

# Motorsport News

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## Germany

### Double podiums for BLACK FALCON at the Nürburgring track

At the end of a four-hour race, #6 BLACK FALCON Mercedes-AMG GT3 gained victory in the SP9 class in the seventh race of the VLN Championship. Their teammates in #163 BLACK FALCON Team IDENTICA AMG distinguished themselves with 1st place in the SP10 class. // Page 3.

## Great Britain

### Leon Haslam crowned 2018 BSB champion

At the end of the 12 rounds of the Bennetts British Superbike Championship, the FUCHS Silkolene sponsored rider Leon Haslam took his first championship title for JG Speedfit Kawasaki during the final. He sealed his 15th first-place win of the season at the iconic track of Brands Hatch. // Page 9.



## Italy

### Fantastic season for Giorgia Montini

The FUCHS rider Giorgia Montini left her marks in the Italian Women Motocross Championship and the European Women Motocross Championship, winning with zeal and strong motivation the most important titles of the 2018 season. // Page 6.



## Germany

### Schwall and Mergen won 1st place in class

After a lot of races on national tracks this season, Michael Schwall and his co-driver, Ann-Kathrin Mergen, decided to test their skills on a European track. The first thing they decided was to participate in the 12th Rallye Alsace Bossue, which took place in France at the end of September. In this rally, in which 84 teams took part, two courses of 40 km length have to be driven through three times.

On Saturday, the team had some time to test the course before the car was checked by the official technicians. Early on Sunday morning, Michael and Ann-Kathrin were in great shape and in a good mood in their Citroën C2. "The first two specials went smoothly. It was a lot of fun because it was very different from the German rally: very fluid and fast but also with a lot of turns. We had to be wide awake." The team was in 14th place overall by the end of the first two specials and then in 15th overall for the two following ones.

"In the third round, unfortunately we had technological issues and lost power. By the end, we were over a minute down on both runs and of course we lost places in the overall ranking. Finally, we slipped to the 26th place overall, but what was very pleasing, we still won 1st place in our class!"



## South Africa

### Captivating races from Dewald Brummer at Phakisa track

A very rainy Phakisa Raceway (Welkom) hosted the final round of the GT Super Cup. The MAD Racing/FUCHS LUBRICANTS Polo had received a special invite to participate in the final round.

The MAD Racing Polo, sponsored by FUCHS LUBRICANTS and driven by Dewald Brummer, faced tough competition from some exotic cars like Porsche GT3 RS's, BMW M3's, Ford Focus ST's and Golf 7 GTi's.

In the qualifying round Brummer secured 2nd position. In race 1 the waterlogged surface caused visibility and mechanical issues for most of the cars including the MAD Racing/FUCHS LUBRICANTS Polo, which experienced an electrical failure in the car and so the team was forced to retire.

By race 2 the team had fixed the electrical issues and was ready to show why they are one of the best teams in motorsport. Brummer demonstrated his skills and determination as he stuck to his mandate and finished in an impressive 2nd place.

"Using FUCHS lubricants under these difficult conditions has really given our team the competitive advantage it needs to finish on the podium. It is nice to know that our team can rely on the best lubricants, no matter the conditions," said the team owner, Deon Brummer.

Next race: Dezzi Raceway (Port Shepstone)

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN GT1 SAE 5W-40, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-90, TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-50, MAINTAIN DOT 5.1**



## Germany

### **BLACK FALCON proved their performance on the Nürburgring track**

BLACK FALCON team secured two overall wins at the VLN in the seventh race of the season. An inspiring strategy and hard driving of the drivers of the Mercedes-AMG GT3 enabled them to win the SP9 class, which was backed up by taking victory in the hard-fought SP10 class for GT4, too.

#6 Mercedes-AMG GT3 driven by the excellent trio of Hubert Haupt, Maro Engel and Manuel Metzger was 2nd in qualifying, just a quarter of a second behind the leader. In 3rd place for the midday rolling start the team cut through on the inside of the pack at the first corner. Over the next hour, this strategy paid off. With 90 minutes to go Maro maintained his lead thanks to the AMG's scorching speed. Following Manuel's strong

middle stint with an hour to go, the AMG was the first to come into the pits for the final stop. Back on the track he maintained this solid gap from the second-placed car all the way to the flag to take an emotional victory, winning by 15 seconds after a gruelling 28-lap race.

In SP10 class, the #163 BLACK FALCON Team IDENTICA AMG GT4 crossed the finish line 30 seconds ahead of the second-placed car, while #164 came home 4th in class and 45th overall.

In SP7, Jürgen Bleul, 'Takis' and Mike Stursberg on board of the #57 Porsche 911 GT3 Cup finished in 4th place.



## Germany

### Battling for first place at the Nürburgring

It was “mission accomplished” for Hubert Haupt and Luca Stolz who scored an impressive 2nd place overall with their Mercedes-AMG GT3 in the second race of round 5 of the Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup. They gained vital points in the combined Silver Cup Championship, which takes results from both the Sprint and Endurance Cup. This means Haupt heads to the final Endurance Cup round needing just a handful of points to secure the title.

In race 1, after sensibly avoiding the exuberant start by several

cars, Hubert managed to move through the pack before handing over to his teammate at the halfway stop. After a succession of battles, Stolz finished in 13th place but most importantly as the leading Silver Cup car. However, a post-race penalty cost the team dearly, dropping them back in the official results to be classified 3rd in Silver Cup.

In race 2, Luca managed to keep ahead of a gaggle of threatening GT3s. Under relentless pressure he had to focus on every lap in his fight with his closest pursuer, a Pro-class AMG. BLACK FALCON

eked out Luca's stint to the maximum time allowed before bringing #6 into the pits for the hand-over to his teammate. Hubert took up the pursuit and with an impressive performance kept within a handful of seconds of the Pro-class car, at times close enough for attempts to retake the lead. AMG's win allowed them to take the overall Sprint Cup Drivers Championship.

However BLACK FALCON will enter the Endurance Cup final in Barcelona with a 15-point lead.





## Italy

### The rise to power of Alessandro Gabrielli

Partner of FUCHS Italy for the first season, Alessandro Gabrielli of the Gr. Sport. A.C. Ascoli P team, is driving a Alfa Romeo Picchio 4C (3000cc) in the 2018 Italian Speed Mountain Championship. "We already admire the podiums\* obtained by Gabrielli in the previous races of the championship," said Cristina Delmastro from FUCHS Italy.

At the end of the Gubbio race Gabrielli declared: "I'm really happy. Although this season was supposed to be a year of learning about our car, we immediately found ourselves behind the best drivers with respectable times. We had some technical issues during the season, but our good results give us the right incentive to continue to develop the enormous potential of the car. My driving has also been progressing throughout the season. I am very motivated to continue this adventure thanks to the strong support of my team."

At the moment, Alessandro is ranking 3rd place overall in all the classes.

\*Verzegnisi: 2nd class, Fasano: 1st group, Ascoli: 2nd group, Sarnano: 3rd group, Gubbio: 3rd group.

**FUCHS lubricant: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60**

## Italy

### Galizzi selected by the Italian Federation

Paolo Galizzi of the Galizzi Factory Racer team represented the FUCHS Silkolene colors during the 2018 Quadcross of European Nations which took place at the Slagelse track in Denmark. Chosen by the Italian Federation, he was teamed with two renowned Italian riders: Simone Mastronardi and Patrick Turrini.

Paolo got the best result in the qualifying session in 5th position with his teammates classed in 6th and 9th place, which allowed them to obtain 6th place overall.

In race 1, a collision with another quad in the first turn caused Paolo to finish in 17th place among 30 riders whereas Patrick Turrini came in 12th.

In race 2, the FUCHS Silkolene rider started in the second row. The competition tactics had been decided with the coach of the national team. He reached 12th position and Simone 19th.

For race 3, the team was composed with Simone Mastronardi and Patrick Turrini. At the end the Italian team took 7th position. "I gained a lot of experience and satisfaction. I hope to be able to wear this blue national shirt in 2019 again," said Paolo.

The next challenge for Paolo will be the final race of the Italian Quad Championship. "I will have to beat my main rival, Simone Mastronardi, to win the 2018 title in the QX1 category."

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## Italy

### Standing ovation for Giorgia Montini

The 19-year-old FUCHS Silkolene rider Giorgia Montini made her mark on the Italian Women Motocross Championship winning the title and the European Women Motocross Championship with her compatriot Kiara Fontanesi.

The last round of the Italian Women Motocross Championship took place on the track of Lesignano de' Bagni (Parma). This was a crucial race for Montini against Fontanesi, a famous rival and six-time world champion. Giorgia's adversary tried everything to get on top of the podium. A great battle took place between these two protagonists.

But Montini (Yamaha – Garda Lake) is not a woman to get worked up. With two 3rd positions she managed to keep her small margin and win the first Italian title of her career. An important milestone for a woman who is a working student to live her passion. "I dedicate this victory to my father who is no longer here and to "Cello"

Disetti, without whom I would not have been able to fulfill my love for this sport, which otherwise I might have abandoned," explained Giorgia.

The European Women Motocross Championship took place in Gdańsk (Poland) in September. The two rounds were dominated by Kiara Fontanesi and Giorgia Montini. The performance of the Italian women allowed them to finish five points ahead of the Danish team and to win the 2018 European title.

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## Benelux

### Still in the race for the 2018 title

The four drivers of the Aqua Protect Racing team were very keen to race on the renowned track of Spa-Francorchamps for the fifth of the six rounds of the Belcar Endurance Championship. For 2018's penultimate race 36 cars were on the starting grid, including five Normas and two prototypes as well as a lot of Porsches.

"On this track the Porsches of the Belcar 1 class are faster than the prototypes on the long stretches, that creates some beautiful battles," explained Vincent Desschans from Norma Benelux, a FUCHS customer. The Aqua Protect Racing team started in 2nd place and defended their position fiercely. "We were leading when we were hit by another car causing damage to the left side of the Norma. This made the car very unstable to race and we had to drive on with less power," said Vincent. At the end of the three-hour race, the team

finished in 3rd place overall and 3rd in the Belcar 2 class.

"With this 3rd place we are 17.5 points behind the winning Norma of Russell Racing by DVB Racing and four points from the Porsche of Derdaele Racing. But everything is still possible in the next race, knowing that 37 points can be won."

The last round of the season will take place at the Zolder circuit (Belgium) during the American Festival Nascar Finals.

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

## Great Britain

### **FUCHS UK celebrates the 2018 successes of their champions!**



#### **Eunan McGlinchey crowned British Junior Supersport champion 2018**

Young Northern Ireland motorcycling prospect Eunan McGlinchey of the Team 109 Kawasaki won the British Junior Supersport title at the iconic Brands Hatch track, onboard the Kawasaki Ninja 400.

The 20-year-old FUCHS Silkolene ambassador from Aghadowey was successful in the opening race and finished 3rd in race 2 at Oulton Park.

These podiums gave him an advantage of 43 points over closest rival Brian Hart. That meant that a top 7 finish at Brands Hatch for the last race was enough to clinch the championship.

McGlinchey has won seven races in his first full season in the series, underlining his potential. He is mentored by Glenn Irwin, who is part of the Be Wiser Ducati Team sponsored by FUCHS Silkolene.



#### **Joe Collier: 3rd in his debut British Superstock season**

FUCHS Silkolene ambassador Joe Collier (EHA Racing team) took a 5th place finish at Brands Hatch in the season finale. Aboard the IN Competition prepared Aprilia RSV4 RF he gained 3rd place overall in the National 1000cc Superstock Championship.

The series rookie further proved his pedigree by securing the pole position time, which was under the official lap record. His 5th place in the rain-sodden National 1000cc Superstock race left him just 7.5 points behind the championship winner Keith Farmer.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 15W-50 XP, Silkolene PRO WASH, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE SPRAY, Silkolene PRO PREP SPRAY, Silkolene INJECTOR/CARB CLEANER SPRAY, Silkolene PRO CHAIN SPRAY, Silkolene BRAKE AND CHAIN CLEANER SPRAY**



## Great Britain

### FUCHS UK: Talent Scout



### Triumph for Leon Haslam in the 2018 British Superbike Championship

FUCHS Silkolene sponsored JG Speedfit rider Leon Haslam secured his first British Superbike Championship title at Brands Hatch after a commanding series of results in the 2018 BSB series. This makes Leon one of three British champions and nine Top 5 finishers for FUCHS Silkolene sponsored riders.

Born to win as the son of Ron Haslam (x3 World titles, x4 British championships and ex-GP motorcycle road racer), naturally it was only a matter of time before Leon also made his mark. Haslam won his championship crown in race 1 of the Triple Header at Brands Hatch with points enough to secure the title before the final race.

Leon Haslam said: "British Superbike Championship will always create great racing. All season I've battled with so many different riders and it is a credit to the championship. Thank you for all the memories."

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO R SAE 0W-20, Silkolene CONTACT CLEANER SPRAY, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene PRO RG2, Silkolene SILKOPEN, Silkolene FOAM FILTER OIL, Silkolene PRO PREP**



### Glenn Irwin clinches 3rd place in title race for Be Wiser Ducati!

The FUCHS Silkolene sponsored Be Wiser Ducati team ended their 2018 British Superbike Championship campaign at Brands Hatch successfully with Glenn Irwin clinching 3rd place in the overall championship standings.

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



## Zimbabwe

### The pressure is on for FUCHS Silkolene riders

The sixth and penultimate round of the SA National MX Championship was held in Welkom, Free State. It was great racing to expect as it became an extremely tough day challenging rider and bike. Focus and fitness were the order of the day.

In the 65cc class Emmanuel Bako on his FUCHS Silkolene Husqvarna managed 2nd overall. This leaves him in 3rd position in the National standings, only two points behind the 2nd, with one round to go. 'Manu' attended the pre National race at Dirt Bronco to prepare for the final round of the championship and won the race.

Leah Haygate on her FUCHS Silkolene KTM finished in a solid 2nd place in heat 1 in the Ladies class. Unfortunately, she had a bad crash in heat 2 and was not able to finish the race. At the end she classed 9th overall. Leah currently holds 2nd place in the National standings and will hopefully be able to compete in the final round.

The 125cc class was another humdinger of a race. Cameron Durow on his FUCHS Silkolene KTM came back from a heavy crash with a broken pelvis but took only little time getting back to top form with a 2nd in heat 1, a 1st in heat 2 and an overall 1st.

Coming off a title win at the recent FIM MX of African Nations in Zambia, Regan Wasmuth on his FUCHS Silkolene KTM was confident about the race. In spite of some technical issues with



suspension, Regan finished with a 6th overall. He maintains 2nd position in the National standings and will need to have a good race in the final round to hold off the 3rd placed rider who is only 2 points behind.

The premier MX1 class saw Jayden Ashwell on his FUCHS Silkolene 450 KTM take a solid 4th place overall. Jayden's pace has been good all year and keeps 4th position in the National standings. He raced the pre National and achieved 2nd overall.

"We look forward to good results from him at the National in Johannesburg," said Paul Marais from FUCHS Zimbabwe.



## Japan

### GSR team celebrate their first 3rd place!

The SUGO GT 300km RACE, the sixth round of the 2018 AUTOBACS SUPER GT, was held at Sports Land SUGO track, Japan. Thanks to the skills of their drivers, the GOODSMILE RACING team managed 3rd place in this race in front of 12,900 enthusiastic fans fascinated by these famous drivers. Tatsuya Kataoka started from 8th place into these 81 laps totalling 302km. By the 22nd lap,

he was in 6th place when he passed the driving wheel on to his teammate. Even if the team fell back to 20th place during the pit stop, Nobuteru Taniguchi advanced to an impressive 8th place by the 38th lap. Against 300 cars the GSR team crossed the finishing line in 3rd place just 0.057 seconds ahead of the fourth-placed car.

Thanks to his result he moved from 6th to 3rd place in the

championship ranking.

“Coming back so strongly after the pit stop was the biggest factor in reaching 3rd place in this race,” said Nobuteru Taniguchi.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN Supersyn LONGLIFE SAE 0W-40, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-140, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN**