 65cc KTM Prolific Boreholes FUCHS Silkolene bike won overall 1st place. He came 2nd in heat 1 and completely dominated heat 2 with an emphatic win. "Well done 'Manu' and welcome to the FUCHS Family," congratulated Paul Marais from FUCHS Zimbabwe. Three contenders for the 125cc crown, Cameron Durow (SA), Regan Wasmuth (ZWE) and Tristan Grainger (ZWE) got off to solid starts in both heats. Cameron finished with a highly credible 2nd place overall, with Regan coming 4th and Tristan 13th.

The 125cc class is incredibly competitive and the FUCHS riders did exceptionally well in trying conditions. MX1 rider Jayden Ashwell (ZWE) had a good day with 4th place in both heats and finishing overall 4th, whilst Damon Strydom (SA) came in 7th place overall.

In the MX2 class, Ash Thixton (ZWE) came overall 16th and Cameron Durow, riding above his class, finished in a credible 17th place.

Leah Heygate (ZM) on a KTM came 3rd in heat 1 and 2nd in heat 2, obtaining 2nd place overall in the Ladies Championship. She rode well and will mount a serious challenge in the National Championship this season. Scott Heygate (ZM) finished in a hard-earned overall 2nd place in the Senior Support class.





## Zimbabwe

### **Calvin Rademeyer crowned 2017 Class B Saloon Zimbabwean National champion**

2017 Class B Saloon Zimbabwean National champion Calvin Rademeyer and Lyle Ramsay dominated their class in the Bulawayo 3-Hour Endurance Race.

The 2017 racing calendar produced significant growth for Calvin Rademeyer as a new main circuit competitor, despite some mechanical difficulties. Calvin closed the 2017 main circuit season with great success and achieved no less than a podium finish in every heat, crowned the 2017 Class B Saloon National champion.

After a complete motor rebuild last July, focus then began to shift from heat races to the December 3-Hour Endurance Race: a highlight among national sporting events. This competition has been running for nearly 50 years at the Bulawayo Motorsport Park circuit and it is every driver's dream to achieve a great result in this iconic race, in which many renowned Zimbabweans have competed in the past. For this endurance race, Calvin teamed up with Lyle Ramsay from the FUCHS South Africa Monroe Racing team. The duo already paired up for the 2016 event but experienced mechanical problems and therefore they were unable to participate. Hopes were high for 2017: both drivers had completed successful

racing campaigns and their FUCHS LUBRICANTS' VW Polo was running better than ever. Testing before the race strengthened their confidence and they went on to qualify 15th out of 38 competitors and 2nd in their class. With their strategy in place, the race began and Lyle settled into a comfortable rhythm, coming 2nd in his class and 12th overall before pitting at the half way mark to hand over the driving duties to Calvin. From here, Calvin drove the car home with a cool and calm head to claim victory by no less than four laps. The two managed to complete 115 laps, which was good enough to secure 8th place overall. The smooth driving styles of both drivers led them to 2nd place in the Index-of-Performance with nearly 95% consistency. Both have some exciting projects for the 2018 racing seasons and plan to participate again in the December 3-Hour Race to defend their achievements and hopefully improve on their overall finishing position. With the support and backing of FUCHS Zimbabwe, they have no doubts that they will be able to meet their targets.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN GT1 PRO C-3 5W-30, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-90, Maintain DOT 5.1**



## South Africa

### A glorious day for Savannah Woodward

Savannah Woodward ended her 2017 season in victorious fashion during the Bulawayo 1-Hour Superbike Endurance Race. Riding the Monroe FUCHS Silkolene Racing Kawasaki ZX-6 (600cc), Woodward qualified in 5th position on the grid, which consisted of superbikes of various engine capacities. She knew that she would not be in a position to outpace the 1000cc machines ahead of her. Instead she allowed them to battle for the lead while focussing on securing a host of consistent laps.

A well planned pit stop strategy was perfectly executed to see her leapfrog the rest of the field to lead the race. However she had to work hard against a mass of strong competitors to cross the finishing line as winner and make history in the process by being the first female winner of the race. She also ranked 1st on the Index-of-Performance with a score of 96.4%.

**FUCHS lubricant: Silkolene PRO R SAE 0W-20**

## Great Britain

### A new challenge for Freddie Housley

With a Bambino Kart champion title in 2017, Freddie and his team went to practice in Valencia in a new cadet kart with the Zip team. After successful practice sessions, Freddie joined the grid of cadet riders on the UK Fulbeck Kart circuit. Practice enabled him to establish his level after a short four-week period in the new kart.

Starting the day three seconds a lap off the fastest time, but making massive progress every session, the Zip team decided it might be worth racing a second day, even though it would mean starting at the back of the grid for all heats!

13th on the grid in his first ever cadet race, Freddie finished 10th, 8th and 6th in the three heats and qualified in 8th position overall for the final. At the end of the 15-lap final, Freddie crossed the line on 9th position, only tenths of a second behind those in front.

Freddie and his team are delighted with the progress he has made in such a short space of time and are looking forward to the next event.



## Great Britain

### Congratulations to Bellerby Motorsport team

Drew and Paige Bellerby, competing in the MSA British Rallycross Championship, saw the 2017 season end on a high with both girls coming runners-up in their respective championships.

They were delighted to accept two trophies at the 'Night of Champions' awards dinner. During the same awards ceremony, the team also received an unexpected award: the 2017 rallycross 'Best promoted team'. Sally Travis (FUCHS UK marketing manager) was in attendance at the awards ceremony and said: "We at FUCHS are so pleased that the team has received recognition for the hard work gone into promoting FUCHS and Bellerby Motorsport. We have been delighted to assist in the process. The promotion the team earned was outstanding and the credit well deserved."

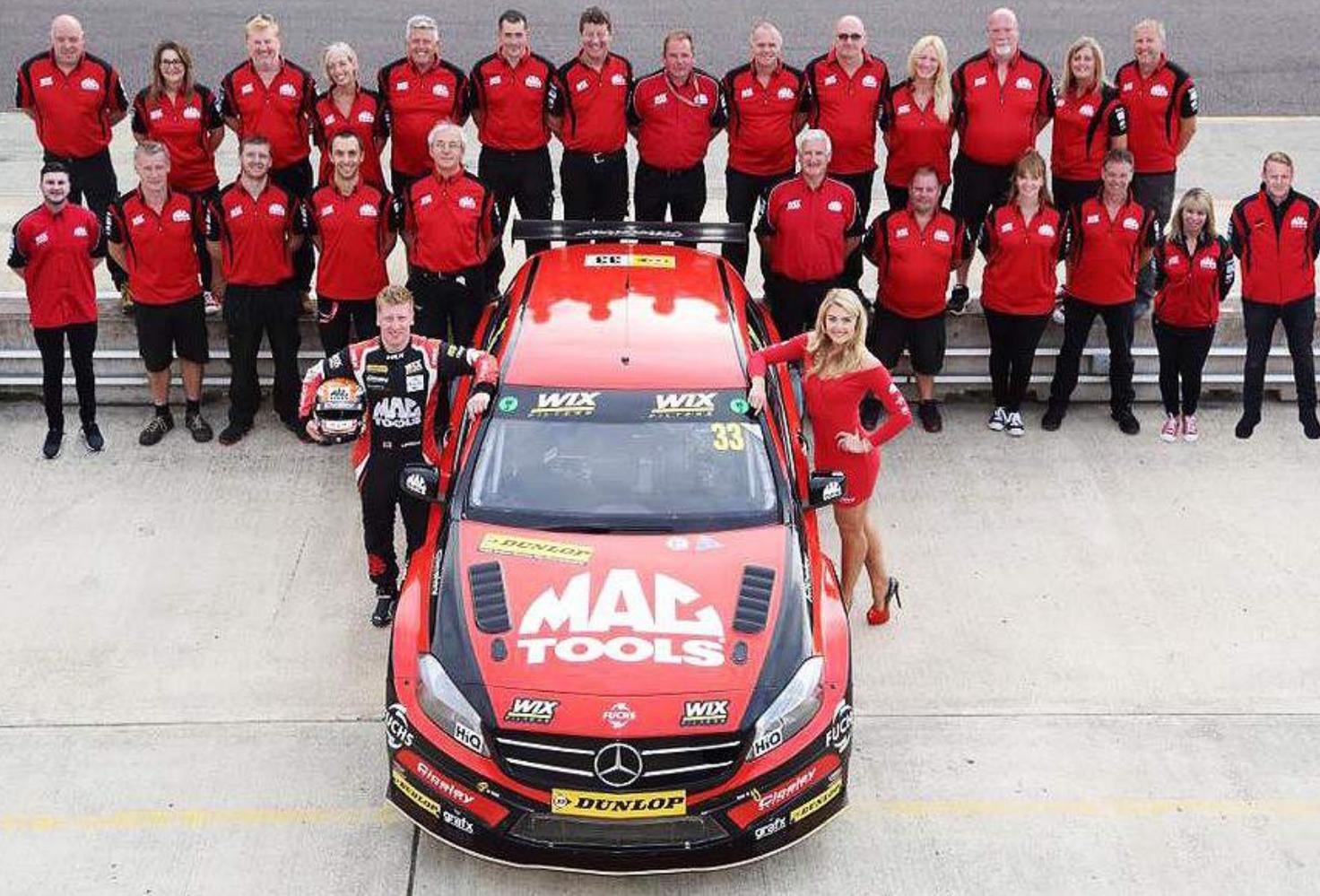


## Great Britain

### A great result for the Rob Moss team

At an extremely muddy and slippery Polesworth circuit, the second round of the Sidecarcross Winter Championship saw Rob Moss's team compete on a very full starting grid alongside 25 experienced crews. With practice going well, the team went on to achieve 5th place after starting in position 7 in race 1, 6th place after starting in position 8 in race 2 and 5th place in the final race. The overall finishing position was 4th out of 25 crews and the team was absolutely delighted with such a great result.

After the event, Rob Moss reported: "We thoroughly enjoyed our day and are now looking forward to the next and final round of the Sidecarcross Winter Championship again at Polesworth. We are also preparing for the beginning of the Clubman series, where the first round will take place at Culham in March. Many thanks to FUCHS Silkolene for their amazing support."



## Great Britain

### **Ciceley Motorsport welcome a new reputable rider for 2018 season**

FUCHS-sponsored Ciceley Motorsport has announced that Tom Oliphant has signed a deal to join the team driving one of its Mercedes-Benz A-class cars in his attempt to win the 2018 Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship. Russell Morgan, Ciceley Motorsport team principal, said: "These are exciting times for Ciceley Motorsport with Tom joining Adam Morgan. We have two gifted young drivers for our Mercedes-Benz A-class in the BTCC." Tom has been racing on the BTCC support package for the last four seasons. The 27-year-old had a sensational victory at the Ginetta GT4 SuperCup in a record-breaking 2015 season before moving to the Porsche Carrera Cup GB, in

which he scored six podium results and finished in the top 4 in the title race in both 2016 and 2017. Tom has also competed in selected rounds of the Porsche Mobil 1 SuperCup, supporting the Formula 1 Grand Prix. He is currently the championship leader of the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East in which he won the 100th race in the category's history.

Adam and Tom will be in action in their Mercedes-Benz A-class cars, with the first race taking place at Brands Hatch, Kent, on April 7 and 8.



## Portugal

### Exciting season for the PRMiniracing team

2017 was very successful for the team with two places on the podium for the Ramalho brothers. Rui Ramalho won the title in the Portuguese Hill Climb Championship driving the Osella PA2000 EVO2 and Paulo Ramalho gained 3rd place on board the Osella PA21S EVO. This national championship is the most competitive of recent years and the gap between the leaders can be measured in thousandths of seconds. Rui Ramalho had to battle until the last race of the season to establish himself. He was extremely motivated to win the national title for his team and his partner, FUCHS. The brothers' success was thanks to the strong investment made by the team and their respective sponsors in the acquisition of two competitive Osella Italian prototypes. For 2018, all members and drivers of the PRMiniracing team are committed to do their absolute best to retain their title at the highly competitive and popular Portugal Hill Climb Championship. The 2018 championship is composed of eight events and will take place between April and September. The team has been sponsored by FUCHS Portugal since 2002.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-40, TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-30, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-140**





## France

### Rémy Annelot: the adventurer of the sand races

Established in Grenoble, Rémy Annelot is the manager of his own company Motolabo, a FUCHS Silkolene customer for the last ten years. In 2016 the racing enthusiast won the 450 French Motocross Championship. The same season, he decided to test his performance on the sand races and joined 1,250 riders on the starting line of the 'Enduropale du Touquet'. This endurance race is the most extreme and prestigious competition on sand in Europe. Its significant notoriety attracts more than 350,000 spectators and it is broadcasted across all media stations.

In 2018, at the end of an intensive training programme and rigorous technical set-up of the bike, Rémy gained 19th place in the moto class and 1st place as a Suzuki competitor, ahead of the official riders of the brand. "Three years ago, I decided to specialize in these kinds of races and participate in the six stages of the French Championship. These rounds require a special bike set-up to be able to ride 170 km/h in the sand. I have to be well trained to keep a good pace for three hours on the sand dunes and the beach. For me, it's a new challenge, with the objective of participating in the Dakar Rally in two or three years." One of Rémy's main targets this year is to win back his 450 French Motocross Championship.

