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South Africa

The HUD Racing team: untouchable in race 1 of the season

David Huddy and Gerhard Schutte of the HUD Racing team won the first of the five rounds of the 2018 South African Cross-Country Auto Series (SACCS), in the S 4L class. With their Nissan Navara, they drove with determination on the very challenging and slippery track at Dullstroom Mpumalanga and imposed a strong rhythm at the beginning of the season on their opponents. // Page 9.

Germany

Multiple podiums for the BLACK FALCON team

On April 14th and 15th, Mercedes-AMG BLACK FALCON team won the Qualifying race that acts as the curtain raiser for the legendary 24H Nürburgring, which will take place in May. During the six-hour race, all the BLACK FALCON drivers battled to improve the team's position for the main 24-hour race. // Page 2.



Benelux

Big hopes for Dutch Sidecarshop Racing team

The 2016 Trophy Sidecar champions, Kees Endevelde and Jeroen Remme, are racing in the 2018 Dutch and German championships under FUCHS colors. Both competitors have strongly benefited from their experience in this discipline and will aim to get podiums and achieve more success on these race circuits. // Page 4.



Germany

BLACK FALCON team in the starting blocks for the 24H Nürburgring

The new format of the 24H Nürburgring is composed of tests, qualifying sessions and a six-hour race. This helps the teams prepare for the prestigious event and gives a first impression of all the team's readiness for the competition. The qualifying sessions for the 24H Nürburgring took place on April 14th and 15th.

The team's three AMG GT3s finished strongly in an event that featured 91 quality entries, delivering impressive results that will improve the team's position for the 24H.

The team's SP9 class #5 Mercedes-AMG GT3 battled for the overall lead early on in the six-hour race and eventually won a hard-fought victory, pushed all the way to the line by their competitors. BLACK FALCON team IDENTICA also participated with the #66 Mercedes-AMG GT4 in the SP10 class. The BLACK FALCON team TMD Friction oversaw a pair of Porsche entries: #64 Porsche 991 GT3 Cup MR11 in the SP7 class and the #138 Porsche 991 Carrera in the V6 class.

The two-part qualifying is important for the 24H Nürburgring itself, as the fastest times set during this race guarantee places in the top 30 for the 24-hour race. The results of the combined sessions meant that #5 would start in 4th position overall, #4 lined up 19th with #6 beside it in 20th. #138 set the fastest time in the V6 class and would start 52nd overall as the fastest production car. The #66 AMG-GT4 and the #64 Porsche didn't set a representative time.

The #5 crew piled on the pressure for 41 laps and, in the dying minutes, Yelmer Buurman (NL) fought off a spirited assault by the 2nd place car to finish barely two seconds clear and take the win. Manuel Metzger (DE) brought home #4 in 8th place after a frantic race. Tyre issues and collision damage cost #6 time – they would finish 10th after an energetic race. #66 achieved an excellent 28th after recovering from the back of the grid, taking 4th place in SP10 class. The #138 Porsche dominated V6, winning the class and finishing in 40th place out of 83 competitors.





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Germany

Encouraging results for Michael Schwall and Hanna Ostlender

For the first time, Michael Schwall (26) and Hanna Ostlender (21) raced together and tested their teamwork at the Easter Rally, which took place at Zerf. Hanna is an internationally experienced co-driver, while Michael is a rally novice but with a lot of racing experience. "I started competing in the European and World Kart Championships. In 2015, I raced in the Hill Climb Touring Car Championship and the ADAC Touring Car German Championship. One year later, I rented a car and tested my skills at a rally," explained Michael. In 2017, he bought a rally car and built it up. Hanna Ostlender started her career in 2011 and raced in the German Championships, the National Events, the Euro-Rally-Trophée and in one round of the FIA World Rally Championship. She racked up a lot of victories in her category and gained 2nd place in her class of the German round of the 2017 FIA World Rally Championship. Michael and Hanna made a very enthusiastic team in the Easter Rally. They finished

4th out of ten in their class and 43rd out of 80 overall. "We found the right harmony from the very beginning. Thanks to her experience, Hanna was able to support me and showed me how to push harder and yet remain calm at the same time. I like driving in rallies. It is very challenging and no two experiences are the same. On one corner it can be dry and clean and on the next one, very muddy and wet! We have to handle the obstacles as they arrive; confidence in your teammate is essential." Michael Schwall has been sponsored by FUCHS for four years. "I am impressed by the FUCHS products. I use them in my own car and for competitions. Henrich Vogel from FUCHS helps me all the time and gives me advice about using FUCHS products. I like his personal touch – we never have any problems." Hanna will participate in the Austrian Opel FIOR Cup with an Opel Corsa OPC, in the 2018 Euro-Rally-Trophée (rallies in Belgium, Luxemburg, France and the Netherlands) and the World Rally Championship in Germany. Michael and Hanna will race the national series.



Benelux

Flying to victory!

FUCHS Benelux sponsors the Dutch Racing team Sidecarshop, managed by Kees Endevelde. Coming from the Netherlands, team driver Kees Endevelde (29) and navigator Jeroen Remmé (21), will race at the prestigious circuits of the Dutch Championships (ONK), the Open German Championships (IDM) and as wildcards in the FIM Sidecar World Championship.

Kees Endevelde started his career as a navigator in 2006. He won the Dutch Sidecar Championship with the driver Bennie Streuer in 2010, 2011 and 2012. His passion runs in the family – in 1984, 1985 and 1986, Kees's father in law, Egbert Streuer, became triple world champion with Bernard Schnieders. Thanks to the experience he gained with Bennie Streuer (2018 World Sidecar champion), Kees Endevelde decided to drive his own sidecar with Jeroen Remmé in 2014.

Together, they won the 2016 Sidecar Trophy.

“In 2018, we want to achieve a top 3 in the Dutch Championships, top 10 in the Open German Championships and to be on the podium as well. In the World Cup Grand Prix, we want to rack up as many points as we can,” explained Kees. “In a mid-term year, we hope to win the World Sidecar champion title. We chose the FUCHS Silkolene brand because the world champion team, Reeves & Reeves, advised us to do so.”

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France

TURBO ABP competition: a winning team

Winners of the 2017 French Rally Land Championship, Jordan Berfa (23) and Damien Augustin (32), take up a new challenge by committing to the French Rally Asphalt Championship this year. Racing together since 2014, the competitors raced in the Peugeot 208 Rally Cup and won the 2016 Junior Championship. Thanks to this result, Jordan Berfa participated as a wildcard entry in the three races of the WRC World Rally Championship as a Peugeot official driver.

“The experience we gained in the French Rally Land Championship helped us to progress and to win the 2017 title. We face new challenges this season and we want to improve our skills by taking part in the Asphalt Rally Championship. The competition at this championship is fierce, allowing us to compete with drivers of an international level, often mainstays in the WRC and sponsored by renowned automotive brands,” explained Jordan.

The TURBO ABP team competed in the nine races of the Asphalt Championship with a Hyundai i20 of 290 hp. The first race took place at the Touquet in France, where Jordan and his co-driver finished in 8th place overall against 150 opponents.

“To rival with teams in this championship, we need to drive excellently and to set up the car perfectly.” The team draws on the skills of the manager, three mechanics and an engineer to prepare the Hyundai. “We want to be on the podium in 2018,” affirmed Jordan. The two drivers would like to take part in the WRC in a few seasons’ time.

This year, the team is sponsored by FUCHS France for the first time. “We are happy to announce our new partner, FUCHS, the leading independent supplier of lubricants, who we believe will share our sporting and ethical values.”



Great Britain

Double podiums for FUCHS Silkolene riders at BSB

Round 2 of the British Superbike Championship at Brands Hatch proved productive for the FUCHS Silkolene sponsored PBM Be Wiser Ducati BSB Race team. Reigning champion Shane 'Shakey' Byrne #67 took his first win of the season in race 1.

Teammate Glenn Irwin took 2nd place in race 2 and his first podium of the season, along with his earlier 7th place. This has moved him up into 4th overall in the championship table and he was duly rewarded with nine championship points for Paul Bird's Penrith-based team.

Great Britain

Leon Haslam – happy at Brands Hatch

JG Speedfit Kawasaki's Leon Haslam finished 4th and 1st respectively in the two races of round 2 of the British Superbike Championship at Brands Hatch.

"Brands Indy has never been one of my strongest tracks. So to leave here with a 4th and a win is positive. Normally I wouldn't be happy with a 4th place, but here I am. It has been a tough weekend with getting a set-up on the Kawasaki. We made some good changes between race 1 and 2, I was running 2nd before the red flag came out. We got a good set-up in the dry and that is really positive moving forwards to Oulton," said Leon.





Great Britain

FUCHS LUBRICANTS MSA British Historic Rally Championship: a very challenging competition

Nick Elliott and Dave Price got the FUCHS LUBRICANTS MSA British Historic Rally Championship off to a fantastic start at Rally North Wales. Elliott and Price (Ford Escort Mk2) made a mark at the opening test of six top-quality stages in the Dyfi complex, took the lead and kept it until the finish.

The “Spirit of the Rally” product award from FUCHS LUBRICANTS went to Paul Barrett and Dai Roberts, who finished 3rd overall, this despite a frantic rush to get their freshly built Ford Escort Mk2 to the rally on time. The car was only ready the evening before the rally and then suffered clutch problems during a shakedown test on Friday morning.

Great Britain

Mixed first results for Carl Vickers

Carl Vickers, a Chief Petty Officer Weapons Engineer in the Royal Navy, competes in the Pre-Injection 600 class of the North East Motorcycle Racing Club Championship and the Golden Era Supersport class in the Thundersport GB Championship on a Yamaha R6. For his first 2018 race, he got his best result of 5th place and went on to get 11th place in race 3 and 7th place in race 4. “All in all, it has been a great start to the 2018 season, a testament to lots of hard work and using the right products from FUCHS Silkolene to ensure the bikes are running at their best,” said Carl.





Great Britain

Jamie Ellwood snatches victory from his opponents

Jamie Ellwood won the APL Health Caterham Sigmax Championship race day. On a grid of 25 identical 1.6 Caterham Supersport cars, Jamie qualified in 2nd place, just 0.013 seconds off pole. The 2018 Caterham Sigmax grid is one of the most competitive, with no less than four Caterham champions and eleven previous race winners. The track was dry with the lead swapping regularly during the race, but Jamie dropped no lower than 2nd place. On the final lap, he reclaimed the lead and held it to the chequered flag to finish 0.4 seconds ahead of second (with ten seconds covering the top 11 cars). He is now in joint lead in the championship and looking for more head-to-head racing at the next event at Silverstone in May.

Great Britain

First podium for Adam Morgan in the BTCC

Ciceley Motorsport driver, Adam Morgan, began his season with a flying start, finishing in 2nd place in race 3 at the Brands Hatch Indy. Previous 6th and 13th place finishes put him 3rd overall in the current standings in the British Touring Car Championship. "The gap between the front and back of the grid has reduced significantly over the winter and I don't think anybody is going to be running away with the title this season," said Adam.

Adam's teammate, Tom Oliphant, opened his 2018 BTCC season by finishing 16th and 20th.



Great Britain

Freddie Housley competed in round 1

FUCHS sponsored kart driver Freddie Housley competed in round 1 of the NKF Karting Championship at Glan Y Gors circuit in Wales. This was his first race against a far more experienced field with most drivers in the class being up to three years older than Freddie, who is eight. Still being on novice plates requires him to start at the back of the field of 21 entrants.

His best result was 15th place and he posted his fastest time in the final – he was proud of his achievements for his first big race event!



South Africa

First race and first victory for the HUD Racing team

Driver David Huddy (40) and navigator Gerhard Schutte (53), crewing the HUD Racing S 4L class, took part in the first round of the South African Cross-Country Auto Series (SACCS) in their Nissan Navara. The race, held in March at Dullstroom Mpumalanga, is known as the Mpumalanga 400.

The route was spectacular, taking place through the glorious mountains and flowing forests. A large crowd came to see the entire field of off-road race cars up-close. This is a great initiative that gave the competitors and their sponsors excellent coverage. The tests and race took place in cold and wet conditions, with a slippery course that demanded intense concentration from the competitors. The team managed 2nd place in the S 4L class time trial qualification.

On Saturday, the weather conditions became so bad that the organisers were on the brink of cancelling the race. "We knew that it would be a very challenging race. The priority was to cross the finish line at the end of the two 147 km laps. The car had a great set-up, prepared with FUCHS lubricants, so we were

confident. It was then up to us to give it all we had," explained David and Gerhard.

At the end of the first lap of the race, the HUD Racing crew managed to move themselves up to 1st place in the S 4L class and a great 16th place overall, thanks to a record pit stop time.

The crew knew it was now time to consolidate and hold on to what would be their first win of the season. Between the great driving performance of David and the superb navigational skills of Gerhard, the team pushed on and managed to win the S 4L class and finish 16th overall against 30 teams. "This race proved the worth of using correctly specified lubricants and good race car preparation."

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Car: HUD Racing S14 Nissan Navara 4L V6