

# Motorsport News

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## Poland

### Indisputable dominance for the Chmielewski team

At the very challenging Gdansk Baltic Cup Rally, Jan Chmielewski and his new teammate Michał Kłos have proved to be tough opponents. The experience and the talent of the two competitors combined, allowed them to rank highest on the podium. // Page 3.



## Zimbabwe

### Intense competition for Grainger Racing FUCHS Silkolene KTM team

Three riders of the Grainger Racing FUCHS Silkolene KTM team shone brightly at the Dirt Bronco track – Johannesburg, with podiums during the 4th round of the South Africa Nationals. // Page 4.

## Great Britain

### Double victories for Byrne

FUCHS Silkolene sponsored rider Shane 'Shakey' Byrne smashed the existing fastest lap record at Snetterton on the Norfolk circuit. A hugely successful weekend's racing saw celebrations for 'Shakey' with his first double win of the season as the defending British Superbike champion. He is now sitting in 2nd place in the 2017 BSB Championship standings. // Page 6.





## France

### Stunned fans at the Rallye Terre de Langres

The 18th edition of the Rallye Terre de Langres took place from June 30th through July 2nd in Haute-Marne. This third round of the French Rally Championship welcomed 95 cars on a track of 520 km. FUCHS LUBRIFIANT FRANCE S.A., partner of the national championship, was present at all the strategic points of this rally.

“It is a great opportunity for FUCHS to present the company to a wider public but also to strengthen its reputation among the numerous professionals passionate about motorsports,” explained Jérôme Bertin-Lebret, Head of Marketing in France. Quadruple champion of this round, Jean-Marie Cuoq had come to add another title to his track record. He was battling with the Savoyard Julien Maurin throughout the whole race. Despite the wet weather the fans were thrilled by these fierce. At the end of these ten special stages, Julien Maurin (Citroën DS3 WRC) had defeated the leaders of the championship, Jean-Marie Cuoq (C4 WRC), Jordan Berfa (Hyundai i20 R5), Thibault Durbec (Citroën DS3 WRC) and won his first victory in 2017. This magnificent success allowed the Savoyard to be classed 3rd overall in the provisional classification of the French Rally Championship.

“It was raining almost throughout the whole weekend and battling for the win at Langres was very difficult on the slippery roads of Haute-Marne. This French Rally Championship is very popular and attracts thousands of fans to the roadsides each time. FUCHS staff was present to promote the FUCHS brand,” commented Jérôme Bertin-Lebret.

The first fifteen teams of the classification were presented with a selection of FUCHS products.





## Poland

### New victory for Jan Chmielewski

Chmielewski team won the 14th Gdansk Baltic Cup Rally in Open 2WD class which took place the last weekend in May. This second round of the Polish Rally Championship was the only one held on gravel roads and consisted of ten special stages. Jan Chmielewski faced off 32 other teams. For this Cup, he switched from his RWD BMW to a FWD Peugeot 208 VTI and raced with co-driver Michał Kłos for the first time.

“I was very pleased to race in the Gdansk Baltic Cup Rally. I tried my best to stay with BMW but finally decided to try my hand with Peugeot. The return to a front-wheel drive car after over a year spent in a rear-wheel drive car was an intense and interesting experience, however some time to adapt was necessary. But I couldn’t say which one of the two is better,” said Jan Chmielewski. “The special stages in Gdansk were very beautiful but also very demanding. We had a lot of fun driving. We achieved all goals we had planned to and left Gdansk with the maximum points possible.”

Although it was the first rally for the team Chmielewski-Kłos, Michał Kłos met the expectations and the communication went smoothly.

“I was a bit afraid of the weather conditions which has been very unpredictable recently. But the conditions were amazing during the event – almost too good as the temperature in the car reached 50°C. The special stages comprised beautiful, fast gravel stretches as well as cross-country roads,” commented Michał Kłos. “I’m very happy to be working with Jan who is an extremely fast and demanding driver but at the same time supports the co-driver all the time. We thank all our fans for their support.”

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO BRAKE FLUID, TITAN RACE PRO R SAE 15W-50, TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-50, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN-35**





## Zimbabwe

### Collection of podiums for the Grainger Racing FUCHS Silkolene KTM team

Daiyaan Manuel, Damon Strydom, Davin Cocker and all the riders of the Grainger Racing FUCHS Silkolene KTM team left their mark in the fourth round of the South Africa Nationals on the Johannesburg track with fantastic results. This round consisted of two heats.

“This sporting event was one of the biggest Nationals I have seen in South Africa for long with 220 competitors and a deeply torn up and well-watered track,” explained the Team Manager. “The boys were ready and all did a great job!”

The best results were achieved by three riders: Daiyaan Manuel won the 65cc overall, this has put him less than seven points behind the leader. In MX1, Damon Strydom won the first heat, classed 4th in the second, giving him the first podium of the team in the senior

classes. He is now in 2nd place overall in MX1. He also raced in MX2 and gained two solid 4th places in the 250cc category against 30 riders. The race was tight with the top 6 arriving within a second.

Davin Cocker also had a great race, obtaining 4th place overall in the 85cc class moving up to 3rd overall in the championship standings in this formidable category.

Thanks to his steady progress, Luke Southam rode well in the 50cc class on a very fast and tight track. Among the 35 riders at the departure line, Tristan Grainger obtained 7th and 8th in the 85cc class. In MX2, Ash Thixton delivered two solid races and moved up in the championship. His fitness training finally started to pay off.



## Great Britain

### On the good way

Dennis Racing team competes in the Classic Sports Car Championship on the famous Spa-Francorchamps (Belgium) for their first race on an international circuit this season. They were very happy to get through earning 2nd in their class during the qualifiers. In the first race on Saturday, they classed 40th overall against 61 cars and 2nd in their class. Sunday saw race two, in which, despite a good start in damp conditions, they managed to prevent a collision through 'Eau Rouge'. The car came off the track only a few laps in. This caused damage to the front suspension, so a return to the pits was needed before it failed completely. The race was stopped shortly after due to a crash on another part of the track. The team will be back at Donington Park on the 9th of September.

## Great Britain

### New lap record with Josef Calleja

Chevron Motorsport, a FUCHS LUBRICANTS (UK) PLC. customer, prepares the Subaru Impreza driven by Josef Calleja. Josef delivered a new lap record at Donington, round four of the UK Time Attack Championship, held during the Japfest event. Josef recorded an outstanding time of 1:13, taking 1st place in the Club 4WD class. He originates from Malta but races in the UK.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60, TITAN RACE SYN 5, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-140, TITAN RACE PRO BRAKE FLUID**

## Great Britain

### Exciting battles for Ashleigh Morris

Ashleigh Morris Racing team headed south to the Knockhill Racing circuit for the fourth and fifth legs of the sixteen-round Scottish BMW Compact Cup.

With only a few minutes left to qualify, Ashleigh completed her fastest lap of 2017 qualifying in 9th place. The next day, Ashleigh obtained 9th place in the first race. A result she improved in race two coming in 8th. This was a fantastic result for both the rider and the team.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-40, TITAN RACE PRO BRAKE FLUID, MAINTAIN SCREENWASH, VELVETONE WASH & WAX**





## Great Britain

### Historic double firsts at Pembrey for Bellerby's sisters

Paige and Drew Bellerby broke another record when they became the first sisters to both win their class in the British Rallycross Championship. Paige is top of the 2017 MSA Supernational Rallycross Championship after three rounds, while Drew is 3rd in the 2017 BMW Mini Rallycross Championship. The latest round of the championship took place at the Pembrey circuit in South Wales and utilised the revised track layout for the first time in the championship. Paige started her final in 2nd on the grid but she took control when her opponent Tristan Ovenden spun wide on the loose section. Paige drove a controlled race against Ovenden's more powerful Clio and won by two-thousandths of a second to take maximum championship points. "I couldn't believe how close it was in the end," said Paige. "I was wringing every last possible drop of performance out of the Lotus and just couldn't go any faster."

Drew, meanwhile, started with two 3rd places in the first two heats, followed by a 2nd place. In the six-lap final, Drew took her joker on the first lap and chased down Dave Bell to take the chequered flag in 1st place. "I'm over the moon with today," said Drew. "It's my first championship win in the BMW Mini and I'm pleased with the way I coped with the pressure."

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE SYN 5, TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-40, TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-30, TITAN RACE CVJ GREASE, TITAN RACE WB GREASE, TITAN RACE PRO COOL**



## Great Britain

### Byrne sizzles to Snetterton double

Shane 'Shakey' Byrne put in two faultless performances at Snetterton with the Be Wiser Ducati Race team winning both MCE British Superbike Championship races to move up to 2nd in the championship table after round five and took the record on this circuit.

It was Byrne's third win of the season and his 19th career double which continued his impressive run of victories at the Norfolk track taking his tally to ten at the track for himself and Paul Bird's Penrith-based team.

Shane Byrne said: "It's been a good weekend in both races. I used my head and bided my time. I didn't have the greatest of starts in race one but stayed safe in the first few laps and we'd worked hard over the weekend to make sure we were fast throughout the race. I took my time to get to the front and then, halfway through the race, pushed on a bit and it all panned out perfectly. Race two was definitely tougher as Josh Brookes was setting a good pace. He put the hammer down halfway through, so I made my move and obliterated my own lap record to grab the lead soon after. The Be Wiser Ducati team did a great job all weekend and after only getting a couple of thirds at Knockhill and with Glenn getting injured, it's good to put the smiles back on everyone's faces."

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS SAE 10W-50, Silkolene BRAKE CLEANER SPRAY, Silkolene PRO CHAIN SPRAY, Silkolene PRO PREP SPRAY**





## Great Britain

### **FUCHS LUBRICANTS White Rose Classic Rally**

For the second year running FUCHS LUBRICANTS (UK) PLC. have sponsored the White Rose Classic Rally which took place in Malton, North Yorkshire. The event is designed for cars manufactured before 1985.

The superbly presented classic entries lined up in the July sun where Sue Connor (FUCHS UK Marketing department) waved off each car with a FUCHS flag to tackle a challenging North Yorkshire route. The event lasted over nine hours, combining navigational sections with groups of driving tests held on private land. The afternoon's competitive tests centered on the stunning and historic Wykeham Abbey Estate (with the permission of Viscountess Lady Downe).

The host of regular championship contenders was joined by FUCHS Silkolene Authorised Distributor Pete Dalton who took out his immaculately restored Ford Lotus Cortina Mk 2. He was delighted with his 3rd place in class M2 award with his navigator on the day Paul Bosdet who is a Master navigator. The overall winner was the M2 Porsche 911 of Paul Crosby and Ryan Pickering after a great drive across the Yorkshire course. UK Marketing Manager Sally Travis presented the awards at the end of the day which were well-received by all the competitors.



## Great Britain

### **FUCHS Silkolene Cycle Sportive dedicated to the charity community**

FUCHS LUBRICANTS (UK) PLC. was proud to host the 2nd Tour of the Potteries cycling event yet again. This is a multi-distance cycling event which started and ended at the FUCHS UK Hanley headquarters. This year saw an increase in entrants to a total of 147 competitors.

FUCHS used the event to support two organisations: 'Cycle-Smart' – which is a foundation committed to saving young people's lives by promoting all aspects of safer cycling, in particular, the use of cycle helmets. Proceeds from the event will be donated to 'The Donna Louise Trust' – a local children's hospice.

The route took riders through Stoke-on-Trent and into the Peak District National Park. Two routes of varying distances were offered, 104 km and 44 km, which took in various landmarks and hill climbs. The routes are designed to cater for all abilities of cyclist from elite to new sportive riders wanting a challenge.

In addition, there was a family ride on a virtually traffic free route close to the town, named the 'Knotty' after the old railway system of the Potteries.

In a time of 4hrs 9 mins Gary Wiseman was the first cyclist crossing the finishing line of the 104 km route. Chad Harper was triumphant on the 44 km route. Seven-year-old Henry Rogers (son of Richard Rogers, Head of Special Lubricants Division) won the family route challenge.





## Great Britain

### Revolution Speedway signs USA Star Gino Manzares

FUCHS Silkolene sponsored Revolution Speedway were delighted to announce that they have signed USA International Gino Manzares for the duration of the Speedway World Cup competition. The 23-year-old will lead out the young USA dream team at Kings Lynn.

Gino arrived in the UK to meet with Revolution Speedway and check out his brand new equipment. Rob Painter, Race Team Director said: "We have worked hard to build Gino three brand new bikes for the competition. It is important that he gets the best experience possible while he is here and can be extremely competitive. Everything is taken care of for him from equipment to mechanics. We look after all of the race bikes, his suit and riding equipment so all he will have to do is arrive at the track and race. We have been working consistently with our engine tuners and also our other riders to develop the new 2017 Jawa offset engines and we are extremely happy with the results that we have had so far."

Gino commented: "I can't thank Revolution Speedway enough! It is the best set-up I've ever had and I'm very thankful for this development opportunity!"

## Great Britain

### Another podium for Superstar Freddie Housley

FUCHS Silkolene sponsored kart racer Freddie Housley won at Glan Y Gors in Wales to take the lead of the BKC Championship (Bambino Kart Club) and threw the lap record in for good measure! Freddie won the 2nd place in heat one and the 1st place in heat two. Despite a 15th place start, he secured his victory in heat three. This qualified him in pole for the Final and in spite of a bad start and dropping down to 5th place, he managed to take the lead after two laps and win pulling a gap from the field of seven seconds.

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## Great Britain

### Brad Vicars, on the path to success at Scarborough circuit

After a seven-week break, FUCHS Silkolene sponsored rider Brad Vicars couldn't have asked for a better weekend with dry and perfect conditions for racing at Oliver's Mount Cock O' The North at Scarborough.

Qualifying on Saturday went well with Brad achieving his goal and taking part in all the A races, arriving 15th in both the Open and F600 classes and an impressive 4th place in the Super Lightweights class.

These were turned into top results over the weekend with a 10th and 11th in the Open class, 12th and 8th in the F600 class and great 4th and 3rd in the Super Lightweights class.

The rider of the AJB Racing team was also fast enough to qualify in 15th place for the feature Cock O' The North race. This competition saw Brad set his fastest ever lap around this circuit, finishing in 11th place.

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