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A winning start for the BLACK FALCON Team

The drivers of both BLACK FALCON Team IDENTICA and TEXTAR made an impression right from the first rounds of the Nürburgring Endurance Series with several podiums and victories. An exciting season full of suspense and success. // Page 4.



Italy

Promising performance for NOVAMARINE GSM Team

For the second time in a row, NOVAMARINE GSM Team is racing in the Lamborghini Huracán Super Trofeo Evo, a well-known and competitive series. The four drivers will participate with two Lamborghini 620 hp V10 in the twelve races of the trophy across five countries. // Page 7.

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Marc Ansley starts his title collection at Gauteng

FUCHS rider Marc Ansley has once again proved his skills in the fourth round of the Inland Motocross Championship. Despite a muddy circuit, he won the two races and took first overall in the MX3 Masters class with his KTM 450 SX-F. // Page 6.



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Germany

BLACK FALCON's strong debut in the Michelin Le Mans Cup

The first of the seven rounds of the Michelin Le Mans Cup took place at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya. Despite causing quite a stir and delivering an impressive performance, BLACK FALCON had to settle for 18th place out of 31 starters in qualifying sessions due to the lack of experience on the circuit.

Starting driver, Donar Munding, fantastically ran in a two-hour race and fought his way up through the top-class field to third place overall. At the mandatory pit stop, he handed over the Ligier JS P320 to Maik Rosenberg. The experienced driver impressed the viewers in his first LMP3 race with consistently fast lap times and a strong performance. Shortly before the end, the team was set back by a drive-through penalty, which denied them a well-deserved top ten finish. After serving the penalty, Rosenberg finally crossed the finish line 17th overall.

Project Manager LMP of BLACK FALCON, Lance David Arnold, said: "We learned an incredible number of things in the first race in what was a new environment for us, and we were able to demonstrate our potential, especially in the race."

Managing Director and founder of BLACK FALCON, Alexander Böhm, explained: "With the first start of the Le Mans prototype in the BLACK FALCON Team, a long-cherished wish came true for us. The action on the circuit, the professional organization of the ACO, and last but not least, the enthusiasm of the drivers for the LMP3 show us that we made the right decisions. A big compliment to the drivers, who exceeded our expectations for the start of the season!"

The next race will take place in June in Le Castellet (FR).



Germany

BLACK FALCON races in the ADAC GT4 Germany

For the first time, BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR will compete in all twelve races of the season with a Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 MR in what is known as the “Trophy Classification”. This trophy is specifically intended for drivers who have reached the age of 35 and have been classified by the FIA in the Bronze category. The mid-engine Porsche, geared with 400 hp, will be driven by Axel Sartingen and Daniel Schwerfeld. The two experienced drivers have achieved much racing success in the GT3 and GT4 in the past. In this trophy, exciting duels and a lot of driving fun are expected from the veterans with their light and agile Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 MR.

Head of Motorsport BLACK FALCON, Timo Frings, said: “BLACK FALCON has been

running GT4 cars regularly in 24H Series races and at the Nürburgring-Nordschleife since 2016. We’ve been quite successful in these events, including winning the GT4 in the SP10 class three times in a row in the 24H Race at the Nürburgring and also securing the GT4 Championship title in the VLN in 2019. This year, we’ll be competing in a purely GT4 racing series for the first time. With Axel and Daniel, we have two fast drivers who want to attack in the Trophy Classification right from the first race. Axel can look back on several successful years in the Ferrari Challenge, while Daniel has – among other things – clinched numerous class victories at the Nordschleife, many of them with BLACK FALCON. We are very much looking forward to the

new challenge and can hardly wait for the season opener at Oschersleben.”

All the races will take place as part of the supporting program of the ADAC GT Masters. There will be two races per weekend. Two drivers share the cockpit and swap over during a mandatory pit stop.

The ADAC GT4 Germany races can be followed live and free of charge on TVNOW (in future RTL +).

Calendar: May: Oschersleben (DE); June: Red Bull Ring (AU); July: Zandvoort (NL); August: Nürburgring (DE); October: Sachsenring (DE) and Hockenheimring (DE)



Germany

BLACK FALCON celebrates multiple class wins

BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR and IDENTICA are both racing with five cars in the nine rounds of the Nürburgring Endurance Series, which started in March and will finish in October.

In March, the first round of the NLS was cancelled only a few minutes after the start due to snowfall.

The second round took place in April at the Nordschleife. The BLACK FALCON Team successfully started the season, celebrating several class wins. The four cars of BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR showed consistently strong performances. The two Mercedes-AMG GT4s won a double victory in the SP8T class, while the Porsche Cayman GT4 crossed the finish line fourth in the SP10 GT4 class. The triumphant day ended with the victory of the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup MR in the SP7 class. BLACK FALCON Team IDENTICA completed a strong race with the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup MR in the SP-PRO class and finished 14th overall as the best-placed car outside the GT3 class.

The third round was full of twists and turns but ended on a high victory. BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR celebrated the second one-two in a row in the SP8T class. The Mercedes-AMG GT4 (#140) secured first place, while its sister car (#141) crossed the finish line in second place. In the fiercely contested SP10 class, the Porsche 718 GT4 MR (#161) crossed the finish line fifth, while BLACK FALCON Team IDENTICA's Porsche 911 GT3 Cup MR SP-PRO (#350) was set back a considerable amount of time by an early barrier contact. The Porsche 911 GT3 Cup MR (#57), which started in the SP7 class, retired from the race after an accident.

Calendar: March: 66th Westphalia Race; April: 45th DMV 4-Hour Race; May: 62nd ADAC ACAS Cup; June: 52nd Adenauer ADAC Circuit Trophy; July: 61st ADAC Reinoldus Endurance Race and 44th RCM DMV Border Country Race; September: ROWE 6-Hour ADAC Ruhr Cup Race and 53rd ADAC Barbarossa Prize; October: 45th DMV Münsterland Cup



South Africa

Caden Weise, an enthusiastic ambassador for FUCHS Silkolene

Sponsored for the first time by FUCHS South Africa, Caden Weise races the Border Motocross MX Championship and the MX Nationals South Africa. Right from the first round of the Border Motocross on the East London Circuit, the young rider of 12 dominated all the heats and won first place overall in the 85 cc class.

Since April, he has been training with his new coach, Andrew Wren. "Caden shows great determination on and off the bike. We decided to focus on the MX Nationals SA and using regional races as training ground," said Andrew.

Caden Weise explained: "Now, my bikes have only been running with FUCHS Silkolene products. I find that the FUCHS Silkolene FOAM FILTER OIL leaves a nice sticky consistency on the air filter, which helps to ensure no sand or dust gets into my engine and ensures only clean air

runs through my bike. After each ride, we use the FUCHS Silkolene WASH OFF. This product works exceptionally well and makes it easy to get all the mud, grime, and marks off the bike, using only the cleaner and a high-pressure washer. Normally, piston and rings are changed after 30 hours. The mechanic from Auto Motorcycles commented that he has never seen a piston in such good condition after that length of time. This is testament to clean air and quality 2-stroke, thanks to FUCHS Silkolene PRO 2 and FUCHS Silkolene COMP GEAR."

Caden commented: "We find the FUCHS Silkolene PRO CHAIN a bit too sticky for the sandy Rover circuit, so we would like to try the FUCHS Silkolene CHAIN LUBE that has a wax cover."



South Africa

A double victory for Marc Ansley at Smoking Pistons Motocross Circuit

Thanks to his 30 years of experience in motocross, Marc Ansley successfully came first overall in the MX3 Masters class of the Inland Motocross Championship. The fourth round of the season took place at Smoking Pistons MX Dirt Track in May. The FUCHS rider of the MA18 Racing Team was well prepared to claim the victory in Gauteng after good training sessions and a perfect bike set-up.

Marc drew on his experience and professionalism while racing on the muddy circuit during the two-day races, avoiding slipping and riding his bike perfectly on the “whoops” and the “Camel Jumps”. “Because of the unexpected rain the day before, the practice session was difficult and dangerous, as bikes got stuck in the mud. I managed to come out unscathed and qualified third in my class,” said Marc.

On heat one, Marc got off to a great start and felt comfortable on his KTM 450 SX-F. His composure paid off as he finished first. Feeling content after his great result, Marc focused on the victory of heat two

and, despite a battle with a combative competitor, he claimed the win. With these two first wins, Marc celebrated his first position overall in the MX3 Masters class.

Marc said: “I’ve chosen the FUCHS Silkolene lubricants because, after using them for the last five years, I trust them to keep my high-revving KTM 450 SX-F motocross bike going in all conditions.”

Calendar: January: Dirt Bronco Raceway MX Track; February: Terra Topia Dirt Bike Club; March: Erora MX Track; May: Smoking Pistons MX Dirt Track and Chestnut Hill MX Track; June: Terra Topia Dirt Bike Club; July: Dirt Bronco Raceway MX Track; August: Erora MX Track; October: Smoking Pistons MX Dirt Track; November: Chestnut Hill MX Track

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 R 10W-60, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene BRAKE CLEANER, Silkolene FOAM FILTER CLEANER



Italy

NOVAMARINE GSM Team on the way to podium positions

The Lamborghini Huracán Super Trofeo Evo is a reference in the world of monotype car championships, offering three continental series (North America, Asia, and Europe) raced with the same specifications. Two drivers take turns to compete in six rounds of twice 50 minutes on their continent. At the end of the season, the successful drivers challenge one another in the Lamborghini World Final.

The first round of the 13th Lamborghini Europe edition took place at Autodromo Nazionale di Monza with 30 drivers in their Lamborghini 620 hp V10.

For its second season in the trophy, NOVAMARINE GSM Team decided to get two cars involved. One car is driven by JM Littman and Antoine Bottirolì in the Pro-AM class and the other by Kevin Rossel and Jonathan Cecotto in the Pro class.

In race one, Littman maintained a good position then handed the car over to Bottirolì, who finished sixth in class. Rossel and Cecotto started from the sixth row and, despite a drive-through and a tire change, finished fourth in their class.

Race two saw Littman and Bottirolì claim sixth place in their class despite a head-tail by Bottirolì. Their teammate Cecotto was immediately in pursuit of his opponent Di Folco and held this position until the driver swap-over. A few laps later, Rossel was hit by a car while overtaking and was not able to re-enter the race.

Team Principal, Andrea Grillini, declared: "In both races, we could have easily gotten a podium. Luck was not in our corner, but I'm still happy with the performance of our two Pro riders, who proved that they could be fast. We are confident for the next round."

Calendar: April 16-18: Monza (IT); May 28-30: Paul Ricard (FR); June 18-20: Zandvoort Park Circuit (NL); July 29 and August 1: Spa-Francorchamps (BE); September 3-5: Nürburgring (DE); October 28-29: Misano Adriatico (IT); October 30-31: Final at Misano Adriatico (IT)

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S 10W-60, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-90, MAINTAIN DOT 4 HT, MAINTAIN BRAKE CLEANER



Jason Plato

Great Britain

PMR back on the podium

Thruxton circuit hosted the first round of the 2021 British Touring Car Championship in May. FUCHS-sponsored Adrian Flux with PMR leave the Hampshire circuit leading the Independent Teams' Standings and third in the overall Standings. FUCHS rider Jason Plato celebrated his 600th BTCC race at Thruxton, winning a podium, while his teammate Dan Lloyd finished in the top five.

Traffic hampered both drivers through the qualifying session with former two-time champion Jason Plato and Dan Lloyd claiming eleventh and 22nd place respectively. During the first race, both drivers battled hard and made

up excellent ground, with Plato crossing the finish line sixth and Lloyd 16th. In race two, despite 27 kg of ballast, Plato fought his way up to fourth during the opening stages before crossing the finish line fifth. Slightly further back, Lloyd finished 14th, narrowly missing out on the upcoming reverse grid draw.

After a wet start in race three, PMR made the decision to stay out on wets. In the closing stages, the rain came down, passing the advantage to PMR, who saw Plato fight his way up to third, beating Jake Hill across the finish line to snatch second place. Lloyd had driven a similarly fantastic

race, with the former BTCC race winner and TCR champion fighting his way up from 14th to eventually take the flag in five, cementing a solid points haul.

Jason Plato said: "It's great to be back! It's been a strong weekend for me and the team. I'm really pleased that Dan managed to get a good point score. We've had a good points haul, some decent results, and a podium, which I think sets us up well for the rest of the season."

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-140, TITAN RACE CVJ Grease, TITAN RACE WB Grease



Great Britain

Iddon tops Snetterton test for VisionTrack Ducati

Despite the unseasonal spring weather doing its best to disrupt proceedings, VisionTrack Ducati rider Christian Iddon made the most of the breaks in the cloud to set the fastest time at the second official test of the 2021 Bennetts British Superbike Championship at Snetterton.

Day one of the latest test round was effectively washed out at the Norfolk circuit with virtually none of the riders venturing out in any of the sessions before it dawned brighter and saw Iddon, on the pace. The 36-year-old rider set the fastest time session before waiting until the final moments of the second session to post his best lap, which put him 0.166s ahead of fellow Ducati rider Tommy Bridewell.

The rain returned for the third session and teams chose to end the day early in preparation for the final day of testing. Once again, the weather proved to be the only winner and Iddon, who took his maiden Bennetts BSB

victory at Snetterton last year, was forced to end the day early along with everyone else.

Defending champion, Josh Brookes, was present at the Snetterton test but he did not ride following a finger injury sustained at Silverstone the previous week. The 37-year-old Australian rider had a minor operation to repair his finger but because of the poor weather forecast and to prevent any complications, it was decided to keep the number one parked up. Brookes plans to be back in action at the next official test, which will take place at Oulton Park.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO R 0W-20, Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS 10W-50, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene PRO PREP, Silkolene WASH OFF



Great Britain

Testing success at Silverstone for Affinity

The Leon Haslam-supported Affinity Sports Academy Team is returning as the official Kawasaki UK team for 2021. After an incredible 2020 campaign, the team is competing in the Junior Supersport and National Superstock 600 classes. In the British Junior Supersport class, James McManus, Mikey Hardie, Joe Farragher, and Kam Dixon are competing with the Ninja 400 while Owen and his teammates Eugene McManus, Asher Durham, and Dan Brookes race with the Ninja ZX-6R in the National Superstock 600.

A few weeks ago, the team took part in the first official BSB test at Silverstone. There, all the riders improved their times. Eugene McManus retained the second fastest time in his class. Asher Durham made a steady start, continued to make progress, and saw a 1.2 second improvement in his times as the day ended. Owen Jenner had been out on his practice bike at several circuit days and race events, so was coming to the test sessions with some miles under his belt on his 600. Learning to manage the bike is key for Owen this year and he made good progress, reducing his lap times by almost a full second. Seth Crump ended with a 1.7 second improvement.

In the Junior Supersport class, with several new riders, the test was all about learning and following the guidance given by the team, especially as this circuit was new to a couple of them. James McManus, in combined timings, finished second fastest, improving his lap times by 1.9 seconds over the four sessions. Kam Dixon was keeping pace with James, started to show his potential by maintaining his position within the top three riders, and improved his time by 1.8 seconds at the end. The youngest rider, Mikey Hardie, showed real maturity, taking on board the advice from the team manager, and upgraded his lap times by 2.4 seconds. Joe Farragher also rode the circuit for the first time. Feeling his way gradually with both the circuit and the bike, he progressed in every session and improved his times by 2.7 seconds.

The next official test will take place at Oulton Park and, for the first time in a while, the fans will be able to see these talented riders.



Hungary

Long-awaited start of the Hungarian Endurocross Championship

The first race of the championship took place in Tamási, attended by many racers after it had been such a long time since the last race.

FUCHS rider Márk Szőke took a perfect start and stormed into the lead. He only had one challenger during the race over a few laps, but he managed to pull away from him and finished in first place with a strong lead.

The second round took place in Bér, where the circuit was a bit more challenging. Many experienced international racers were on the starting line, so the competition was fierce. However, Márk managed to maintain a commanding lead throughout the whole race.

During the last lap, he had trouble taking a turn and

crashed into a tree at high speed. Unfortunately, he broke his leg as well as his gear changer. Displaying incredible courage, he got up and finished the race with his broken leg after putting the bike into third gear manually. In the end, Márk came in first before immediately going to the hospital to get the necessary treatment for his leg.

FUCHS Hungary PR and Marketing Specialist, Ádám Nyakacska, said: "We're extremely proud to have such a persistent and strong-willed racer and wish him a speedy recovery."

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 10W-40 XP, Silkolene FOAM FILTER OIL, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene COMP 2 PLUS, Silkolene PRO RACE BRAKE FLUID



Hungary

Very motivated young riders

The two riders of FUCHS-sponsored Gery's Dream Kft Team, Gergő Menyhárt and Jázmin Murai, are competing in the Hungarian Motocross Championship and the Dél MX Cup. The team's main goal is to support young racers in the Junior category.

Gergő Menyhárt said: "I train to improve my fitness levels multiple times a week, which takes one to two hours. Motocross training can take four or five hours per session on Saturday and Sunday. However, since I'm still in high school it's not easy to manage my time perfectly. My father put great emphasis on teaching me the fundamentals of motocross, so during races I can make crucial decisions without thinking. For me, success means the ability to race consistently from a good starting position while also taking risks to gain positions."

On average, 15-30 racers take part in the National Motocross Championship within his category, but the race day has 150-200 racers overall. "However, the first race within the national championship saw 42 racers, even some European championship regulars."

His best result since the beginning of the season was third place in the third round of the Dél MX Cup.

Jázmin Murai started racing professionally in 2019. "This season, I'm racing with a 2019 Husqvarna 125 cc because of my height, and this requires much better endurance and strength. I would like to get the 2021 model, but financial reasons unfortunately made it impossible. My father is a motorbike racer too, so he helps me a lot with the preparation."

The women's category does not have a lot of racers so she is forced to race with the 65 cc riders most of the time. "However, this year the National Motocross Championship was a big surprise for me. The field became quite international, the categories were not combined and there were 20 competitors overall."

Jázmin ran her best race since the beginning of the season with second position overall in the Apostag Dél MX Cup. "My motivation and hard work are the secret that many people see when I race but they would not assume from first sight."

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene FOAM FILTER OIL, Silkolene PRO 2, Silkolene PRO PREP, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene PRO 4 15W-50 XP



Great Britain

Making motorsport greener

Motorsport, by its very nature, has a reputation for not being a green sport. But, thanks to even small efforts by teams such as PMR, we can change that. It cannot become completely eco-friendly overnight, but together we can certainly make it greener.

PMR is a front-running team within the BTCC. The championship made the decision for all cars to move toward hybrid power for 2022, committing to its long-term intentions to make the championship a greener place.

PMR has already taken steps to reduce its impact.

Where possible, PMR will use FUCHS products in lube cube packaging. This simple packaging innovation has the capacity to revolutionize the automotive aftermarket industry, eliminating

the need for non-recyclable containers that end up in landfills across the globe. Lube cubes are 100 percent recyclable and have many green storage, transportation, and disposal advantages over standard containers to further reduce carbon emissions.

PMR's main race support trailer has been converted to full lithium-ion power, meaning that they no longer rely on diesel generators.

Thanks to PMR's relationship with world-renowned bottle manufacturer Sigg, they have been using dedicated aluminum bottles

in addition to their reusable and recyclable dispensers, eventually reducing their plastic bottle usage by around 10,000 per year.

PMR made a commitment years ago to ensure their paddock support vehicles were all electrically powered, eliminating the necessity for any generator. The team is discussing the possibility of an electric vehicle solution running purely on solar and pedal power, making it 100 percent green!

PMR knows it may not be able to change the face of motorsport, but with small changes can make it a greener sport, whilst keeping the excitement of ICE-powered racing.

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