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Zimbabwe

Impressive success for Calvin Rademeyer

Thanks to his great motivation and powerful competitiveness, FUCHS driver Calvin Rademeyer excelled in the Zimbabwean National Saloon Car Championship, winning the first three races of the season. // Page 9.

Portugal

Go for a third title!

2017 and 2018 defending champion, Vítor Pascoal seeks to win the 2019 title of the Portuguese Rally Championship GT with the new Porsche 991 GT3 Cup. Winning the first six rounds, the Baião driver is on his way to a captivating season. // Page 5.



Great Britain

Triple win for Scott Redding

Scott Redding (26) of the Be Wiser Ducati team powered to the top of the British Superbike Championship standings with a hat-trick of wins at Donington. He drove his FUCHS Silkolene backed Ducati Panigale V4 R to top spot in all three races in the memorable round 3 of the BSB. // Page 7.



Benelux

First podium at Spa-Francorchamps for Van Hover

Sponsored by FUCHS for ten years, the Belgian racing driver Jürgen Van Hover races for the fifth season in a row in the Benelux Porsche Carrera Cup. The first of the six rounds of the 7th edition took place at Spa-Francorchamps at the beginning of May, on the fringe of the FIA World Endurance Championship. For this special event, the drivers of the Benelux Cup were joined by 19 competitors from the French Porsche Carrera Cup for even more suspense and adrenaline. The Benelux Cup will finish in Barcelona (Spain) in September, after a stop at Assen (Netherlands), Nürburgring (Germany) and on the famous tracks of Zolder (Belgium) and Zandvoort (Netherlands).

Like all 16 racers of the Benelux Cup, Jürgen Van Hover drives a Porsche 911 Generation II 2019. All the cars are identical, so the competitors all have the opportunity to show their talent.

The FUCHS driver started the season with a 3rd place at Spa-Francorchamps and a 4th position in the second round in Zolder after a long fight with the former champion Xavier Maassen.

“Because the level is extremely high in this championship, I managed to slowly close the gap with the top drivers, but we still have a long way to go to find the missing last tenths of a second.”

Jürgen hopes to be on the podium again in this fantastic championship.

The Speedlover team is composed of about 20 people. Six Porsche cars race in various championships like Belcar, Supercar Challenge, Benelux Porsche Carrera Cup but also the 24 hours of Spa-Francorchamps, Dubai and Zolder. The team is participating in around 40 races this year.

Specification: 485hp - six gears with shift paddles on the steering wheel - 4 liters, six-cylinder aluminium engine

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-90, TITAN GT1 SAE 5W-40



Benelux

Great perspectives for McDonald's Racing team

For the fourth time in a row, McDonald's Racing team competed in the Belcar Endurance Championship after winning the 2017 title and 3rd place in 2018 with a Norma M20FC. The team chose to race this season with new livery colours.

The first two sprint races of the six rounds of the season took place on the iconic racetrack of Zolder during the prestigious "DTM weekend". During the qualifying for the two 60-minute races, the team had a collision with a Porsche GT4. The suspension was broken and the team had to start from position 28 for both races. Thanks to his experience and performance, the driver Koen De Wit finished race 1 in 7th place in his class. During race 2, a heavy rainfall made the circuit very slippery and dangerous. Still in the 28 place at the departure line, the team developed a good strategy with a quick mandatory pit stop. Koen De Wit drove the race of his life and finished with a good 4th place overall and 3rd in class. Superprix, the third round of the season, was a six-hour endurance race with two mandatory driver changes.

"Because we started with Kris Cools, a new, unexperienced driver, we were placed in position 38," explained the Team Manager. After 70 minutes, the young driver rode an incredible catch-up race. By the mandatory pit stop, he had brought his Norma to position 1. François Bouillon took over the wheel and left the pit in position 5. After six laps, François was hit by a BMW on the rear left, breaking the rear suspension. After 12 minutes of repair work, Koen De Wit left the pit lane in position 28. Thanks to his performance and tenacity, Koen climbed to place 15 overall and was 7th in his class.

Next races: July: 25 Hours Fun Cup (Spa), August: Eleven Sports 24 Hours (Zolder), October: American Festival Nascar Finals (Zolder), Finale races (Assen)

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-90, TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60, TITAN BRAKE CLEANER



Benelux

On the right path...

The second of the eight rounds of the Open German Championship (IDM) Superstock 600 was held as part of the FIM Endurance World Championship at the Oschersleben race track.

Joep Overbeeke of the APRECO team races the 2019 championship with a Yamaha YZF 600 R6 featuring the FUCHS Silkolene logos. The 20-year-old rider achieved two 7th places in the 600 class in race 1 and 2 and 22nd and 25th overall among 36 riders. In this championship, the mechanics are only allowed to make limited changes to the Yamaha production machines of 600cc reaching a top speed of 270 km/h. The racing fairing, the exhaust pipe, the fork and strut may be modified. The Supersport and Superstock riders race in one field but their scores are listed separately.

“The main goal of Joep and the team is to become world champion in MotoGP. This has been Joep Overbeeke’s sole aim during his entire career. 2019 is his first IDM season so he expects to learn a lot. He uses FUCHS Silkolene products because he needs premium products for an optimal performance in his class,” explained Evert Blom, the Team Manager. The next race will take place in Zolder.

Calendar: July: Nürburgring and Schleich, August: Most, September: Assen and Hockenheim.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 5W-40 XP, Silkolene PRO CHAIN SPRAY, Silkolene PRO PREP, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAINE CLEANER, Silkolene WASH-OFF, Silkolene PRO RACE BRAKE FLUID





Portugal

Triumph for the Baião Rally team at the Rally Montelongo

On the asphalt of Fafe, FUCHS driver Vítor Pascoal reached excellent results and gained valuable clues in the first tests with the new German car, the Porsche 991 GT3 Cup. With Ricardo Faria, his navigator, he prepared and set-up the car to have an efficient start into the Portuguese Rally Championship GT.

National GT rally champion in 2017 and 2018, Vítor Pascoal believes that this move to the 991 GT3 Cup is the right bet to win his third consecutive title and he wants to deliver a great show for the large public in Portugal.

At Montelongo Rally, the Baiões driver won the overall race and proved the potential of the new Porsche and his talent. A few weeks later, with his co-driver Pedro Alves, Vítor Pascoal succeeded with another victory at the Alto Tâmega Rally, the opening round of the Portuguese Rally Championship GT.

The team continues to rely on Porsche because they are very satisfied with the return generated by the car, both in terms of sport and driving pleasure and by the level of public and media visibility of their sponsors.

“Naturally, we saw the Montelongo rally as a competitive test after months of hard work by the whole team. It went well and, honestly, the car surprised me, because unlike the 997, the 991 is not available in a version developed for rallying. They immediately noticed that the 991 was more agile than the 997 and the gearbox with paddles on the steering wheel is also a significant upgrade. We tested new tunings in each section and noticed at each timing what has worked and what has not in terms of effectiveness. In fact, we gained a lot of information even though the distance of the Montelongo was only 53 kilometers. We went to the Alto Tâmega Rally with another set-up and won 10.4 seconds over our direct adversaries,” concluded the two-time national GT champion. The Baião Rally team and Vítor Pascoal have been sponsored by FUCHS since 2015.

Next race: Castelo Branco Rally

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60, TITAN GT 1 PRO C-3 SAE 5W-30, TITAN GT1 PRO FLEX SAE 5W-30, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-140



Great Britain

Double victory for Quattro Plant at NW200

The FUCHS Silkolene backed Kawasaki team enjoyed a sensational North West 200 meeting with Glenn Irwin and James Hillier, giving them a 1st and 2 place in the Superbike race for Kawasaki's first victory in the class since 1977.

Their joy further increased when Hillier took his maiden NW200 success, after leading the Superstock race from start to finish. With 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th from his four races, James was duly crowned Man of the Meeting to conclude a memorable week for both the 34-year-old and the whole team.



Great Britain

The Bellerby sisters get ready for next round of RallyX

After a break of almost two months, and with brand new race suits, sisters Paige and Drew Bellerby have been busy preparing for round three of the British Rallycross Championship. Paige currently sits 2nd in the Supernational Championship and younger sister Drew is 3rd in the BMW Mini Championship, so the excitement is building for the next round in Pembrey, Wales – so watch this space.



Great Britain

Treble top for Redding at Donington

Fresh from his maiden BSB Championship victory at Donington Park, FUCHS Silkolene ambassador Scott Redding swept to two more sensational race wins, making it an unprecedented treble and in doing so, swept to the top of the championship standings following round three of the series.

Josh Brookes couldn't manage a repeat of his Oulton Park double earlier in the month, but after a race 1 crash, bounced back with 4th and 5th positions to maintain his top-6 position in the championship standings.

The weekends' results mean Paul Bird's Penrith-based team are unbeaten in the last five BSB.



Pictured: Dean Harrison



Great Britain

Four podiums in two races for FUCHS Silkolene riders at Day 1 of IOMTT

FUCHS Silkolene ambassador Peter Hickman and the Smiths Racing BMW team took their first win of the week and a third victory in total at the Isle of Man TT races. They won a shortened RST Superbike race by less than 2.0 seconds aboard the Smiths Racing BMW S1000RR. Just 1.7 seconds behind Hickman in 2nd place was FUCHS Silkolene man Dean Harrison with Silicone Engineering Racing. Later in the evening, James Hillier bounced back from a 4th place finish in the Superbike TT race following technical difficulties, to claim a hard-fought runner-up spot in the Supersport race, followed by Peter Hickman in 3rd place, collecting his second podium in two races.

Great Britain

Historic triple for Bogie on Scottish Rally

CA1 Sport driver David Bogie, paired again with Irish co-driver John Thorburn, made his mark on the history books of the RSAC Scottish Rally by claiming his third event victory in a row, taking his tally to six on the Moffat based event.

Bogie, co-driven by Irishman John Rowan, steered his Skoda Fabia R5 to a stunning victory, winning four out of the event's six stages, to equal the record held by legendary British driver Roger Clark.

After the ceremonial finish, David commented: "It's a great achievement to have equalled Roger Clark's number of wins but every victory is important to me and it's even better to do that here at my home event."



Great Britain

Disappointment for Morgan in Thruxton

There was some real bad luck for Ciceley Motorsport's Adam Morgan mid-May at one of his favourite tracks – Thruxton.

Lying 4th in qualifying, he was adjudged to have exceeded track limits twice so had to start race 1 from 18th position, ultimately finishing in place 17. Race 2 proved better with a strong drive and a higher finishing position of place 13. But disaster struck on the opening lap of race 3 when a collision with Rob Collard brought Adam's meeting to a premature end.

On a lighter note, Adam took part in journalists media day at FUCHS UK head office on 30th May, where he helped provide a spot of fun during lunch with a touring car simulator challenge. Adam provided the first lap and challenged the visitors to try and beat his time. He made it look easy but commented that some were a little too close for comfort!



Zimbabwe

Three out of three for Rademeyer

The FUCHS driver Calvin Rademeyer made his mark winning the first three races of the Zimbabwean National Saloon Car Championship. After a successful outing on his home track in Bulawayo, Calvin went into this round fully confident of gaining a good result.

“The upgrades we have made to the car are paying dividends more than we could have expected,” he said.

During the qualifying, the team fitted and tested new parts for the VW Polo. Although the track was terribly slippery, the mechanics did a great tuning job. “With a new set of tires for the qualifying we knew the speed would come,” said Calvin. Rademeyer started heat 1 in pole position with the objective of adding a new victory in Saloon B. So, when he missed his departure lying in 2nd position among the competitors of the road race, he decided to take no risks with his no-class car and keep pole position in Saloon B, his ultimate goal.

In heat 2, always in pole position, Rademeyer did not get caught on the start and romped away to win the class outright on the track. With three out of three round wins, Rademeyer is leading the Club Championship for Saloon B. “It’s too soon to look at the overall championship but we are confident.” Round 4 will be back in Bulawayo, Rademeyer’s hometown, his favourite track.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN GT1 SAE 5W-40, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-90



Germany

BLACK FALCON successfully completes final rehearsal on the Nürburgring-Nordschleife

BLACK FALCON achieved an excellent team result at the six hours qualifying race, the last test before the 24 hours marathon at the Nürburgring. In changing weather and track conditions the GT3 department achieved two top 10 results: position 5 for Mercedes-AMG GT3 #6 driven by Patrick Assenheimer (Germany), Nico Bastian (Germany), Yelmer Boorman (Netherlands) and Gabriele Piana (Italy) and 10th place for sister car #3 shared by German drivers Maximilian Buhk, Hubert Haupt, Thomas Jäger and Luca Stolz.

BLACK FALCON now has the two fastest Mercedes-AMG GT3. In class SP8T, BLACK FALCON triumphed with the Mercedes-AMG GT4 #47 driven by Yannick Mettler (Switzerland) and German drivers Maik Rosenberg, Stephan Rösler and Mike Stursberg. At the same time, the two Porsche 991 Carrera cars celebrated a double victory in the V6 class. The result was topped off with a 3rd place in the SP10 class and 4th position in the SP8T.

After this extremely successful preparation, the team and drivers are now looking forward to the highlight of the season, the 24 hours of the Nürburgring.