

# Motorsport News

International Edition – March 2018

## Great Britain

### An exciting new season for Shane Byrne and Glenn Irwin

After testing in Spain, six-time champion Shane 'Shakey' Byrne and BSB race-winner Glenn Irwin, riding for Paul Bird Motorsport Be Wiser Ducati team, were ready to compete in the British Superbike Championship alongside all their main rivals. The first of the 12 rounds will take place at Donnington Park in April and the last one at Brand Hatch in October. // Page 7.



## Portugal

### A great victory for Eduardo Veiga

Eduardo Veiga won the X2 category of the Fpak Rally Trophy in 2017. With his teammate Justino Reis they finished the season in 3rd place in the Rally Spirit, driving a Ford Escort MK2 (300 hp). // Page 5.

## Benelux

### Welcome to the FUCHS family

Sponsored by FUCHS for the first time, GPR PROMO MX team and its two riders, Rob van de Veerdonk and Cameron Durow, will race in the KNMV Dutch National Championship (125cc) and the International EMX125 Championship. These championships are the first season for both of these 15-year-old riders, who are doing their best to reach their objectives. // Page 8.





## Germany

### **Demanding sets-up for the BLACK FALCON Team**

Team BLACK FALCON's preparations before the start of the 2018 Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup are well underway. The team participated in the official pre-season test days, which took place in March ahead of next month's opening round of the actual championship. Having won the Hankook 24 Hours Dubai in dominant style in January – for an impressive fourth time since 2011 – Team BLACK FALCON will build on that great start into the year with their three-car, full-season assault on the Blancpain Endurance Series. Once again, the Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup will feature teams of the highest quality racing the most aspirational and powerful GT cars. The highlight of the championship in June will be the prestigious Spa 24 Hours.

The N°4 Mercedes-AMG of Team BLACK FALCON with the professional crew of Maro Engel (Germany), Yelmer Buurman (The Netherlands) and Luca Stolz (Germany), all race-winners, who will be leading the team's charge during 2018.

With the Pro-Am line-up of Kriton Lendoudis (Greece), Saud Al Faisal (Saudi Arabia) and Rui Aguas (Portugal), N°5 features a new partnership of drivers for BLACK FALCON in the Blancpain Series. The third AMG entry, N°6's driven by team veterans Hubert Haupt (Germany) and Abdulaziz Al Faisal (Saudi Arabia) alongside the new teammate Gabriele Piana (Italy), who joins Blancpain GT series after several years predominantly spent racing the team's Porsches at the Nürburgring. Gabriele has already had several successful races in the Mercedes and, together with Hubert and Abdulaziz, he was part of the winning crew in Dubai, so N°6's drivers are riding high and will be a force to be reckoned with in the Silver Cup. Three BLACK FALCON Mercedes-AMG GT3s participated in the season prelude hosted at the high-tech Paul Ricard GP1 circuit (F) to hone their own set-ups for the first of five races that will take place at Monza (I) at the end of April.





## France

### Alexandre Giroud reveals his secrets

Taking part in bike competitions since 1992 and in quad racing since 2004, Alexandre Giroud raced the Dakar for the second time in 2018, without any assistance. "It is the hardest race in the world mechanically. I drove my quad for 15 hours every day in the South American desert. The temperatures varied between 8C at 5,000 meters altitude to 49C in the Argentinian desert. Over 10,000 km the engine was subjected to extreme stress. The most important thing is to have a lubricant able to cope with these changes in temperature. Thanks to FUCHS lubricants, I didn't have to change the oil every day and in addition I benefited from a FUCHS spray which prevents the ingress of sand into the engine." The strength of Alexandre on these 14 stages was, without any doubt, his physical condition and his mental strength.

"Thanks to my partners I could cross the finish line in Argentina. Without specialist partners like FUCHS and the quality and performance of their lubricants the mechanics would not cope," he said. Alexandre raced in the 2017 Morocco Rally, the 2017 and 2018 Dakar as well as the Hellas Rally-Raid without rebuilding the engine of his quad. "Thanks to FUCHS for all these rallies I raced without any problems." Alexandre Giroud won the title of the 2015 World Quad Baja and 3rd place in the Hellas Rally-Raid in Greece in 2017. At 37, the FUCHS rider has an enormous program for 2018. He will race the Hellas Rally-Raid in May, the World Quad Baja in Spain, 'La Motor's' in July as well as the Mondial Quad (12H de Pont de Vaux) in August. In September, he intends to train in Morocco to prepare for the 2019 Dakar.

His supporters can meet him at the motorbike show in Lyon (F) and during the 'The Best of Cars' in Monthéry (F).





## France

### **FUCHS official partner of the GURP TT 2018**

For the last three consecutive years, FUCHS France was the main sponsor of the GURP TT, bikes and quads races which took place at Grayan-et-l'Hôpital in Aquitaine (F). For the 15th edition the organizer, the 'Moto-Club des Esteys', designed a new track between the beach and the pine tree forest. Being the penultimate stage of the French Sand Championship, this event brought together more than 650 riders in different bike and quad categories for the five races over the weekend in January.

For the first time, a special round called 'FUCHS Silkolene GURT TT Vintage' was created this year and gathered together about 20 bikes dating from 1900 to 1995. Suspense was high during the whole

weekend in the bike category, with four different winners in the first four rounds, raising the interest of the 15,000 spectators who came to cheer on the competitors. This scenario was similar to that in the quad and junior races. FUCHS France profited from the popularity of this motorsport event and welcomed their customers in the FUCHS booth. FUCHS Silkolene logos were placed at strategic places along the track, the pit lane and the award ceremony podium. FUCHS France had a very special offer for the winners: they received lubricants amounting to their body weight. A gesture which was appreciated by all of them.





## Portugal

### Successful alliance for FUCHS Portugal and Eduardo Veiga Rally Sport team

Sponsored by FUCHS Portugal for the first time in 2017, the Eduardo Veiga Rally Sport team represented the FUCHS brand in the eleven races of the series: one in Spain (the legendary Solo Escort Rally) and ten in Portugal. In a special Ford Escort MK2 modified for the team, Eduardo Veiga won the Fpak Rally Trophy 2017 on Asphalt in the X2 category. As the team finished the season in 3rd place in the Rally Spirit, this bodes well for 2018.

Although the team had a lot of problems with reliability during the season, they never threw in the towel. The drivers Eduardo Veiga and Justino Reis did a really good job in the races, demonstrating their pace and always fighting for victory, top positions and good championship results.

“The season wasn’t perfect for us because we didn’t achieve all our goals, but during all the events, we consistently showed that we had the pace to achieve the results we wanted. After a big crash at the start of the season, we had some problems with the car which prevented our team from having the most successful season. But we are thinking positively and we worked to solve all the problems. The improved results in the last part of the season showed that we are on the right track. Now, we are fully focused on the 2018 season. I never forget my sponsors and I would like to thank them all for their support during 2017,” explained Eduardo Veiga.

2017 results: Eduardo Veiga: winner X2 category Fpak Rally Trophy 2017 (Asphalt), 5th place Fpak Rally Trophy 2017 (Asphalt), 2nd place X2 category PT Regional Centro Championship, 3rd place PT Rally Spirit 2017 (Spirit category)

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60, TITAN RACE SYN 5, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-140**







Pictured: Edward Hanley from Behindedslens

## Great Britain

### An encouraging start to the season for Alfie and Grant Rogerson

FUCHS Silkolene sponsored motorbike scramblers Alfie and Grant Rogerson had their first outing of 2018 at Doncaster Moto Park.

Day 1, practice day, was a chance to get used to their new 2018 bikes with Alfie on a KTM 125 and Grant on a larger KTM 450. During practice they were putting in good lap times and getting faster throughout the day.

On race day, in a line-up of 40 riders, Alfie's best result of the day was in 24th place and Grant finished 12th.



Pictured: Phill Andrews

## Great Britain

### Paige Bellerby on 4th place for the season-opener at Silverstone

The Bellerby Motorsport team was prepared and ready for the first round of the 2018 MSA British Rallycross Championship, which took place at Silverstone. Paige Bellerby was the only female driver to participate in these challenging races in the 1600 category, against 21 experienced competitors. Drew also faced a big challenge against 14 drivers in the BMW Mini Rallycross Championship.

On this legendary circuit, Paige managed 7th place overall and 4th place in the SuperNat. Her sister Drew scored 8th place overall in her championship.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE SYN 5, TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-40, TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-30**





Pictured: Shane Byrne in action in Spain

## Great Britain

### Successful European testing for Paul Bird Motorsport Be Wiser Ducati team

Sponsored by FUCHS, the team – current reigning British Superbike champions – has concluded their extensive Spanish pre-season testing schedule held in Cartagena, Monteblanco and Guadix. Despite less than ideal weather conditions, both defending and six-times champion Shane ‘Shakey’ Byrne and BSB race-winner Glenn Irwin reported plenty of positive feedback aboard their factory-supported Be Wiser Ducati Panigale Rs and are now ready for the season opener at Donnington Park.

“All three tests faced mixed conditions and cold temperatures which limited the team’s testing program, however both riders got through what they needed to. With new members joining the team in various positions, we all worked together very well. Shane and Glenn sensibly took their time to get up to speed but did a few race runs over the eight days so the cobwebs have been well and truly blown away. We’ve got a few days back at base now in preparation for tests and then the opening round at Donnington Park,” said Johnny Mowatt, team co-ordinator.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS SAE 10W-50, Silkolene BRAKE CLEANER SPRAY, Silkolene PRO CHAIN SPRAY, Silkolene PRO PREP SPRAY, Silkolene CHAIN CLEANER SPRAY**



Pictured: Cerys Cooke

## Great Britain

### Paul Culverwell runs with the FUCHS colors in 2018

Paul Culverwell, new sponsored driver for FUCHS UK in 2018, will be rallying in the 2018 Protyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship. Paul will race in various UK locations as well as a round in Belgium. Pictured here, in his Darran rally car with its new logos at the March Tour of Epynt Rally.





## Benelux

### GPR PROMO MX team: a new 2018 racing partnership for FUCHS

Marcel Strüwer from FUCHS Benelux signed a new contract with Gunter Peeters, the team manager of the GPR PROMO MX team. The two riders of the team, Rob van de Veerdonk (15) from the Netherlands and Cameron Durow (15) from South Africa, race in the KNMV Dutch Masters of Motocross (125cc) and the International EMX125 Championship this season.

“We decided to sponsor this team by providing products, FUCHS Silkolene cloths and points of sale materials because of the chance to enter the motorcycle dirt track scene. This market is directly related to FUCHS Silkolene’s MCO\* business which needs a boost of sales in the Benelux,” said Marcel Strüwer. “We chose this team for three reasons. We were attracted by the passionate attitude of all the team members, the manager and the owner. We appreciate the existing relationship with the South African rider Cameron Durow and his extensive experience with FUCHS Silkolene products and also because of the team owner’s willingness to invest in point of sale materials themselves (e.g their team bus). My goals are to expand the MCO business and network in the Netherlands.”

Amongst the 60 drivers registered for the qualifications, Cameron Durow and Rob van de Veerdonk were selected from the 40 best riders who were on the starting line of the first round of KNMV Dutch Masters of Motocross in Markelo (NL). Cameron Durow managed 9th place in round 2 and despite some problems, Rob van de Veerdonk achieved great speeds and crossed the final line in 26th position.

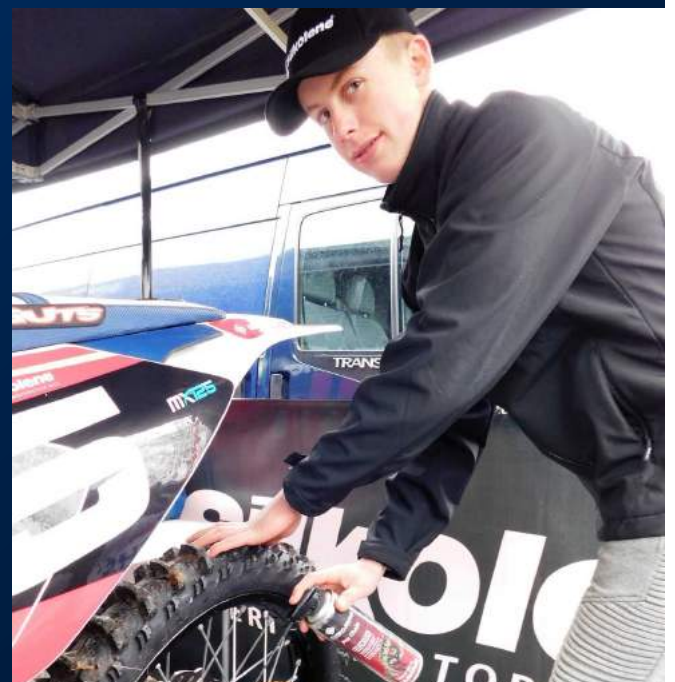
During the Europe MXGP series EMX at Valkenswaard (NL), only 40 of the 100 riders

subscribed in the 125 class were selected. Only Cameron Durow qualified. At the end of the two rounds, he finished in 28th position. The next race will take place at Oldebroek in April. “We want to develop riders’ skills as this is their first 125cc season. We want to finish top 15 in the KNMV Dutch Masters and in the top 25 in the EMX,” said the team manager.

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Bike: 2018 Husqvarna TC125 single cylinder, 2-stroke

\*Motorcycle Engine Oils, two-wheels lubricants market







## Italy

### A new ambassador for FUCHS Italy

In 2018 a very important sponsorship has been agreed between Angelo Pellegrini and FUCHS Italy.

Angelo Pellegrini is a motocross and supercross professional rider born in Brescia in 1987. He started racing on motorcycles at the age of 12. Only three years later he decided to dedicate himself 100% to his great passion and in the same year he surprised everyone with an impressive 5th place at the under 18 World Championship. Since then he has amassed many successful results such as the victory in the European Supercross Championship at only 18 and the three Italian champion titles. In his career he raced all over the world, including America where he even finished the Main Event in 11th place. Every year he also races all over Europe, where he recently achieved an excellent 2nd place in the ArenacrossUK (United Kingdom Championship). In addition to being a famous rider, he organizes the Supercross Cup – an International Supercross event – with his brother Luca and founded the ALmotorsports team. “We met Angelo for the first time during the “Ride4Life in 2017”, the main event of the non-profit organization Riders 4 Riders, of which he is ambassador,” said Cristina Delmastro (Marketing Automotive FUCHS Italy).

“A great partnership has been created with Riders 4 Riders and it will continue to grow bigger and bigger in the motocross world and elsewhere. I really believe in this project because it does not only help the research but also gives financial support to injured riders. I’m so happy to be a part of it,” explained Angelo Pellegrini. In April he will go to the United States to make photos and videos for his sponsors. For his first competition, he will race the Supercross Cup, an international event, that will be held in Italy Brescia in July.

2017 success: 19th in the Hangtown AMA National 450, 19th in the New Jersey AMA Supercross 450, 22th in the Salt Lake City AMA Supercross 450, 2nd in ArenacrossUK, he is the first Italian to race the 450 AMA Supercross Main Event

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