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Japan

A strong presence

Eisuke Samura of the Tripoint & Factory Hiro with FUCHS Silkolene Team won 6th position in the JSB1000 class of the prestigious Suzuka Sunday Road Race, with his Suzuki GSX-R1000R. He was also happy to announce his intention to race in the 43rd “Coca-Cola” Suzuka 8 Hours Endurance Race with the Advance MC Team. // Page 8.



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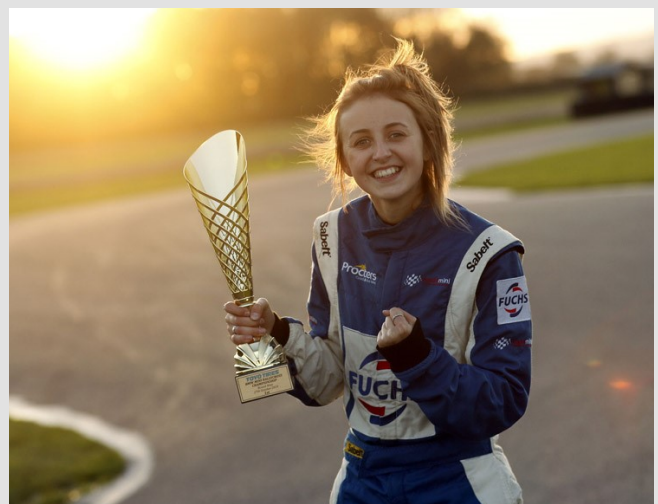
Successful NLS season starts for BLACK FALCON Team

The opening season of the Nürburgring Langstrecken-Serie (Nürburgring Endurance Series) was exciting, even though spectators had to follow the race live on the net. BLACK FALCON drivers were impressive, winning two class victories with the Mercedes-AMG GT4 (SP8T) and the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup MR (SP PRO) as well as 2nd place in the V6 category with a production-based Porsche 991 Carrera. // Page 4.

Great Britain

A major challenge for Drew Bellerby

Drew Bellerby was the first woman to win the British Rallycross BMW Mini Championship in 2019. At the age of 22, Drew will be working tooth and nail to defend this prestigious trophy, win many British championships, and even achieve the improbable dream of driving in a World RX event. // Page 7.





Left to right: Darren Pragji and Calvin Rademeyer

Zimbabwe

New objectives for the 2020 season

Calvin Rademeyer has been sponsored by FUCHS Zimbabwe for five years. “Paul Marais (FUCHS Zimbabwe) approached me in 2016 when I joined the national racing league. I was the first driver to represent FUCHS in this championship,” explained Calvin. “I’ve been working in the lubricants industry since 2010, and now I’m employed full-time by FUCHS. During this period, I managed to complete my BCom correspondence degree in sales and marketing and will be looking to further that.”

In 2020, Calvin will compete in the National Zimbabwean Saloon B with a Volkswagen Polo 6R. “The main rule is to never give up when the going gets tough. During the race, I must keep a cool head and monitor my competitors and the data feedback from my car.” Hard work is necessary to obtain a perfect set up. “My car must be not only reliable but competitive, too. In motorsport, technology doesn’t stand still. I’ll have to constantly review and adapt my current knowledge.”

Calvin started kart racing in 1997 and began full-time in the main circuit ranks in 2016. “I won the Zimbabwean National Rotax Max Championship in 2003, which allowed me to become the first Zimbabwean to compete at the Rotax World Finals in 2004. I added two National Zimbabwean Saloon B titles in 2017 and 2019.” This season, he hopes to defend his title and also win the Saloon B class in the 3 Hours Endurance Race, a class he dominated in 2017 and 2018. “What I like most are the speed and g-force you experience whilst driving but also the technical aspect of learning to set up the vehicle.”

Calvin has been using FUCHS lubricants for many years. “I appreciate the superior quality of these lubricants compared to the other brands, the technical backup, and the support I receive.”

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO SAE 10W-60, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-90, MAINTAIN DOT 5.1



Germany

Restructuring at BLACK FALCON Team

After ten extremely successful years, BLACK FALCON Team is withdrawing from professional GT3 sport at the Nürburgring Nordschleife and the GT World Challenge. Due to increasing professionalization, paying for these missions is a great challenge for this private team, which finances the races through income from partner contracts, its customer sports program, and company incentives.

BLACK FALCON Managing Director, Alexander Böhm, said: "Due to COVID-19, the last three months were by far the most difficult in the team's 15-year history. The ban on events affects almost all of our business areas and is currently causing sales losses of over 90 percent. We've therefore decided to withdraw from professional GT3 sport until at least the end of 2021, which means doing without factory-supported assignments with professional drivers. This was a purely mental decision and unfortunately unavoidable for the economic security of the team."

In the future, the team will concentrate even more intently on its core business: customer sport with high-quality GT vehicles. This includes worldwide deployments in the 24H Series by Creventic with

AMG GT3, GT4, and Porsche vehicles. At a European level, the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland and, from 2021, the Ferrari Challenge will once again be a goal. In national racing sport, the emphasis is, as before, on the Nürburgring Endurance Series and the 24-Hour events at the Nürburgring. The new Porsche 991 GT3 Cup MR SP PRO will be the spearhead of the team fleet. The Mercedes-AMG GT4 as well as the Porsche Cayman GT4 round off the BLACK FALCON endurance program together with the Porsche 911.

Since March 2020, the team has also been involved in the "Digital Nürburgring Endurance Series". For this mission, the drivers are supported by experienced Simracing coaches. From autumn 2020, they will also have access to a professional simulator.

Incentives with industry partners and guests have always been part of the core business of the team brand. As soon as the corona restrictions have been lifted, drivers, partners, and guests will once again be able to enjoy BLACK FALCON's extensive range of events.



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Germany

First round at the Nürburgring Langstrecken-Serie for the BLACK FALCON Team

BLACK FALCON Team clinched two class victories and a 2nd place at the Nürburgring Langstrecken-Serie (Nürburgring Endurance Series). The Porsche 911 GT3 Cup MR SP PRO, entered by BLACK FALCON Team IDENTICA, managed 15th place overall in its international race debut. In the SP8T class, the BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR scored a dominant start-finish victory with the Mercedes-AMG GT4. Among the production cars, the BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR achieved 2nd place in the V6 class with its Porsche 991 Carrera.

In the first race of the new Porsche 911 developed for the NLS-class SP PRO, Marek Böckmann, Tobias Müller, and Carlos Rivas set a strong example. Starting from 21st position, the trio worked their way up to the front, and after four hours crossed the finish line in 15th position overall.

For Stephan Rösler and Tristan Viidas, the season opener could not have gone better. They won 1st place

in the SP8T class with their Mercedes-AMG GT4, after fastest laps in qualifying and in the race, and a flawless performance.

In the near-production V6 class, Martin Meenen and NLS debutant Andreas Renk competed with the Porsche 991 Carrera. In qualifying, the duo fought a close duel for pole position in their class, which they narrowly missed out on by just two tenths of a second. The team completed the race without any noteworthy incidents and finished 2nd in its class.

Head of Motorsport at BLACK FALCON, Timo Frings, summed up: "Many thanks to all who made the NLS season start possible under these special conditions. The planned measures were well implemented and worked as hoped. The Porsche 911 GT3 Cup MR SP PRO was impressive right from the start. Our drivers and employees have worked hard and we're very satisfied."



South Africa

A family story

A fervent rider for 15 years in different championships, Michael Louw shares his passion with his six-year-old son, Joe. Both will race in the SuperBike Mag Short Circuit Series this season, Michael in the Supermoto Masters class, and Joe in the MM Stock category.

This championship is normally composed of eight rounds of three races. The first one of the season took place at the Zwartkops Raceway in February, and Michael shone with 2nd place in his class. He draws on his great experience and technical skill to set up the bikes. "What I prefer is testing my ability against the best riders of the championship. The most difficult thing is keeping the bikes up to date with the latest technology

because it's very costly to upgrade yearly. I constantly have to learn, develop, and test them. They must be perfect for the three departures of the race weekend."

Since his very first laps on the circuit, Joe has been gaining from his father's experience. He will run his third season in 2020, and it is a real pleasure for him to share great moments with his father. "The most important thing is to have fun, give your best, and reach your objectives," said Michael. Father and son are looking forward to getting back on the circuit.

For the second season, the team is sponsored by FUCHS. In this difficult period, FUCHS is proud to assist its teams and prove its loyalty and its trust. FUCHS South

Africa Marketing/Advertising Administrator, Janet Kerr, said: "We're happy to support Joe and Michael. As a family and team, they embody our FUCHS values."

Michael uses a large range of the FUCHS Silkolene products. As a mechanic for the team, he appreciates that: "All the lubricants work well, but FUCHS Silkolene PRO BOOST is by far my favorite. It makes the bike accelerate more strongly and keeps it 100 percent clean inside."

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO BOOST, Silkolene PRO COOL, Silkolene BRAKE FLUID, Silkolene PRO 4 10W-40 XP, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene WASH OFF, Silkolene FOAM FILTER CLEANER, Silkolene CARB CLEANER



Great Britain

Jeff Perrett on all the fronts

Jeff Perrett started racing in the MX Championship in 1981, but his passion began when he was young and went to motocross with his father. He had a successful youth career and won a lot of national titles as well as the renowned Patchquik Trophy. "I'm proud of having raced 250 World GPs in five years as an amateur, with my brother as mechanic."

Jeff Perrett has been managing the Team Green Kawasaki UK for seven years. "We've won at least one title every year since we reinvigorated the team. I think a big part of our success is having a really relaxed atmosphere as well as selecting good riders, of course. I think it also helps that I used to race at a high level so the lads on the team respect that, and maybe listen to me a bit more. We really try to make it fun, and I always remind them of that at races."

In 2020, he would like to keep the team evolving,

be innovative, and continue to be a frontrunner in their field. "We'd already won the Arenacross UK rookie title this year with Ben Clayton, and we were leading the British Youth MXY2 Championship with Cullen Scott, but then the world shut down!"

Jeff Perrett did many things during the lockdown. "I was so busy racing but also with my other job as a journalist with Dirthub, a moto news site. I'm starting a new vodcast show hosting the Arenacross UK tour, and another new show interviewing some of the bigger names in action sports."

Team Green Kawasaki UK has been sponsored by FUCHS Silkolene for two years. "It's been a huge help because of the extensive, high-quality product range, and the deal with Kawasaki UK across the board helps with our promotion and Marketing," said Jeff.



Great Britain

Drew Bellerby: the confidence of a champion

2019 British Rallycross BMW Mini champion, Drew Bellerby, began to race quads and motorbikes in local fields when she was 15. She inherited this passion from her father Dave – a very successful British rallycross driver who has won multiple British championships – and her older sister Paige, who shone last season with the vice-champion title in the SuperNational class. “My first memory of motorsport is going to watch my dad during the British rallycross events when I was two. He’s my perfect role model. He created the Bellerby RX Race Team, guides me, and gives me opportunities to race.”

Last year, Drew was the first woman to win the British Rallycross BMW Mini Championship title. “It was my proudest achievement. I’d my race of the year on Sunday in the final round, which I couldn’t believe, as Saturday didn’t go the way I wanted. I aim to win as many British championships as possible, but my absolute goal is to race in at least a World RX event. The dream seems so far away, but I know I’m on the right path to achieving it.”

Drew took advantage of the lockdown to do a lot of work for the team. “My rally car has been fully repainted, undergone a full mechanical check, and is now stored away waiting for the race season to start at the end of August. Paige’s car has been completely rebuilt and has a new engine. We also stripped and rebuilt the race bus.”

Drew said: “It’s all purely down to budget and the Minis are very affordable to run, for both myself and Paige, so for now we’re quite settled with what we’re doing. We’re fortunate to have both FUCHS LUBRICANTS and Procters Coaches continue to be our sponsors for the 2020 season.”

Bellerby Motorsport Team has been sponsored by FUCHS for five years. “We use FUCHS products when we’re preparing the cars, predominantly TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-30 and TITAN RACE SYN 5 as well as the maintenance aerosols and polish for the final set up of the cars. FUCHS LUBRICANTS has helped us enormously since we’ve been in contact with them, and the exposure that they provide for us means that we’re contacted by motorsport fans from all over the world.”

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE SYN 5, TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-40, TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-30



Japan

A promising start to the season

Due to COVID-19, rounds 1 and 2 of the Suzuka Sunday Road Race were cancelled, but round 3 was held on July 5 at the Suzuka Circuit East Course. This major event regrouped the most famous teams from prestigious races such as the Suzuka 8 Hours Endurance Race.

After a few weeks of confinement, Eisuke Samura of Tripoint & Factory Hiro with FUCHS Silkolene was happy to be back competing against the best riders. "It was a good opportunity for me to test my performance before the "Coca-Cola" Suzuka 8 Hours Endurance Race and improve the set up of the Suzuki GSX-R1000R."

Eisuke started in 16th position out of 31 riders who qualified for the final. At the end of the 15 speed laps, thanks to his audacity and experience, he had moved up to 11th place overall and won 6th position in the JSB1000 class.

Eisuke said: "It was almost 30°C, and I was feeling a crisp noise from the engine, so we decided to use a higher viscosity grade and changed from FUCHS Silkolene PRO 4 10W-40 XP to the 10W-50. This

didn't change anything in the speed but I was impressed by how it handled more softly so I could concentrate on the race."

At the end of the competition, Eisuke officially announced his participation in the 43rd "Coca-Cola" Suzuka 8 Hours Endurance Race with the Advance MC Team. For the first time, this team of 20 people will participate in this major event.

FUCHS Automotive Product Manager, Takashi Fujitsu, said: "Like all Japanese manufacturers, we're interested in the visibility of this renowned international race. We're proud to be represented by Eisuke Samura, a famous rider who has 28 years of motorsport experience in both national and world championships. We're confident that all the spectators and fans will enjoy some spectacular battles."

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 10W-50 XP, Silkolene PRO 4 10W-40 XP, Silkolene RSF 5, Silkolene PRO RACE 2000 DOT 5.1, Silkolene PRO RG2, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene PRO CCA Ultra