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Great Britain

In competition for the 2020 BSB title

FUCHS Silkolene is sponsoring the PBM VisionTrack Ducati Team and its defending champions, Josh Brookes and Christian Iddon. The two riders excelled in the penultimate round of the Bennetts British Superbike Championship at Donington Park to emerge first and second in the title race going into the final round of the season. // Page 7.

Austria

A standing ovation for Franky Zorn

For the 17th time in a row, FUCHS Austria was the official partner of the Rupert Hollaus Gedächtnis-Rennen (Rupert Hollaus Memorial Race), a prestigious motorbike and sidecar race, which took place at the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg. FUCHS Silkolene rider Franky Zorn triumphed in the Silver and Gold races with his Yamaha RD 350 YPVS in the D class of group 2. // Page 10.



France

An exciting victory for Tom Diebold at Mandelieu

Tom Diebold of the Sanary Racing Team was victorious in the 5 class of group A with a Seat Leon Supercopa MK2 in the Course de Côte régionale des Mimosas (Mimosas regional Hill Climb Race) at Mandelieu. His brother, David, won second place overall in the 5SE class of group D with a Dallara F302. // Page 3.





Germany

Double class victories for BLACK FALCON Team at the Nürburgring

BLACK FALCON Team braved the most difficult weather conditions at the 48th 24-hour race on the 25.378-kilometer combination of the Nürburgring Grand Prix circuit and the Nordschleife. Despite rain showers, changing track conditions, and a race cancellation during the night, the team achieved excellent results with its three cars.

The Mercedes-AMG GT4 of the BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR (#38), driven by Mustafa Mehmet Kaya, Reinhold Renger, Mike Stursberg, and Tristan Viidas, won second place in the SP8T class and came 21st overall. Directly behind, the IDENTICA Porsche 991 GT3 (#35) of Marek Böckmann, Tobias Müller, Carlos Rivas, and Maik Rosenberg celebrated a win in the Cup MR SP-Pro class and won 22nd place overall. Ben Bünnagel, "Max", Florian Naumann, and Michael Rebhan pushed their TEXTAR Porsche Cayman GT4 (#306) to a hard-earned victory in the highly competitive CUP3 class and finished in 30th place overall.

Head of Motorsport at BLACK FALCON, Timo Frings, said: "We've certainly experienced one of the most difficult races in recent years. Our three cars crossed the finish line, which is by no means a matter of course in these conditions, which caused many retirements. The puncture suffered by the AMG in the early stages, combined with the timing of the stoppage, certainly cost us the chance of a class victory. Despite that, the drivers achieved a spectacular performance on Sunday and proved that they would have won without that incident. In the Cup MR SP-Pro class, we made a remarkable recovery after an accident on Saturday evening, which wasn't our fault, and overtook one third of the field. The Porsche Cayman GT4 was going strong all weekend and had performed a perfect race."

Managing Director at BLACK FALCON, Alex Böhm, added: "The fact that we didn't have a single technical problem with all three cars in the race speaks for the quality and ambition of the whole team."



France

David Diebold takes the honors with the Dallara F302

David and Tom Diebold of the Sanary Racing Team saw their car-racing season disrupted as a result of COVID-19, with cancellations of some races in the Championnat de France de la Montagne et la Coupe de France de la Montagne (French Mountain Championship and French Mountain Cup). At the beginning of the season, David explained: "In view of these special conditions, it was difficult to plan anything at national level, so we've chosen to participate in three regional rounds of the French Mountain Cup. The results of these races will be added to those of 2021 to establish the overall classification." The 24-year-old twins work in the garage established by their parents, a FUCHS dealer for 20 years. "Given the context, we focused on our professional activity."

In August, on a whim, the brothers bought a single-seater Dallara F302. A week later, they committed to the regional Hill Climb Cup in Luc-en-Provence, which this year had a record 220 competitors. At the end of the four climbs, they claimed sixth and eighth places overall. In the next round of the Mimosas (Mandelieu), David shone with second place overall with the Dallara F302. Tom was victorious in the 5 class of group A with a Seat Leon Supercopa MK2 and claimed tenth place overall. In October, the national round of Bagnols-Sabran ended the French Mountain

Championship. It was an eventful race for Tom, who came off the road, fortunately without injuring himself. David won second place in Formula 3 during the first race on Saturday. "I'm happy with the Dallara F302. It's a different style of driving, more precise than the Seat. This car weighs 450 kg for 220 hp and its acceleration and braking are more impressive: a mini Formula 1! Pushed to the maximum, the car can reach 210 km per hour, depending on the road. Now we need to find the perfect set up."

David and Tom are already preparing the cars for next year. "We've a lot of work to do to be ready for 2021. The first race has been scheduled for March."

Dallara F302: chassis: Kevlar carbon. Renault Sodemo 2000 cc engine, 16 valves, more than 220 hp.

Seat Leon Supercopa MK2: 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 10W-60



Japan

An eventful season

FUCHS rider Eisuke Samura was excited to race the Suzuka Sunday Road Race, round four of the Suzuka Circuit East Course and one which had not been canceled this season. Only riders with a license issued by MFJ (Motorcycle Federation of Japan) were allowed to participate in this race, which took place at the Suzuka Circuit East Course in September.

The qualifying round was held in changeable weather and it was difficult, both for the 30 riders as well as for the Tripoint & Factory Hiro FUCHS Silkolene Team, to choose the right tires. At the end of the round, Eisuke Samura succeeded with second position in the JSB 1000 Interclass – his best position this season – and sixth place overall in both the ST 1000 class and the JSB 1000 Interclass.

Eisuke had a bad start in the final round, dropping from sixth to tenth place in the first lap, before moving up to ninth in the second. He lost balance in lap three and crashed, but fortunately, he was not injured.

Kazuhisa Ozaki and Masahiro Manabe of the ADVANCE MC & FOC CLAYMORE EDGE Team, another FUCHS team, participated in this race. Kazuhisa Ozaki secured eighth place in the JSB 1000 Interclass.

Eisuke was originally scheduled to join the Coca-Cola Suzuka 8 Hours Endurance Race but, unfortunately, it was canceled. The fifth and sixth rounds of the Suzuka Circuit East Course were also canceled due to COVID-19, but the last round of the series should take place on November 21.

Bike: Suzuki GSX-R1000R (2017 model). The bike is a race-specific machine based on the commercial bike, respecting the rules of the JSB (Japan Superbike) category.

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Italy

Jonathan Cecotto and Patrick Liddy on the path to victory

The GSM Racing Team (Grillini Sport Management Racing Team) already had 22 years of professional world motorcycle experience when they decided to change to four-wheel competition. So, they joined the trophy organized by Lamborghini, one of the most prestigious luxury super-sport cars in the world. The team is based in Monaco and its workshop in Italy.

The team drivers, Venezuelan Jonathan Cecotto (20) and Californian Patrick Liddy (23), race in the Lamborghini Huracán Super Trofeo of the GT World Challenge powered by AWS Endurance Cup. This international car-racing series is held in North America, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. The world final round gathers the competitors from each country at the end of the season. The five European rounds are held on the most iconic circuits in Italy, Germany, Spain, Belgium, and France. All the drivers race with a Lamborghini Huracán Super Trofeo Evo, based on the Lamborghini Huracán LP 620-2.

After winning third place in race two of the Pro Cup class in Italy, the drivers moved to the Nürburgring

circuit. The team registered a good performance, finishing in eighth and fourth places respectively in races one and two.

Team Manager, Andrea Grillini, declared: "In race one, we started with Cecotto in the first row, but we weren't able to maintain this position all the way to the checked flag. In race two, we started in the third row with Liddy for the first 50 minutes, and then Cecotto took the last relay. We crossed the finish line in fourth position. I'm satisfied with this race because the car and drivers once again proved that they could finish in the top five."

The next round will take place at the Barcelona-Catalunya circuit.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S 10W-60, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-90, MAINTAIN DOT 4 HT, TITAN ATF 4000, MAINTAIN BRAKE CLEANER



Great Britain

Affinity Sports Academy: creator of champions!

FUCHS Silkolene supported Affinity Sports Academy, which was created by the 2018 British Superbike champion, Leon Haslem. The rider has a strong connection to Kawasaki and its Team Green brand. The aim is to take young riders and help them to develop as they rise through the ranks of the British Superbike series.

2020 has seen the Academy team compete in the Junior Supersport and Junior Superstock classes. Academy's rider, Owen Jenner, was impressive throughout his first season in this championship and won the Junior Supersport title with his Ninja 400.

Kawasaki Motors UK Head of Marketing & Racing Department, Ross Burrige, sees the academy as a perfect opportunity for these young riders. "Team Green has always focused on developing young talents and offering opportunities for progression. Danny Buchan is a great example, having progressed from Junior Superstock right the way through to becoming our official Superbike rider, so there really is something for the young riders of Affinity Sports Academy to aspire to. There's also opportunity for growth within the Academy itself, with all riders delivering exciting racing in both the Junior Supersport and Junior Superstock classes."

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO R 0W-20, Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS 5W-40, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene PRO PREP, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene CONTACT CLEANER, Silkolene FOAM FILTER OIL, Silkolene CARB CLEANER, Silkolene PRO RACE BRAKE FLUID, Silkolene WASH OFF

Great Britain

Success sees Brookes and Iddon lead title race

Rounds 13, 14, and 15 of the Bennetts British Superbike Championship took place at Donington Park in October. Due to torrential rain, the three races took place with grid positions determined by the free practice times. PBM VisionTrack Ducati driver Brookes was on the pole for the first 15-lap race and his teammate Iddon started on row two.

In the opening race, the riders made good starts and were immediately running inside the top four with their factory-supported Ducati Panigale V4 Rs, with Iddon up to second and Brookes in fourth. A drying track saw Iddon consolidate second place while his Australian teammate achieved third.

In race two, Brookes soon worked his way to the front, taking the lead on lap five from where he controlled proceedings to win his 52nd career BSB victory and, with it, the lead of the 2020 series for the first time. Iddon could not match his first race finish but battled to sixth place. The final looked like it would serve up another win for Brookes as he led for the first half of the race, but he finished third and Iddon was fourth. This penultimate meeting puts Brookes in first place and Iddon in second in the championship standings.

Team Coordinator, Johnny Mowatt, said: "First and second in the championship, it's all we could really ask for going into the final round of the season, so we're very much in the game. Both riders have been consistent and scored good points in very difficult conditions. We'll now go back to the workshop and prepare them for the last round at Brands Hatch, hoping that we can emulate our one-two finish in the series of last year, which would be a remarkable achievement."

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS 10W-50, Silkolene PRO R 4 0W-20, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene PRO PREP, Silkolene CONTACT CLEANER, Silkolene WASH OFF, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene PRO RACE BRAKE FLUID





Great Britain

Jade Edwards becomes the first female driver to compete in a BTCC race in 13 years

Power Maxed Racing Team (PMR Team) are rotating drivers during the disjointed 2020 British Touring Car Championship, with a mix of familiar names and talented newcomers gracing their Vauxhall Astra's seat over the first half of the season.

Jade Edwards found success within the BTCC support series and finally got the opportunity to compete in rounds 16, 17, and 18 of the showcase championship around the famous Silverstone circuit. The lead up to the weekend saw what can only be described as a media storm surrounding the 30-year-old, who had made a splash as the first female racer to contest the championship since 2007.

Qualifying saw Jade unable to quite pull together a representative lap, still carrying full new-driver ballast, meaning she would start race one from 26th position. After a good start, Jade took 20th place, despite

carrying the additional weight mandated by TOCA and before an incident with the Ford Focus of Andy Neate pushed her wide, dropping her down to 23rd place.

In race two, she passed Neate cleanly in the closing stages, crossing the finish line in 21st place. A serious incident in race three saw the race red-flagged, leading to a restart. Jade fought her way up to 18th place, before another incident with Neate led to damage, ending her final session after just five laps.

Jade said: "Overall, it's been an amazing weekend. Our aim was to finish all three races and improve lap times for each session. If it weren't for issues in race three, through no fault of our own, we would have easily hit and exceeded every target. PMR Team gave me a great car and brilliant mechanics, and I'm so grateful for this opportunity. The weekend was positive, and I sincerely hope this isn't the end of my BTCC career."



Great Britain

Congratulations to Cullen Scott

Thirteen-year-old South African Cullen Scott joined Team Green Kawasaki for the 2020 season. For the first time, he rode the new KX250 in the ultra-competitive youth Rookie class and won the MX2 Michelin MX Nationals British Motocross Championship.

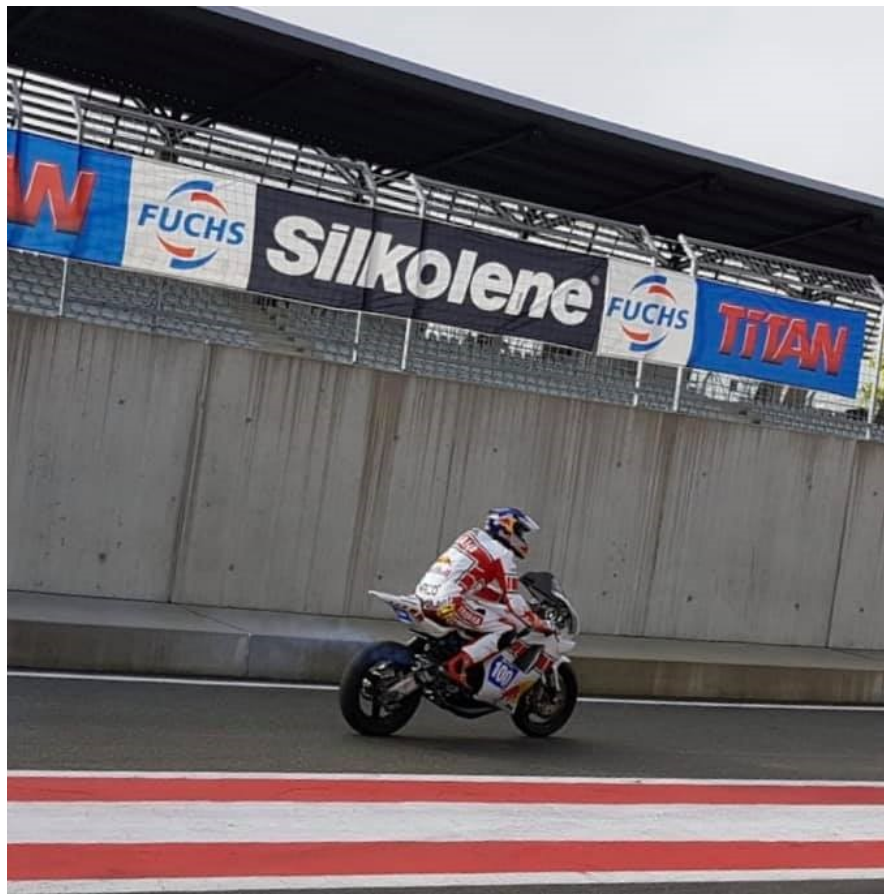
Team Green Kawasaki, well known in the world of motocross, and for a long time synonymous with success, consisted of three KX250 riders and aimed to dominate the youth motocross scene this season.

Looking after the team are ex-British and world championship contender, Jeff Perret, and Kawasaki UK Racing Coordinator, Ross Burridge, who between them strove to push the team beyond their limits for a successful 2020 championship.

At the beginning of the season, Team Green Manager, Jeff Perrett, said: "I'm very pleased we've got Cullen on board. He's got undoubted natural talent but what I've noticed the most is his desire to win. He's come back so

strong from a career-threatening injury. He's hungry for it, I know he's all-in, and I'm sure that he'll give it one hundred percent."

The young rider kept his promise and was crowned 2020 MX2 Michelin MX Nationals British Motocross champion. At the end of the season, Jeff Perrett added: "We were ready for Cullen to win his first national title. He had a horrendous crash a couple of years ago, so it's awesome to see him finally reach his goal of a UK national championship."



Austria

Franky Zorn triumphed in Silver and Gold races in his group

The 17th Rupert Hollaus Gedächtnis-Rennen (Rupert Hollaus Memorial Race) gathered around 150 riders from all over Europe at the Red Bull Ring at the end of September. Despite technical problems and difficult weather conditions, FUCHS Silkolene rider, Franky Zorn, celebrated victory in the Silver and Gold races in his group with a Yamaha RD 350 YPVS*.

“We were very disappointed due to an overheating engine in the Yamaha last year, so we were committed to winning the Rupert Hollaus Race this season. I needed some more power for Spielberg’s speed track, so I created a workshop to build, set up, and test a 400 cc engine,” said Franky.

In the qualifying session, Franky encountered a technical problem. “A solution was found but unfortunately too late, so I took the last starting position in the Sunday Silver race.”

With audacity, the talented 50-year-old rider pulled off

a sensational departure and claimed third place as early as the first corner. “I battled with the leaders and, after an exciting head-to-head, I crossed the finish line in first place in the Silver race.”

In the Gold race, Franky took eighth position at the first corner. “I fought for second place in the third corner. After that, it was an intense race with fantastic battles with the leader, Richard Peers-Jones, who has dominated every race in recent seasons. His bike was so strong that he overtook me several times during the race. But in the last lap, I passed him earlier in the infield and that gave me 20 meters’ lead, which was enough to obtain victory.”

*Yamaha RD 350 YPVS, 65 hp tuned up to 400 cc 85 hp

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 2, Silkolene PRO CHAIN LUBE, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene PRO RSF 2,5WT



South Africa

Ups and downs for the Wilford Racing Team at Phakisa Freeway

15 cars were back in action for the third round of the Mobil 1 V8 Supercars series at the Phakisa Freeway in Welkom after the COVID-19 lockdown. In October, drivers Larry (#77) and Terry Wilford (#21) of the Wilford Racing Team were very enthusiastic to be racing the FUCHS Falcon 650 hp V8 cars again. Spectators were not allowed in the pit, but the races were streamed live on all social media channels.

Terry Wilford had a challenging weekend. In heat one, whilst running in the top five, he fell prey to the poor track and dusty conditions and spun off, but thanks to his experience, he managed to get going again and claim seventh position. For Larry, the whole weekend was really a shakedown to get back to his previous winning form. But the first heat turned out to be disastrous when the accelerator stuck open and the car skidded to within millimeters of the safety barrier.

In the second heat, Terry took sixth place despite his

disappointing starting position. Larry started from the back of the grid, having not finished the first heat. With the various adjustments and tweaks made, the car found more pace and he managed to work his way through the field to fifth place. However, the smile was wiped from his face when the car had a fuel problem, ending his race.

Nevertheless, a number of positives were taken from the weekend, helping the Wilford Racing Team to prepare for the forthcoming race at Zwartkops Raceway.

The team has been sponsored by FUCHS for a long time. "We're confident with the FUCHS lubricants used in the preparation of our cars because they've given us improved performance."

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