

# Motorsport News

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## Germany

### Double podium for the BLACK FALCON team at 24H Nürburgring

In a spectacular sprint battle only a few hours before the chequered flag, the factory-backed Mercedes-AMG GT3, #4 and #5, of the BLACK FALCON team won 2nd and 3rd places at the 46th ADAC Zurich 24H Race. // Page 3.

## Zimbabwe

### Rademeyer brothers collected victories in the Zimbabwean Championship

Calvin Rademeyer won podiums in the Audi Sport Italia Trophy, the second round of the Zimbabwean National Saloon Car Championship, which took place on the Bulawayo Park racetrack. His brother Michael won a great 2nd place on the Saloon B class in the John Love Race Day. Both cars were designed with the FUCHS colors. // Page 5.



## Great Britain

### An exciting race for Adam Morgan at Donington Park

The third of the eleven rounds of the Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship took place at Donington Park. Adam Morgan of the Ciceley Racing team showed pace throughout and recovered from 23rd place in race 1 to a storming race three victory with his Mercedes A class. // Page 8.



## Austria

### **FUCHS is the main sponsor at the heart of the European Championship Hillclimb Cup**

The MSC Rottenegg organized the 39th edition of the FUCHS Silkolene FIM European Championship Run. This popular event, which took place on the Landshaag track, was the first of the six races of the 2018 FIM European Hillclimb Cup. The other rounds of the series will be held in Italy (two races), France, Switzerland and the last one on the Julbach track in Austria. FUCHS Austria is the main sponsor of this European event for the fifth time.

The MSC Rottenegg had a record starting grid this year with the participation of 330 riders coming from nine nations to compete in these prestigious races. 15,000 spectators could enjoy the performance of these sportsmen in a large variety of categories including 250GP, Supersport, Superbike and Supermoto. The results of these races counted for the 2018 Austria Motorcycle Mountain Racing Championship, 2018 Austria Motorcycle Historic Racing Championship, 2018 Swiss Motorcycle Mountain Racing Championship and 2018 Racer Supermoto Cup.

In this context, the European motorcycle manufacturer KTM organized the 'KTM 790 Duke Battle' with 15 riders to present their new KTM Super Duke 790. The company has invited five famous sportsmen, namely Benjamin Karl (snowboarder), Matthias Lanzinger (ski racer) and Franky Zorn (FUCHS' Ice speedway rider), but also five journalists and five riders chosen from 700 applicants.

FUCHS Austria sponsored sportsmen such as Josef Frauenschuh, Petra Fischer and Franky Zorn. All of them were successful in these races and particularly Josef Frauenschuh who took 1st place three times. As main sponsor of the event, FUCHS was represented by banners on the race track, in the pit lane, on the starting grid and the awards podium. FUCHS staff welcomed their customers in their VIP booth and informed the visitors about FUCHS Silkolene products. Markus Kollenz from FUCHS Austria conducted some interviews with the media. "FUCHS benefited from a strong brand presence during this event and also from their riders on the podium. We have had very interesting contacts with the public," said Markus Kollenz.



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## Germany

### **BLACK FALCON team scored a fantastic team result at 24H Nürburgring**

BLACK FALCON team scored an unprecedented set of results at a particularly gruelling 24H Nürburgring, taking 2nd, 3rd as well as 5th place overall with their factory-backed Mercedes-AMG GT3. They also scored a class victory in the SP10 category with the #66 Mercedes-AMG GT4 and in the V6 class with the #138 Porsche 991 Carrera. For the 46th ADAC Zurich 24H Race, the team was always in the fight for the overall lead and came so close to taking what would have been their third overall win at the 24H: the #4 AMG finished just 26 seconds behind the eventual winner.

The 24H race on Nürburgring is renowned as the most challenging endurance event on the planet and the 2018 edition proved this again. Changing weather conditions during the whole event stressed the drivers to their limits and the huge grid of 150 entries meant no respite from either traffic or the challenges of the track itself. Torrential rain and heavy fog veiling northern parts of the route bought a temporary halt to the race at midday on Sunday, leaving a 90-minute sprint to the flag in

treacherous conditions which saw BLACK FALCON team come within a hair's breath to winning.

In front of 210,000 spectators and millions at home in front of their TV sets or mobiles, the race was exciting and the last hours were crucial. Just a few laps before the chequered flag, the Porsche 911 #912 Manthey Racing driven by Fred Makowiecki took the lead in front of the Mercedes-AMG #4 BLACK FALCON. Despite all his efforts, Adam Christodoulou (#4) wasn't able to wrestle the lead away from the leader and finished in 2nd place, which was still a fine and deserved result after a thrilling battle.

Although the Aston Martin V12 Vantage #007 held 3rd place, just 30 minutes before crossing the finishing line, Maxime Martin lost his place to Yelmer Buurman in the Mercedes-AMG GT3 #5 BLACK FALCON.

To complete the score, Mercedes-AMG #6 BLACK FALCON was knocking on the door of the top 10. Hour by hour the drivers delivered excellent performances and secured 5th position overall.



## Zimbabwe

### Podiums for the FUCHS Silkolene KTM team at Thunder Valley

Round 2 of the MX South Africa National Motocross Championship was held at Thunder Valley on a very wet track. The FUCHS Silkolene riders delivered a strong performance winning some good places on the podium in different categories.

Leah Heygate took the honors with 1st place on the podium in the Ladies class with her FUCHS Silkolene KTM after finishing 2nd in heat 1 and 1st in heat 2. "Well done, Leah," commented Paul Marais from FUCHS. "She has put an enormous amount of work into her riding and fitness and deserves the top spot."

Manu Bako finished 1st in heat 1 and 4th in heat 2, for 2nd overall with his FUCHS Silkolene 65cc Husqvarna.

In the 125cc class, Regan Wasmuth scored 4th place overall and Tristan Grainger claimed 14th. In MX2, Ash Thixton secured 13th and in MX1 Jayden Ashwell got a 7th overall despite Damo Strydom finishing 9th.

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## Germany

### Michael Schwall and Jan Bemann master the unexpected

For the first time, Michael Schwall and Jan Bemann raced together on the 35 km of the Birkenfelder Löwenralle. At the beginning, the results were quite good with 6th place in their class against 13 other teams. But the drivers encountered some problems and were hampered during the last three stages. "The engine overheated, so we had to turn on the heater to conduct the heat away from the engine. Despite these problems, we managed to keep 6th place in our class. We finished 32nd overall knowing that only 69 teams out of 100 starters crossed the finish line," said Michael. In the next race Michael will race with his girlfriend Hanna Ostlender in the Hunsrück Junior Rally. "We have a lot of work to do with the car in the next few days before we will start again."

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE SAE 10W-60, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-90**





## Zimbabwe

### Rademeyer collects victories at Bulawayo Park

In the second of the seven rounds of the 2018 Zimbabwean National Saloon Car Championship, Calvin Rademeyer treated his hometown supporters at the Bulawayo Motorsport Park to a host of strong results. At the wheel of the new FUCHS livery Volkswagen Polo, Calvin took two victories in B class in the Audi Sport Italia Trophy.

The first order of business was the day's two sprint races followed by two handicap races. The first race saw B, C and D classes competing separately with Rademeyer leading the eight-lap race from start to finish. He won although he was chased by C class competitors Mike Exton and Steve Martin. The second race saw A class added to the mix with Rademeyer starting in 4th place on the combined grid. Again, the three protagonists from the first race treated the crowd to an entertaining tussle, this however did not influence Rademeyer's position in B class where he took his second flag-to-flag win of the day. During both races, he also set the fastest lap in his class. With an overall win of the two sprint races and with 2nd place in the John Love Trophy Handicap race, Calvin Rademeyer was extremely happy with his achievements.

"It was our first round back in Bulawayo and it felt great to show our local supporters the new car while constantly being at the front of the field. With prominent FUCHS branding in the pit lane and spectator areas, this made it a little more special. I'd like to thank FUCHS Zimbabwe for their continued support."

Calvin's brother Michael competed in B class and managed 4th place in race 1 and 3rd place in race 2. His effort in the two sprint races saw him celebrating a well-deserved 3rd place at the award ceremony. In the Auquip Invitational Race, he obtained 3rd place in the Saloon B class, 7th place overall and in the John Love Trophy Handicap Race, 2nd place in Saloon B class and 4th overall.

"FUCHS has been the title sponsor of the John Love Race for the first time and will be next year, too," said Paul Marais from FUCHS.

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## France

### **Justine Charroux at the head of the 2018 French Female Motocross Championship**

After winning the first round of the season at the Sommières race track, Justine Charroux validated her performances in round 4 of the French Female Motocross Championship which took place at Saint-Eloi in May. Against 35 riders, in particular the New-Zealander, Courtney Duncan, leader of the FIM World Motocross Championship – but racing a few rounds of the French Championship –, Justine used all her skills to exploit her full potential. After some neck to neck battles with her rivals, the French rider gained 2nd place at the end of the two rounds. “I arrived in Saint-Eloi only one point behind the leader, I went back with the pole position and 12 points ahead of the second rider,” explained the 25-year-old woman. Thanks to her wealth of experience and undeniable know-how acquired on the tracks since she was seven, Justine claims the 2018 French title after being crowned French champion in 2009 and 2013.

During the six rounds of the FIM World Motocross Championship, Justine is racing against the 40 best female riders on the planet. “Especially in these races, it is very difficult to overtake, so you must start in the lead to hope to finish in the top 10.” At the end of the two first races, Justine is holding 15th place. This high-level sportswoman has not yet said her last word. Only few points behind her main rivals, she still has four rounds to prove her talent and move up in the ranking. FUCHS has been sponsoring Justine since 2010.

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## Great Britain

### Shane Byrne salvages Oulton Park podium

For the third round of the British Superbike Championship, Shane 'Shakey' Byrne of the Be Wiser Ducati Racing team claimed 3rd place in race 1 but was just edged off the podium to 4th place in race 2. Byrne now sits in 3rd overall in the championship table with 15 points behind the leader. But 'Shakey' is still contending for his defence as reigning BSB champion, with another nine rounds to battle in the season where anything can happen.

## Great Britain

### Exciting challenge for the CRC

Gary Spencer and his Stafford-based Classic Racing Cars team (CRC) will have a very busy year as they will be running cars in two major European series, the Peter Auto Series with an iconic Mustang GT350, then competing with several AC Cobras, Shelby Daytonas and two iconic GT4's in the Masters Race series.

CRC has been building and running cars in the biggest historic races around the world for the past 18 years. They will be at the very prestigious Goodwood Revival meeting, trying to win the TT race for a second time with an AC Cobra. At the end of the European season they will once again compete in the super tough Spa Six Hours, with six cars.

This season they aim to race in the HRS Daytona Classic 24 Hour with one of the GT40's, followed two weeks later by competing at another iconic track, Sebring.

## Great Britain

### A class podium class for Dennis Racing

Dennis Racing team has prepared a Ford Mondeo ST220 for 2018. On the Silverstone track and for the first race of the season in the Classic Sports Car Clubs' New Millennium, Dennis Hays went as a solo driver. The team has opted for a new brand of tyres, but they have been disappointing. Despite this, on a busy track with 52 cars, Dennis qualified 37th overall and 5th in his class.

"After some excellent battles and a few accidents, I crossed the finish line 21st overall and won 3rd place on the podium in my class. The next race will be at Oulton Park in June which is a firm favourite with our team."





## Great Britain

### Memorable victory for Adam Morgan at Donington Park

Ciceley Motorsport's driver Adam Morgan took his first race win of the 2018 season at the MSA British Touring Car Championship at Donington Park. The victory, the fifth of his career, has moved Adam to 2nd place in the Drivers' Championship and within seven points of the championship leader, Tom Ingram of Speedworks Motorsport.

Morgan's day didn't start so promisingly. 13th in qualifying, Morgan crossed the line in 23rd place by the end of the 16-lap encounter in race 1. Then equipped with better tyres in race 2, he scored 5th place.

In the final race, a semi-reversed grid with the top 9 finishers from race 2 being turned upside down, Adam started 5th on the grid. With some brave driving on the opening lap he charged up into 2nd and by lap eight, Adam was ahead. Behind him was race one winner Josh Cook who chased Adam to the very end, the pair never separated by more than a few tenths of a second. Adam however, made no mistakes and secured victory, the fifth different BTCC winner in the opening six races.

Ciceley Motorsport's Commercial Director Norman Burgess said: "What a weekend! You can never predict the BTCC and we have seen that again today. We go to Thruxton, a circuit kind to our car, in optimistic mood."



## Great Britain

### At the foot of the podium

Grasstrack Sidecar racers Rob and Ryan Moss headed to Winchester for their first outing of the season. On a gate with 32 crews, most of which have more experience, the practice round was a timed and they were pleased to establish an 8th place on the grid.

In race 1 the pair had a great start with 5th place into the first corner. Some good battles took place and they maintained this position with their fastest time only seven seconds behind the 1st place crew.

In race 2 the team took 7th place. By race 3 the track was getting rough, but by working well together they took an amazing 4th place. Thanks to their best lap time in this last race, their overall position was 4th place, which they were more than happy with and has left them eager for the next outing.





## Great Britain

### Leon Haslam leads British Superbike Championship

JG Speedfit Kawasaki rider Leon Haslam wowed the crowds at Oulton Park for the Bennetts BSB Championship with wins in both races.

With these two results, the rider celebrated his second victory of the season and has already taken the lead in the championship by the third of the 12 rounds of the season. Leon Haslam said: "It's been a really good weekend, I had the fastest lap in race 1, two race wins, pole position, the championship lead and most podium credits, I couldn't really ask for more than that."



## Great Britain

### Rogerson's brothers in the top 10

FUCHS Silkolene sponsored motorbike scramblers Alfie and Grant Rogerson in the championship round at Sherwood Motocross track.

Grant, racing amongst a pack of 35 other riders, battled to realise 5th place and two 7th places earning him a respectable 7th overall.

Meanwhile fierce battling with his class of 24 riders earned Alfie an 8th place and two 10th places giving him 6th overall.



## Great Britain

### A race of winners!

Kershaw Racing brothers Steve (30) and Stuart (35) have made a great start to 2018 claiming their first ever British Championship win at Oulton Park, placing them 1st overall in the rankings.

Both coming from Lauder in the Scottish Borders, the pair currently compete in the Formula 1 British Sidecar Championship in their LCR Formula 1 sidecar equipped with a 1000cc Kawasaki ZX-10R engine. They have benefited from years of racing experience and have won several championship titles.

“In 2018 we are striving to become the British champions and to do so you need the very best of products, we believe that FUCHS Silkolene provides that service and more,” said Steve.

## Great Britain

### Joe Collier on the road to success

EHA Racing rider Joe Collier qualified in 2nd place and took a strong 2nd place in the Superstock 1000 race, aboard his Aprilia RSV4 RF during the Bank Holiday meeting at Oulton Park.

Collier also realized the fastest lap of the race. This result maintains the team's 100% podium record to date this season.

