

# Motorsport News

International Edition – May 2019

## Portugal

### One more victory for the Ricardo Teodósio team

With two victories and one podium at the end of the three first races of the Portuguese Rally Championship, FUCHS drivers Ricardo Teodósio and José Teixeira, took the lead in the national championship. In June, they will join the stars of the FIA World Rally Championship for the famous Vodafone Rally of Portugal. // Page 3.



## Germany

### Two podiums for the BLACK FALCON team at Brands Hatch

Maro Engel and Luca Stolz of the BLACK FALCON team set the tone from the first of the five rounds of the Blancpain GT European World Series with 2nd place in race 1 and a victory in the second. A promising start to this season for the team. // Page 5.

## Great Britain

### Josh Brookes celebrates double victory at Oulton Park

The 36-year-old rider of Be Wiser Ducati confirms his talent with a double race win during the fifth of twelve rounds of the Bennetts British Superbike Championship. // Page 6.





## Zambia

### **FUCHS Silkolene riders took first and second**

The first round of the 2019 Zambian Off-road Championship, the Ray Wilson Memorial Enduro, was held at Sable Farm, Chisamba on March 2019. The event was supported by a number of sponsors including FUCHS.

For this main race, FUCHS Silkolene was represented by three riders: the Zimbabwean Jayden Ashwell and Scott Heygate and Michael Struik from Zambia. The new format of the championship, the presence of famous and international riders and a rich program attracted thousands of spectators.

The Prologue proved a major success with the professional riders putting on a world class performance for the spectators. Ashwell was quickest in the Prologue with Heygate, Van Deventer, Cocker and Reeve close behind.

On Saturday, the public was charmed by the J2 Junior class (boys and girls from 8 to 13 years)

raced with bikes from 50 to 150cc over a course of seven kilometres.

In the Open class on Sunday, both international and local riders did not disappoint, putting on a fine display of high-quality off-road riding. FUCHS Silkolene rider Jayden Ashwell triumphed in this first round of the Enduro, having led from start to finish, followed by FUCHS Silkolene rider Scott Heygate. In the J1 Junior class, Maximus Gifford also won ahead of Shane Parkes and FUCHS rider Michael Struik.

The J1 Club, a non-championship class created for this event, was a great success. The purpose is to provide a competition for high school teenagers that are not quite ready to compete at the J1 level, racing with the Clubman.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 SAE 15W-50, Silkolene PRO RACE CHAIN LUBE, Silkolene WASH OFF**



## Portugal

### **Ricardo Teodósio leads the Portuguese Rally Championship**

After the triumph at the inaugural Ria de Serras de Fafe and the podium at the Azores Rally, Ricardo Teodósio and his navigator, José Teixeira, succeeded with 1st place at the Rally de Mortágua, the third race of the season and took the lead in the national championship.

The duo fought for victory until the last special of the rally. The Algarve drivers won two races on Saturday with their ŠKODA Fabia R5 and were always one of the top two, never giving up.

In the second to last stage, their opponents José Pedro Fontes and Inês Ponte had an accident, so the Algarve team stopped to make sure they were all right, then resumed the race and got the victory that put them back in the lead of the championship.

“I have to say we only continued racing once we realized that José Pedro Fontes and Inês Ponte

were all right. We are competitive and want to win but some things are much more important than sport,” said Ricardo. “We never gave up and we were always leading the rally. By the end of Saturday morning, the top 4 were only 3.4 seconds apart! This shows how the championship is balanced, perhaps the most competitive of the last few years with several drivers vying to win. We have done brilliantly in the championship, both by going fast and being consistent.”

In June, the team will join the stars of the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) in the famous Vodafone Rally of Portugal.

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



## Germany

### **BLACK FALCON secures championship points in the Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup**

In the 2019 season, the Blancpain GT Series features ten rounds of racing on Europe's most famous circuits. The championship is divided into two disciplines, each with its own classification. The Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup consists of a 1,000 km race, three 3-hour races and the famous 24-hour race at Spa-Francorchamps. The Blancpain GT World Challenge Europe consists of two one-hour races over five weekends.

Sponsored by FUCHS, BLACK FALCON takes on the role of defending team and driver champion in the Endurance Cup in 2019, extending its commitment to the World Challenge Europe sprint discipline to win the overall Blancpain GT Series Championship.

#### **An eventful and exciting race**

The second round of the 2019 Blancpain Endurance Cup took place at Silverstone (UK). The BLACK FALCON team recovered from difficult starting positions to claim important points in both the Pro and Silver Cup classes. The challenging event was interrupted by multiple caution periods required to clear up accidents. The team's Pro class Mercedes-AMG GT3 #4 driven by Engel, Buurman and Stolz gained an amazing 30 positions over the three-hour race to finish 7th overall. The #6 Silver Cup AMG driven by Haupt, Piana and Assenheimer recovered from being hit by a competitor to come home 7th in its class. This result means that BLACK FALCON continues to lead the Blancpain GT Series Team standings.



## Germany

### **BLACK FALCON victorious at the season opener of the Blancpain GT World Series Europe**

The first of the five rounds of the Blancpain GT World Series Europe took place at Brands Hatch (UK). Maro Engel and Luca Stolz of the BLACK FALCON team finished 2nd in the first race and won the second run with their Mercedes-AMG GT3 #4. As a result, the German drivers have taken the lead of the Blancpain GT Series team classification and also the top of the drivers' standings.

On Saturday, the drivers established the foundation for their success by double qualifying with the pole position in race 1 for Stolz and 3rd place for Engel in the second round.

In race 1, Stolz was defending his lead until a collision required the deployment of the safety car causing the race to be delayed. After the re-start Stolz maintained his lead but could not significantly pull away until the pit stop. At the stop, which only

consists of driver and tire changes, the team worked flawlessly and the AMG was back on track in almost no time. Another accident and delay caused Engel to lose this initial lead. In the remaining laps he couldn't find a way around and crossed the finish line in 2nd place, two seconds behind the leader.

In the second race, Engel kicked off the 60 minutes from 3rd place. The AMG expert completed a fast and flawless stint and kept close to the two leaders. Lying in 3rd place, he handed over the BLACK FALCON to Stolz at the driver change. With a perfect performance, the team kept gaining time, so that starting #4 returned onto the track in the lead. This time, Stolz was able to increase the gap and crossed the finish line with a lead of almost eleven seconds as the winner.



## Great Britain

### Brookes triumphs at Oulton Park

After a disappointing opening round of the 2019 British Superbike Championship, the FUCHS Silkolene backed Be Wisser Ducati team bounced back in superb fashion in round 2 at Oulton Park, with Josh Brookes scoring a double victory for the PBM team with team-mate Scott Redding posting P4 and P5 finishes.

After two rounds, Brookes is now 5th in the championship standings with 50 points followed by four-times GP winner Redding in 6th on 40 points, both riders in the top 6 going into round 3 at Donington Park.



## Great Britain

### Ciceley Motorsport: outstanding team work

FUCHS sponsored Ciceley Motorsport's driver Adam Morgan recovered from a huge race 1 crash to pick up crucial BTCC (British Touring Car Championship) points at Donington.

The Ciceley Motorsport driver smashed into Andrew Jordan's spinning BMW on corner 4, completely destroying the front end of the car. But some incredible work by the team had Morgan ready for the start line in race 2.

Despite the earlier set back, Morgan raced excellently to finish P12 and P8 in races 2 and 3.

"What wasn't okay was the car. In fact, every bit of the front end from the bulkhead forwards had to be replaced, including the frame, engine, cooling package and suspension. It was a mammoth task and the fact the team managed to do it in 51 minutes is amazing."





## Great Britain

### **FUCHS Silkolene official lubricant partner – GB Speedway team**

The Great Britain line-up for the Speedway of Nations (Event two), held at the National Speedway Centre at Bell Vue in Manchester, saw a team comprising former World Speedway Champion Tai Woffinden (captain), former British champion Craig Cooke and U21 rider Robert Lambert take on teams from Australia, Finland, Latvia, Denmark, France and the USA. Team GB were winners of the night, gaining 26 points compared to their closest rivals, Australia and Denmark which each scored 22 points. These three teams now qualify to join the three winners of race 1 (Sweden, Poland and Germany) to head off to Russia for the Finals in July.

## Great Britain

### **Buchan gets the double at Oulton**

Double podium finisher Danny Buchan has hailed his strongest start ever to a British Superbike season and hopes he can keep the ball rolling for the rest of 2019.

The FUCHS Silkolene powered FS-3 Kawasaki rider battled through the leading pack in race 1 at Oulton Park to come from 6th to the final rostrum spot, before a nearly identical charge in race 2 as he powered from 5th up to another 3rd.



## Great Britain

### **Outstanding weekend for EHA Racing Alastair Seeley**

FUCHS Silkolene backed EHA Racing enjoyed a successful weekend with Alastair Seeley securing two podium finishes in race 1 and 2 at Oulton Park in the British Supersport Championship. Seeley's double podium increased his haul of points to 80 this season with four consecutive second-place finishes.



## Great Britain

### **FUCHS LUBRICANTS Classic Mini Challenge**

The Isle of Man was the setting for the FUCHS LUBRICANTS Classic Mini Challenge rounds 4 and 5, the Masterpixel Manx National Rally. Round 4 of the Challenge was a 64.4 mile leg consisting of two runs over four classic stages in Druidale, Cronk, Starvey and Baldwins. Rick Ford and Neil MacDonald were fastest in the first stage, but struggled to maintain their pace, with

Martin Melling and Lewis Griffiths showing the benefits of their experience on the Manx lanes. Round 5 was the 68.6 miles consisting of two runs over four more classic stages in Keristal, St Marks, Round Table and Balladhoole. Martin Melling and Lewis Griffiths again showed their knowledge of the island, but Ford led the Mini field from start to finish, taking maximum points.