

# Motorsport News

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### A fearsome FUCHS Team

In 2020, the Rusgenot Team is taking part in the national and world powerboat championships as well as the Trans Agulhas Challenge using an inflatable boat with a top speed of 115 km per hour. Driver and navigator face a tough challenge from wind, waves, rocks, and heavy kelp. Skill and ability are crucial in these highly competitive championships. // Page 2.

## Portugal

### Aiming for a second title in 2020

Ricardo Teodósio and Jose Teixeira, 2019 winners of the Portuguese National Rally Championship, are looking forward to defending their title this year at one of the most popular rally racing events in Portugal. They will race a Škoda Fabia R5 Evo set up by the experienced ARC Sport. // Page 4.



## Spain

### Racing and fun

For the first time, FUCHS has partnered with the Silkolene Racing Team for the entire 2020 sporting season. This team of six drivers is taking part in Enduro and Cross-Country National Championships, targeting podiums in both disciplines. // Page 6.





## South Africa

### Exciting races over the waves for the Rusgenot Team

Driver Marc Gleed (46) of the Rusgenot Team has been racing powerboats for twelve years. He will participate in the national and world championships as well as the world-renowned Trans Agulhas Challenge in 2020. This extreme challenge sees 40 inflatable boats battling it out over the waves. These boats were invented in South Africa, where inflatable powerboat racing was born in the 80s. It is now recognized as one of the world's fastest-growing water sports. Marc Gleed and his navigator have to link several checkpoints on different beaches along the coast over five days before crossing the finish line. The two competitors race in the Long-Haul class using a light semi-rigid boat equipped with super powerful 50 hp engines, allowing Marc Gleed to reach speeds of 115 km per hour. This ensures a spectacular and exciting show for thousands of boat-racing fans.

"The most difficult thing in these competitions is balancing speed with reliability. This sport requires natural talent, determination, and commitment. To win, we always bear in mind that we must be humble and never rest on our laurels. This season is very important for the team, we seek victory in both championships," said the team manager, driver, and mechanic Marc Gleed.

He added: "This championship is exciting because of the many challenges we face."

Challenges that put huge pressure. "We must be perfectionists and persistent to build and develop a race-winning engine. The constant evolution of technology means we are always learning. Throughout the race, there are many evolving situations that we have to manage quickly," said Marc.

The Rusgenot Team has been sponsored by FUCHS for five years. "We have been using FUCHS lubricants for a long time now, they exceed all expectations. The wide range of lubricants means the correct product can be selected for each specific application," explained Marc.

\*Weight of the boat including crew: 365 kg – Length: 4.1 m – Engine: 3 cylinders, 50 hp

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN MARINE MC SAE 10W-40, TITAN MARINE GEAR SAE 80W-90**



## Hungary

### Ready to go!

The Birdopping Racing Team has been competing in the Hungarian Amateur Rally Championship (MARB) for many years and is currently a member of the car section of the Vág Sports Association. "This sport has been in my family for decades. Even with a small budget, we can expect very successful races, taking first place on the podium in countless Hungarian championships. The hardest part is to set up the car and organize training because we are amateurs and cannot focus full-time on competitions," said the team manager, driver, and mechanic Lajos Biránti. "Our main objective in 2020 is to achieve the best ranking for the two cars. The secret of our success is passion for the motorsport, dedication, and perseverance."

This is the first season the team is sponsored by FUCHS, but it has already been using FUCHS lubricants for many years. "FUCHS lubricants provide the most protection and performance for the spare parts of our cars. We are very happy with these lubricants, which is why we have been using them for a very long time. We hope that this partnership will be fruitful for everyone," said Lajos Biránti.

The team races with two Volkswagens. "In 2018, we managed to develop the power of the Volkswagen Golf 2 GTI using a 2.0-liter, 16-valve FSI engine

capable of 180 Le and 220 Nm of power. We decided to replace the manufactured transmission with a straight-toothed asynchronous transmission developed for sports purposes. The other car, the Volkswagen Golf 1 GTI, has a 2.0-liter and 16-valve turbocharged engine. This 310 hp and 410 Nm engine uses a four-wheel-drive powertrain to get the best performance on asphalt. The car is currently equipped with a standard transmission, which we plan to replace with a more modern DSG (Direct Shift Gear) transmission," said the driver and mechanic Dániel Biránti.

FUCHS Hungary Commercial and Technical Director, Attila Pálffy, said: "We chose this team because it is very committed and has been a loyal customer for many years. This level of motorsport allows us to promote our products and develop our reputation for a relatively low marketing budget. We can also show that our high-performance lubricants are available for everyone, not only for famous racers."

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60, TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-50, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN, MAINTAIN DOT 5.1**



## Portugal

### **Teodósio Motorsport Team in the starting blocks for the National Rally Championship**

Ricardo Teodósio and his team will race in the 2020 National Rally Championship. Having won so brilliantly in 2019, Ricardo and his navigator Jose Teixeira are going to do everything in their power to hold onto the title.

Teodósio said: "The fact that we are champions will not change our approach to the championship this season. We will fight for victory and drive as fast as we can in each stage. There is more competition this year and I am sure the championship will be fought over until the last rally, perhaps the last stage. Our opponents know that they have to count on us fighting for our title."

The team presented its plans for 2020 in front of numerous guests, fans, and on social media. They

showed their new car, a Škoda Fabia R5 Evo, with prominent FUCHS logos. For the second time in a row, FUCHS Portugal has partnered with the team. "I would like to thank FUCHS for their trust and support for our 2020 partnership after the success of last year," said Ricardo Teodósio.

The championship started on February 28. Teodósio and Jose achieved 3rd place on the podium, which was a good result considering that the Rally of Fafe terrain is not suitable for the team.

Ricardo Teodósio explained that the Portuguese rallies generated 34 million euros of media returns in 2019 according to FPAK (Portuguese Federation of Automobile and Karting) data.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-30, TITAN GT1 PRO C-3 SAE 5W-30, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-140**



## France

### Sanary Racing Team: a family passion

Since childhood, David and Tom Diebold have always gravitated toward motorsport. Their parents, themselves passionate drivers, raced for many years in numerous disciplines including circuit, rally, and hill climb.

In 2018, the brothers tested their skills in two stages of the PACA Regional competition at the French Mountain Cup. The following season, they entered most of the stages. David and Tom share the same car, a Seat Leon Supercopa MK2\* approved for group A, class 5, and specially set up for these races.

“These competitions allow us to push the car to its limit and for drivers to reach over 200 km per hour depending on the road circuit. We race along the same two kilometers for the six climbs weekend. These competitions are a mix between circuit and rally. At these speeds, it is all about your mind,” explained the twins. These popular regional races welcome between 50 and 100 drivers depending on the event. At the end of the 2019 season, David and Tom were selected to take part in the national final ahead of 150 opponents after six regional victories each.

The Diebold brothers took advantage of the off-season

between October and March to train on the circuit. “We needed to take the car in hand to be efficient for the 2020 season.”

Their next goal is to acquire a second car to compete in the 1st division of the French Mountain Championship.

At 24, the twins work in their parents’ garage, a Volkswagen dealership in Sanary-sur-Mer, dating back to 1955. The Diebold garage has been using FUCHS lubricants for its customers and competitions for the last 20 years. “Compared to other oils, FUCHS lubricants are more efficient. We have gained in engine temperature. It has a longer lifespan and wears less quickly.”

\* built in 2008 specifically for hill climbing. 2.0-L TFSI engine, 330 hp, 500 Nm of torque. Enlarged chassis, trains, and shock absorbers made to measure. Flat bottom and carbon diffuser for great stability at high speed.

**FUCHS lubricant: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60**



## Spain

### Sport and business

The Silkolene Racing Team, composed of six riders, is committed to the Enduro and Cross-Country National Championships. "Experience is key in winning these races. Three of our six riders have been racing for over five years but the others are on their first season. Training is crucial, we focus on improving endurance skills," said Team Leader José Gustavo Olmedo. "We want our newcomers to gain experience from as many races as possible. For the others, our goal is to get podiums, as in 2019. My job also involves promoting our sponsor through the efforts of the team."

In these competitions, riders must be perfectly fit to run in pole position ahead of the race favorites. "It is crucial to keep control from the start and avoid falls that will wear you out later," said the riders\*. "In the enduro and cross-country races, we enjoy the excitement and continuously improving our performance."

In this team, riders play a double role and ensure the mechanic of their bike. They must be able to improvise, rapidly solve problems throughout the race, and be up to date. "As the components and set up of motorbikes evolve, we need to evolve with them. But our most difficult jobs are the unexpected breakdowns needing improvisation," said José Gustavo Olmedo.

This season is FUCHS' first partnership with the team. "All the FUCHS Silkolene lubricants are specific and their high-quality performance is remarkable," approved the drivers\*.

FUCHS Spain Automotive Product Manager, Ester Madrid, said: "The team knows how good FUCHS lubricants are, as one of the riders knows and has worked with the lubricants for a while. When they decided to create a new team, they thought of us, and we were happy to sponsor them. This partnership helps FUCHS improve brand awareness at competitions in Spain."

\*Silkolene Racing Team's drivers: José Gustavo Olmedo, Aitor Hervada, José Manuel Lorenzo, Ivan Matarranz, Juan Armando Platero, Francisco Javier Valdivieso

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 10W-40 XP, Silkolene PRO 2, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER**



## Japan

### Exciting races in store!

The SUPER GT series is the most prestigious and popular car race in Japan after Formula 1. These races average crowds of 30,000 to 90,000, depending on the circuit. FUCHS has partnered with two teams running in this series: GOODSMILE RACING & TeamUKYO – in the Grand Touring Car Racing, and T's CONCEPT – in the Super Taikyu.

"We have been sponsoring GOODSMILE RACING & TeamUKYO for five years. It is a renowned team so as well as our sponsoring activities we do other advertising, choosing effective promotions on social networks, and the like. This season, the team runs in the GTCR series – races which began in 1993 in Japan," said FUCHS Japan Automotive Product Manager Takashi Fujitsu. "The T's CONCEPT Team will be taking part in the Super Taikyu series – a Japanese endurance race but also the top endurance series in Asia. FUCHS has been sponsoring this team for three seasons."

Team Manager Tatsuya Kataoka, who is coaching eleven drivers this season, said: "The more people we have in the team, the harder it is to organize. I always give the same advice to the drivers: have fun driving the car. I think the secret of my success is accepting

all results without regret. My criteria for selecting drivers can change with each case. The required performance factor is not always the same. Our 2020 goal is to enjoy racing."

T's CONCEPT Team's driver and team manager, Tatsuya Kataoka, has 27 years of experience in racing. "What I like most is to show my best performance. The hardest thing in the race is setting up the cars."

The original schedule has changed for the 2020 series. The first race will take place in July at the Okayama International circuit, then at the Fuji Speedway (August), the Sportsland SUGO (September), the Autopolis (October), and the Twin Ring Motegi circuit (November). The re-scheduling of the rounds in Japan, Thailand, and Malaysia is now under consideration, but the plan is still to hold all eight rounds of the season.

**FUCHS lubricant used by GOODSMILE RACING & TeamUKYO: TITAN Supersyn LONGLIFE SAE 0W-40**

**FUCHS lubricant used by T's CONCEPT: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-40**