

# Motorsport News

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## Italy

### Great success for Eugenio Pisani in Imola

In a Porsche 997, FUCHS driver Eugenio Pisani embarks on a great adventure in the prestigious Italian Gran Turismo Championship. He claimed his first victory in April at Imola. This season, his challenge is to win the championship title with the ERmotorfest team. // Page 2.



## Great Britain

### Big win for Byrne and Irwin at Oulton Park

The Paul Bird team got their 2017 MCE British Superbike Championship challenge firmly up and running at Oulton Park with a triple podium celebration including a historic one-two finish in a dramatic second race for the Penrith-based team. // Page 6.

## South Africa

### Victory within reach for Lance Isaacs

Riding a BMW S1000RR, FUCHS Silkolene sponsored Lance Isaacs is clearly determined to do everything to win the 2017 SuperGP Champions Trophy. His 3rd place overall at the end of the season's second out of eight rounds is an optimistic standing for the team. // Page 4.





## Italy

### Eugenio Pisani's stellar achievements

Eugenio Pisani started competition racing at the age of 14 in the Italian Karting Junior Championship. Since this period, this emeritus driver has never stopped testing his skills in the different Italian championships. The 2014 season marked a turning point for Eugenio. At the age of 23, the Ravenna native started a new career in the Italian Turismo Cup, 2nd division, in a Seat Leon Long-Run with the PAI Tecnosport team. In 2015, he joined the Siliprandi Racing Suzzara team and won 4th place in the Italian Lotus Cup Trophy with two podiums. 2016 was the consecration year for Eugenio. He competed in the TCR Italian Series with a Seat Leon and in the Italian Prototype Championship with a Norma M20F – Honda 2000 (CN2 class) for Siliprandi Racing.

The young driver won the Under 25 Italian Prototype Championship and ended the competition 5th overall. The 2017 season has got off to a good start for Eugenio Pisani. For his first participation in the Italian Gran Turismo Championship, category GT Cup, he gained his first victory in his category and 9th place overall. This very challenging competition guaranteed intense racing and lots of wheel to wheel action!

For the second consecutive year, Eugenio represents the FUCHS colors.

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## Italy

### **FUCHS welcomes Daniele Di Cicco to its vast sporting family**

This season, FUCHS LUBRIFICANTI S.P.A. has chosen to sponsor Daniele Di Cicco of 'Briganti Della Torre'. He's taking part in the Italian Supermotard Championship and the Italian South Center Supermotard Championship on a Honda CRF R450. This team of ten created in 2013 manages other riders who compete in the Italian Supermotard Championship and in Regional Motocross Championships in various categories. So far, Daniele Di Cicco has won the two first rounds of the 2017 season and is currently dominating the championship.

#### **A brief overview of the Vasto native's prestigious last ten years**

Daniele, profession decorator, has a great passion since he was a boy: the bike. At age of 26, he started racing in the Italian Supermoto Championship. Success was immediate for Daniele who ranked 2nd in the championship in his first season and won the Abruzzo Supermoto Trophy one year later. During the following seasons, he triumphed four times in the Abruzzo Regional Championship (2010 to 2013) and won the Honda Trophy and the Italian South Supermoto Trophy in 2011. He distinguished himself in the Italian Supermoto Championship in 2014.

In the following season, he decided to exclusively participate in motocross races and won the Italian Motocross Championship in the Experts MX category. In 2016, he won the title with more than 300 points ahead of his opponents. All the experts of this motorsport category consider him a real phenomenon with an enviable track record and a true professional. In addition to these racing activities, he promotes the practice of motocross and supermotard locally. He is also the team manager of Scrubba Racing team and cooperates with the Motoclub Briganti Della Torre – the team he rides for in Montedodorisio (CH). He organizes races and events for the promotion of these two sporting disciplines which capture the participation and interest of many young locals.

"When we met him for the first time, we were impressed by his passion and his strong and deep enthusiasm. The idea was to support someone who is hard-working, motivated and who enjoys sharing his passion with others. Most of this support comes from our products that surely help to make the difference, but also from the side lines, we can always be seen cheering them on," said Cristina Delmastro from FUCHS.

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## South Africa

### Lance Isaacs well on his way to winning the SuperGP Champions Trophy

Smiles filled the pit of Lance Isaacs' racing team after round two of the SuperGP Champions Trophy at the East London Grand Prix track, on 1st May. After long hours had been spent on the preparation of the two Supabets – Sandton BMW S1000RR motorbikes, the mechanics found the right set-up for the demanding 3.8km long track. The challenge was very tight with less than a second separating the top-10 group during the training sessions. Isaacs raced very well and crossed the finish line of stage four in 3rd place only 0.02 seconds behind the leading riders, just showing how competitive the track was. Despite all the talented riders and red flag situations with ultra-fast training sessions, the native of Pietermaritzburg (SA) finished 3rd overall at the end of the four stages.

"Hard work has brought us to the top group of the field and that's where we belong," were the first words of team leader and rider Lance Isaacs after the race.

"East London is the quickest section on the calendar and we would take full advantage of the BMW S1000RR's power train. My strategy was to take

advantage of the first ultra-fast section, our strong point, to work my way up the ranks in the race. The guys in front were going mad and the lead was changing at every corner. It was very difficult to close the gap with the leaders when I was clocking similar lap times as they did."

With 3rd place overall at the end of the second of eight rounds, the 39-year-old rider left the East London track as a happy man. All the hard work done since the beginning of the season has paid off and with three races in the coming six weeks, he knows he can fight for victory.

"After four seasons we have not had one single technical issue or breakdown using FUCHS Silkolene PRO R SAE 0W-20 in our race engines, leaving our internal components in great condition. At the same time these lubricants allowed us to deliver the best possible performance and we noticed a definite increase in horsepower on the dyno and track," he said.



## Austria

### The fascinating FUCHS Silkolene European Hill Climb Championship at Landshaag – St. Martin

The 38th FUCHS Silkolene European Hill Climb Championship took place in Landshaag – St. Martin. This mountain race for classic motorcycles was once again perfectly organized by MSC Rottenegg under the direction of Markus Altenstrasser. Main sponsor of this sport event since 2014, FUCHS Silkolene was present with a great special info place to welcome visitors and show the wide range of FUCHS Silkolene products. In 2017, more than 270 competitors participated in this prestigious and challenging championship alongside a lot of FUCHS riders present at the starting line. FUCHS rider Josef Frauenschuh was victorious in all the races of his class and in the Supermoto category too. In the Women's class, Petra Fischer – another FUCHS rider, had a successful start to the competition too.

FUCHS AUSTRIA SCHMIERSTOFFE distributed a lot of gifts among the riders during the presentation ceremony. This year, 15,000 spectators were present to encourage the competitors and participate in this legendary and captivating competition.

The last speed record was set by Andreas Gangl in 2016 with a top speed of 186 km/h on this 3.6km track. A great challenge for next year!

“We decided to sponsor this event for the fourth consecutive year to increase our popularity. Landshaag – St. Martin is a traditional hill climb race with European championship status. This sporting event attracted the interest of the media and the hype only increases each year,” explained Markus Kollenz, FUCHS Application Engineer.

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## Great Britain

### Marcus Hudson discovers the very challenging Oxfordshire track with success

FUCHS LUBRICANTS (UK) PLC. sponsored kart racer Marcus Hudson races in the MSA ABKc NKF Super 4 250 British Championship. For his first time at the Sherington, Oxfordshire circuit, he had to familiarize himself with the circuit and set the kart up at the same time, which was challenging because the driving technique required for the circuit affects the handling of the kart. Placed 8th on the 17-strong grid in the Final, Marcus had a good start and during the race made up two positions off the grid. Near the end of the race, he achieved his quickest lap time which was half a second quicker than his best lap in the heats. He was extremely pleased to finish 5th on his first attempt of the circuit, and better than he thought he could have achieved, which was a great result. After two rounds of the championship he is currently 6th in the standings.

FUCHS lubricants: **Silkolene PRO 2, Silkolene PRO CHAIN SPRAY**



## Great Britain

### 1st and 2nd places for FUCHS Silkolene sponsored team PBM

Shane 'Shakey' Byrne claimed his first win of the 2017 MCE Insurance British Superbike Championship season at Oulton Park whilst fellow team mate, Glenn Irwin, took 2nd place. The sensational result is the first ever 1-2 for Paul Bird's team and their long association with Ducati.



## Great Britain

### Great hopes for Ashleigh Morris

FUCHS driver Ashleigh Morris races in the Scottish BMW Compact Cup at the wheel of a BMW 318i Compact model. Contested over 16 rounds this championship is for BMW Compact cars. The rules and regulations are designed to give cars of equal performance exciting, close and competitive racing. Ashleigh had an outstanding weekend at the round held at Knockhill, Scotland (6th/7th May) where she achieved a 7th place which elevates her position in the championship standings.

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Picture credit: Carl Starbuck



## Great Britain

### Oliver's Mount Road Racing 2017 with the FUCHS Silkolene colours

Huge crowds gathered for the opening event at Oliver's Mount where FUCHS Silkolene is a circuit partner. The weekend marked the first rounds of the UK Road, Track Race Series, Super 2 Sidecar Masters and the TT Classic Superbike Series – on this challenging, tight and twisty circuit.

Several famous faces, such as Guy Martin, John McGuinness and Ian Hutchinson showed up to this event to the spectators' amazement. The weekend saw Dean Harrison win five races including the main event, the Bob Smith Spring Cup.

The event received excellent TV coverage with dedicated programs aired which featured all the races.



Picture credit: Mike Gauckwin

## Great Britain

### 2017 Powerboat GP Championship

Competitors from all over the UK descended on Carr Mill Dam, St Helens for the opening round of the 2017 Powerboat GP Championship, the Lancashire Grand Prix. Six championship classes were in action throughout the weekend bringing fast and furious action to the dam. FUCHS Silkolene driver, Matt Palfreyman was successful earning 3rd position in the heats.

Matt took 4th place overall for the weekend, but the team learned valuable lessons and are now further prepared for the main goal, the UIM F2 World Championship which begins on 10th June in Kaunas, Lithuania.

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## Great Britain

### Scott Beaumont in the starting block of the 4X Mountain Bike World Series

Azur Bike Park, Roquebrune-sur-Argens is a 4X track situated on the French Riviera and played host to the opening round of the 2017 4X ProTour. The riders love the track which is built on the side of a mountain and the longest track currently used on the 2017 4X ProTour. It has some of the biggest jumps in the 4X ProTour.

Coming into this season as UCI World Number 1, FUCHS Silkolene sponsored cycle rider Scott Beaumont, was looking for consistency to work towards the overall 4X ProTour title.

Being the UCI World number 1 4X rider, he went last in the Final but earned 4th position and valuable points to start his 2017 4X ProTour campaign. Scott really felt like this was the race that got away though and is now home to continue his preparation for the next round at Winterberg in Germany.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene CYCLE EVERDAY LUBE, Silkolene CYCLE WET LUBE, Silkolene CYCLE DRY LUBE, Silkolene CYCLE RSF, Silkolene WASH-OFF**





## Zimbabwe

### The fearless riders of FUCHS Silkolene KTM Grainger team on the right track

The third round of the Monster Energy TRP Distributors South Africa National MX 2017 took place at Bloemfontein track (South Africa) and the team was ready to perform. "Over the last three races our riders have been taking huge steps forward as our results below will show," explained Gary Grainger, the team manager.

This event marked the impressive progress made by Luke Southon, riding in the 50cc, as he steadily moved up the pack.

In the 65cc category, Dee Manuel had a great race, winning in heat one. He showed great spirit when, after an unfortunate crash with another competitor in heat two, he fought his way through the pack back to the top 3. This was enough to give him the overall win for the day, and close the gap by a further six points to the top of the championship.

With a great second heat, Davin Cocker (85cc) won his first podium of the season, achieved 3rd overall for the day and also moved up to 3rd in the championship.

Tristan Grainger (85cc) showed his steady progress, moved from 11th to 7th place. He is working hard to put himself in the top 5 next race. He now knows he can do it.

Representative of the 125cc, Regan Wasmuth won two 4th positions. He is now fighting at the top of his class.

Ash Thixton racing in MX2, is fighting mid pack, his fitness is coming back and he looks forward to some exciting results.

Racing in two categories, Damon Straydom obtained a 4th overall in MX2 and a 6th overall in MX1. "We have now found him the much needed extra power and setup in his bikes to compete with the top-3 factory teams," explained the team manager.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 2 SX, Silkolene PRO 4 SAE 15W-50, Silkolene Comp Gear, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene PRO WASH**



## France

### **Alexandre Giroud, main objective: the Dakar 2018**

FUCHS Silkolene driver for four seasons, Alexandre Giroud decided to participate in the Hellas Rally Raid on his Yamaha 700 Raptor. This exceptional off-road race will take place at the heart of the rocky mountains of Central Greece, over a six-day period. With 160 to 250 km per day, Alexandre Giroud will have to make his mark between mountains, forests, valleys and beaches.

"Hellas Rally Raid is a great opportunity for the athletes who want to train and participate in Enduro races. There are many setbacks along the long and difficult track like stones, mud and dust. The competitors must have good experience to cross the river and drive quickly at an altitude of 2,400 meters," the organizers informed.

"I decided to participate in this rally raid to get more practice and reach a good level. Around 100 motorbikes participated in this prestigious race. I'm lucky to drive against off-road winners and measure the progress I will need to make," explained Alexandre Giroud. "The Hellas Rally Raid is particularly intensive with a lot of mountain stages. The smallest errors could be dangerous, at an altitude of more than 2,400 meters."

To gain maximum experience and training to

achieve his main objective – the 2018 Dakar – Alexandre Giroud will also race in the Quad World Championship (12h de Pont de Vaux) facing major actors of this discipline. "I focus a lot on the physical training. During these stages, the rhythm is particularly intensive and quick so it is important to be in good mental and physical condition. I work 15 hours per week with Damien Padilla of PadillaSport, my coach, hoping to reach my objectives."

**Alexandre uses the products of the FUCHS Silkolene range.**





## Poland

### **FUCHS confirms his partnership with the Chmielewski team in BMW R+ Maxi for 2017**

For the 2017 Rally season, FUCHS OIL CO. (PL) SP. Z O.O. continue their cooperation with Jan Chmielewski, the 2016 Polish Rally Champion. This year, the FUCHS driver competes in the 2WD class in his BMW R+ Maxi with rear-axle drive – a very rare car in Polish rallies getting lot of attention from fans and media. FUCHS also supported Zbigniew Gabrys in his Ford Fiesta R5 during the first round of this championship. "FUCHS already sponsored Zbigniew a few years ago. This season, we decided to refresh the cooperation and see how it will develop," explained Agata Koźmińska, FUCHS Marketing Manager. The rally season started with great success for these two teams. At Świdnica-Krause Rally, Jan Chmielewski won the 2WD class and Zbigniew Gabrys crossed the finish line 2nd overall. Świdnica-Krause is a rally of 12 special stages. Over 50 drivers competed in very difficult weather conditions – with snow and rain it was a tough task to complete the rally at top positions. Nevertheless, it was a very successful weekend.

"I started to race in this rally ten years ago," said Jan Chmielewski. "As usual the first rally of the season is full of surprises. New rivals in new cars, new settings for our car, new service team and new co-driver. We tried to prepare the season in the best possible way."

After an incredible fight on the first day, Jan crossed the chequered flag only two seconds behind the leader. On the second day, despite car problems, which cost him precious seconds, Jan finished in 2nd place in the 2WD class. By chance, due to a time penalty imposed on the leader, Jan finally won the 2WD in front of 14,000 spectators. "I think that the competition in 2WD was as exciting as the competition in general classification," commented Jan.

For his part, Zbigniew Gabrys said: "We were in the lead after the first day and finished 2nd overall, so we're very satisfied. If anyone had told us before the rally that we would be 2nd, we would not have believed it. Weather conditions surprised us, we were not prepared for snow and mud. But still, more rallies are to come."

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