

# Motorsport News

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## Austria

### A great presence for FUCHS

FUCHS Austria welcomed its customers and partner riders to the 16th Rupert Hollaus Race. The legendary motorbike event sponsored by FUCHS brought together 370 riders from ten nations. 3,000 spectators enjoyed watching this riveting annual motorsport competition. // Page 4.



## China

### FUCHS is partner of the prestigious F3 Asian Championship

For the second season in a row, FUCHS China is one of the main sponsors of the F3 Asian Championship certified by FIA. This championship welcomes 12 teams to the most iconic circuits in Asia. All the drivers race with an Alfa Romeo ATM AR-F3R. // Page 7.

## Zimbabwe

### Exciting season for Calvin Rademeyer

Calvin Rademeyer was crowned 2019 Zimbabwean Saloon B National champion after a stunning performance and multiple victories. Further trials lie ahead for him in the 3-hour endurance race, alongside his teammate Lyle Ramsay. // Page 6.





## Germany

### Third overall VLN victory in a row for BLACK FALCON

The 42nd RCM DMV Grenzlandrennen, the sixth round of the VLN, took place at the Nürburgring circuit. 171 cars participated in the 4-hour race around the Nordschleife. Heavy rainfall followed by the track drying off taxed not only the drivers but also the teams' strategy experts, who needed to time tire choices and changes perfectly.

The BLACK FALCON team was present with seven cars. At the end of the four hours, the team celebrated its third overall victory in a row.

27-year-old Patrick Assenheimer has secured his place in the history books of the VLN. With his teammate Manuel Metzger, he clinched victory with the BLACK FALCON team's AutoArena Motorsport Mercedes-AMG GT3 #6 for the third time in a row. This feat was last accomplished in 2008 by Christian Mamerow and Dirk Werner.

"Today I am celebrating my fourth VLN victory, the third in a row, and I am just incredibly happy. I don't think it

was easy for any of the drivers to get through today's race safely and without any problems," said Patrick Assenheimer. "BLACK FALCON opted for a perfect strategy. We anticipated that the track would dry off quite quickly in the opening laps. So, we adjusted the air pressure accordingly. At the beginning, I was still at a disadvantage, but after one and a half laps, I was in a position to fully attack."

In addition, BLACK FALCON celebrated two more class victories and another podium position. Mustafa Mehmet Kaya, Gabriele Piana and Miguel Toril won the SP8T class with the BLACK FALCON team's Knuffi Mercedes-AMG GT4 #152, while Alexander Akimenkov, Ronny Lethmate, Vasilii Selivanov and double-starter Piana won the V6 class with the BLACK FALCON team's TEXTAR Porsche 991 Carrera #395.

The seventh of nine rounds in the VLN will take place with the 59th ADAC Reinoldus-Langstreckenrennen during the traditional 4-hour race.



## Germany

### **BLACK FALCON is still waiting to take its revenge at Barcelona**

The fifth and final round of the Blancpain World Challenge Europe took place at the Hungaroring circuit. This event was crucial for BLACK FALCON, who were hoping to take the 2019 title, as there was only a small gap between them and the leaders at the start.

But despite a great performance, Maro Engel and Luca Stolz managed only 2nd place in the Mercedes-AMG GT3 #4 in the penultimate race of the championship on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday, for the tenth and last race of the season, BLACK FALCON AMG GT3 finished in 3rd place, which ensured the closest of all possible championship decisions. Engel and Stolz scored exactly the same number of points, but the leaders still won due to their number of race wins. However, Engel and Stolz have regained the lead in the overall Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup, which will host its season finale with a 3-hour race in Barcelona.

Luca Stolz said: "We didn't lose the title at the Hungaroring but at the Nürburgring with a pit stop error and some driving mistakes. This weekend was very good for us with 2nd and 3rd place, so we can't complain. Still, it's hard to be so close – level on points – and miss out on the title. We are disappointed right now, but we are still in contention for the overall and Endurance Cup titles. We will push harder than ever in Barcelona, especially as we won there last year."

Maro Engel said: "We were very consistent, as we were only outside the top-four once all season. But we had the drive-through penalty for a pit stop infringement at the Nürburgring and we know it cost us the championship. Still, we win and lose as a team. None of us were perfect last weekend. Congratulations to Marco and Andrea as they had a great season in the Blancpain GT World Challenge Europe. We want to give them a good run for their money in Barcelona during the last round of the Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup and take the overall title."



## Austria

### 16th Rupert Hollaus Race: a great success for FUCHS Austria

As every year, the Rupert Hollaus Race took place on the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg. For the 16th time in a row, FUCHS Austria partnered this major sporting event, which drew 3,000 visitors. Various FUCHS Austria customers were invited as racers and spectators. 370 riders from all over Europe competed in 14 classes, ranging from vintage 1969 models to 2019 superbikes. As always, the FUCHS booth provided information about the high-quality FUCHS Silkolene products.

A favorite moment for the spectators was the parade of special bikes including MV Agusta, Ducati MotoGP, Honda RC 30, Seeley Matchless G 50 and a special BEO sidecar, driven by famous riders such as Wolfgang Stropek, Chris Zaiser and Freddie Spencer – three-time 250cc and 500cc world motorcycle champions.

Franky Zorn, the FUCHS ice speedway rider, won one of the sprint races with a Yamaha RD 350 in the class up to 400cc. Faithful FUCHS customer riders such as Heribert Kilian Braunbart (Ducati Salzburg), Felix Ragginger (Ragginger Rammtechnik) and Herbert

Pölzleitner (Transporte Pölzleitner) were also successful. FUCHS Application Engineer Markus Kollenz won 1st place in the class up to 250cc with his Yamaha TZ 250 #77.

At the award ceremony, race directors Andi Meklau and Freddie Spencer handed over the trophies. Markus Kollenz offered special packs of FUCHS Silkolene products to the first three riders in each category.

This event, with its legendary motorcycles and riders, is unique in Austria. Participants and spectators are looking forward to the 17th Rupert Hollaus Race, which will take place in August 2020.

Congratulations to all participants for the exciting races and of course to Wolfgang Stropek and his team for their excellent organization.

**FUCHS lubricants offered to the racers: Silkolene PRO 2, Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS SAE 10W-50, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene PRO PREP**



## Hungary

### A successful team

The HTS team was founded in 2011 by Lajos Horváth to improve the performance of talented Hungarian motocross riders. In its first years, the team successfully participated in the Hungarian Championship and Cup series. From 2013 it competed in international races: in the Austrian and Czech national motocross championships as well as events in the central and eastern European region.

“We are constantly training our riders and we want them to succeed on and off the field,” said the Team Manager.

The team’s youngest racer Bence Pergel was successful with 1st place in the 85cc class at the Ried circuit in Austria. Bence Szvoboda won the 2019 MX1 title of the Czech Republic Motocross Series by taking

two points over his main rival. This is the first time in history that a Hungarian racer has won a class title in the Czech Republic. For Bence Szvoboda, it is his second professional title in this country after winning the MX2 Championship two years ago. Erik Hugyecz celebrated his first victory of the season in the Hungarian MX Championship at the Kaposvár track. Winning the 2019 Hungarian MX2 title, Imre “Mimo” Varga took his fifth title as an individual. Plus, Brian Hsu won the German MX2 final in Thurm.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 10W-50 XP, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene WASH-OFF, Silkolene PRO PREP, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER**





## Zimbabwe

### **Calvin Rademeyer is proud of his 2019 title**

Bulawayo Motoring Club held another edition of the Total Peter Parnell Trophy at the Bulawayo Motorsport Park, formerly known as the Victoria Falls Road circuit. All the top drivers and riders raced for this annual trophy, the last round before the final of the 2019 Zimbabwean Saloon National Championship, which will take place at the end of October at the Donnybrook Racing circuit.

FUCHS Zimbabwe driver Richard Robinson competed in the Saloon A class of this championship with a Toyota Supra, then Calvin Rademeyer was at the wheel of a VW Polo in the Saloon B class.

After many successful victories and podiums throughout the season, Calvin Rademeyer won the 2019 championship in the Saloon B class. Richard Robinson secured 4th place in Saloon A class.

Calvin Rademeyer said: "I am very happy to win the 2019 Zimbabwean Saloon B National Championship. It's been a fantastic year where we have not finished lower than 2nd place in any race. The car has progressed in leaps and bounds and continues to get faster. I would like to thank FUCHS Zimbabwe for their continuous support, without which I wouldn't have achieved this success. The season isn't over though. We have one more national round then focus shifts to the 3-hour endurance race. Lyle Ramsay and I will try to defend our class win of last year."

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN GT1 SAE 5W-40, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-90, MAINTAIN Dot 5.1**



## China

### A hotly anticipated fight

The second season of the F3 Asian Championship certified by FIA gains strength with a prestigious calendar of FIA grade 1 circuits and an international grid of exciting junior single-seater talent.

The five-round, 15-race season kicked off in April at the Malaysia Sepang International circuit, continuing at the Buriram International circuit (Thailand) in May and at the iconic Suzuka circuit (Japan) in June. The season will close with two triple-header rounds at the China Shanghai International circuit.

Leading the charge is Hitech Grand Prix driver Ukyo Sasahara, crowned 2019 Porsche Carrera Cup Japan champion. The 23-year-old driver, 3rd in the Japanese Formula 3 Championship last year, won five of the nine races so far this season and took two 2nd places. However, teammate and Red Bull

Junior team driver Jack Doohan remains within striking distance of the title, just eight points behind after four wins and four runner-up finishes.

Ukyo Sasahara completed a dominant round by taking a clean sweep of victories at Shanghai, his wins in races 11 and 12 giving him a 38-point advantage at the top of the championship over Jack Doohan with three races remaining.

At the end of the first 12 races, Sasahara and Doohan have pulled clear in the points and the championship fight between the pair will go to the wire at the last races in Shanghai. Doohan, who battled to find his race-winning form but nevertheless managed to take two podium finishes, has just a few weeks to prepare for what will be a nail-biting showdown.



## Great Britain

### Top honors for FUCHS UK at Oulton Park

FUCHS UK is proud to announce that out of the top-six riders in the 2019 British Superbike Championship showdown, four riders are powered by FUCHS Silkolene.

## Great Britain

### Oulton victories set up PBM for showdown

Josh Brookes and Scott Redding of the FUCHS Silkolene-sponsored Paul Bird Motorsport team head into the BSB showdown in 1st and 2nd place overall in the title standings after another strong day at Oulton Park in round 9 of the British Superbike Championship.

Redding won the opening race on his factory-supported Ducati Panigale V4 R, with Brookes just behind in 2nd to give the team their third pair of top-slot places of the season. Redding then took 3rd place in the day's second race and although Brookes crashed out, he still leads Redding by three points as the series enters its final three-round phase.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO R SAE 0W-20, Silkolene TITANIUM DRY LUBE Spray, Silkolene BRAKE & CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE Spray, Silkolene CONTACT CLEANER Spray, Silkolene SILKOPEN Spray, Silkolene WASH-OFF, Silkolene PRO PREP Spray**







## Great Britain

### **Ben Currie claims personal best at Oulton Park**

The FUCHS Silkolene-backed Quattro Plant JG Speedfit Kawasaki team contested round 9 of the British Superbike Championship at Oulton Park. Australian Ben Currie claimed his best BSB career finish to date after taking 13th in qualifying – his best grid position of the year so far – which he converted into a good result, claiming a fine 11th place in Saturday's opening race.



## Great Britain

### **Hickman grabs final showdown spot**

Smiths Racing BMW team enjoyed a great weekend at Oulton Park where a pair of top-eight finishes saw Peter Hickman clinch the final position in the showdown that decided the title.

It was also a good meeting for team debutante Alex Olsen, marking his first ever ride in the series with an excellent 9th place in the opening race on the Smiths BMW S1000RR.

Both riders performed extremely well, with Hickman running in the top-ten throughout race 2 and securing his position in the top-six standings, 8th place in the race meaning he can now fight for the title in the showdown.



## Great Britain

### FS-3 make top-six showdown

Danny Buchan and FS-3 safely secured a showdown spot at Oulton Park. The FUCHS Silkolene ambassador has finished inside the top-five at 12 out of 20 races so far this season. He has secured six podium places, two of which were wins. He has never won a British Superbike race before, so it's been an amazing season for him.

Danny is in 5th place out of the showdown six and 2nd behind Paul Bird Motorsport's Josh Brookes. 2019 is Danny's best year so far and he has every chance of finishing very well in the championship.



## Great Britain

### Bellerby and Brown take 1st and 2nd place in BMW Final

FUCHS-sponsored Bellerby RX drivers Drew Bellerby and Steve Brown claimed 1st and 2nd place in the British Rallycross Championship at Lydden Hill. The updated points table from the British Rallycross Championship shows Drew now leading the BMW Mini Championship with 131 points with Steve in 3rd, just eight points behind rival David Bell with 109 points.

Drew Bellerby said: "1st place in the BMW Mini final! I'm on cloud nine after a very hot day of rallycross. Thank you so much to the team, dad and sponsors for their continued support. I wouldn't be where I am without you all. Also, huge congratulations to Steve Brown, my teammate, for 2nd place. Dream team!"



## Great Britain

### Adam Morgan regains his edge

“We’re back” – that was the cry from the FUCHS-sponsored BTCC ambassador Adam Morgan after a dramatic turn in fortunes.

After being plagued by bad luck during the first half of the season, Morgan enjoyed an outstanding weekend at Thruxton, picking up 3rd, 2nd and 4th places over the three races.

A change of engineering personnel was made prior to the meeting. Having looked at how the car had performed they went back to basics. The transformation was instant.

Having guided his car to fourth fastest in qualifying, Morgan grabbed 3rd place at the flag in race 1 to secure his second podium of the season. More success was to come with 2nd place in race 2 and 4th later on, lifting Morgan to 14th overall in the standings.

Morgan said: “It’s been an incredible weekend. The car feels so different, much easier to drive, more confidence inspiring and we have had pace that we haven’t enjoyed all season. We’re back!”

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN PRO RACE BRAKE FLUID, MAINTAIN BRAKE CLEANER, MAINTENANCE Spray**



## Great Britain

### **Black and Gilbey smash the FUCHS LUBRICANTS 1400 Challenge at Woodpecker rally**

Callum Black and co-driver Michael Gilbey won their class at the Woodpecker Rally to clinch the FUCHS LUBRICANTS 1400 Championship with one round to spare.

Black and his teammate Gilbey's consistency throughout the year has sealed their position at the top of the table and it was this attribute that once again proved to be the deciding factor in the Woodpeckers' five demanding stages. In an astonishing feat, the pair finished in the top-twenty overall (out of 151 starters) in their 1400 cc MG ZR S, putting many more powerful machines in their place.

Congratulations to Callum and Michael for their title win in the 2019 FUCHS LUBRICANTS BTRDA 1400 Rally Championship.