

**2014 International Edition - June 2014**

## ITALY

### Nicolas Vicentin, one of Italy's finest riders

Having proven his mettle with a victory in the 2013 Italian Speedway Championships and a second place finish at the Italian Open Championship, Nicolas Vicentin hurls himself at a new challenge as he takes on the Under-21 World Championship. In a field of around 20 competitors hailing from 13 different countries, Vicentin came in ninth in the points standings from his shot at the competition. He will compete in the full 2014 season riding a bike without brakes, which is capable of going from 0 to 100 km/h in 2.5 seconds. After around ten Grands Prix, Ukraine's famous Rivne circuit hosts the Under-21 European Final on 31 August.



## SOUTH AFRICA

### Jason Rathbone on the right way

Jason Rathbone, our colleague from FUCHS LUBRICANTS SA. PTY. LTD., makes a welcome return to international motocross after his tragic accident 14 years ago. "After all this time, I decided to have some fun!" He will drive a 2014 KTM 250 SXF. Jason uses FUCHS Silkolene PRO 4 SX SAE 15W-50 and all the maintenance products of the range, i.e. over 15 different lubricants.

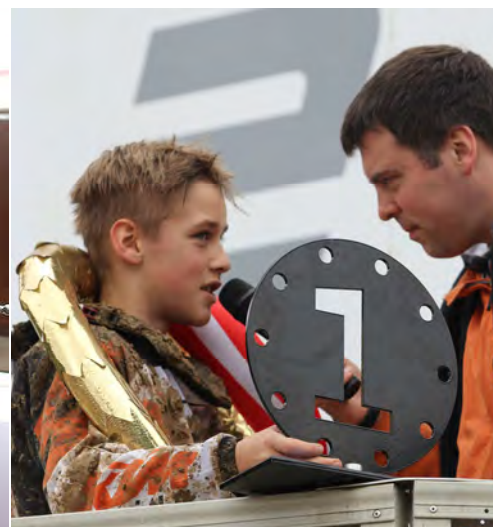


## GERMANY

### Gürck and Wechselberger close to the podium

Uwe Gürck and his new team-mate Manfred Wechselberger proudly represented FUCHS at the second race of the FIM Sidecar World Championship, held in England at the end of May. In their BMW LCR 1000 RR sidecar, which approaches a top speed of 260 km/h, they overcame a very strong field to take fifth place on the prestigious Donnington Park circuit. With eight Grands Prix and ten rounds to get through in the championship, the riders are already getting ready for their next test on 13 July on Sachsenring, Germany. The season will finish in mid-September with the final race taking place at France's legendary Le Mans circuit.





## AUSTRIA

### Marcel Stauffer in a league of his own

Following on from a stunning 2013, where he won both the MX-Masters Austria 85cc and the ADAC SBS 85cc championships, as well as a podium finish in the Austrian Championship Junior 85cc, Marcel will once again put himself to the test as he looks to overcome even stronger opponents. Right from the opening contests of 2014, he's already made his presence felt in the Austrian Championship Junior 85cc, claiming the two rounds in May on the Weyer circuit. Marcel also succeeded in getting respectable finishes in the two rounds of the grueling Kundl circuit in the KTM AlpenCup 85cc Cup and currently finds himself in first place in both championships. His fine efforts in his first foray into the ADAC Masters Junior Cup in Drehna are also worth shouting about.

Faced with 100 riders from 20 countries, he finished inside the top 20, earning his first points in the competition, adding to a flying start to the season for this young motocross racer of just 13. Surrounded by his whole family – his father as manager, mechanic and co-trainer, his mother as a photographer, his little sister as his biggest fan and a host of friends helping with logistics and the mechanical work – Marcel also benefits from the technological skills and advice of the well-known Franky Zorn, himself a long-term FUCHS Silkolene ambassador. All of this makes for a 2014 season that promises to have plenty of suspense and emotion in store for Marcel's fans and his sponsors, too!

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Motorcycle: KTM SX 85



Léa



Franky Zorn





## MALAYSIA

### A fabulous race for the team Aylezo FX Primus

Team Aylezo FX Primus finished the opening round of the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo Asia Series in third place. It was a very exciting race for the start of this competition. Fifth on the starting line, the team dropped to eighth place after taking a hit on the first turn and at the end, they finished third despite the damaged rear. Dominic Ang brought pride to the local fans with this podium finish.

Team owner Zen Low, Dominic Ang and Marcus Chye are sharing driving duties this season. "Last year, we came close to winning the championship so we are determined to push for the win this year. We have great sponsors, who are not only supporting us financially but they are really involved in being some of our biggest fans. They drive us to do better", exclaimed Zen Low.

## GREAT BRITAIN

### Byrne in command with Snetterton Double

Shane Byrne continued his almost perfect start to the 2014 MCE British Superbike Championship at Snetterton with a resounding double victory at the Norfolk circuit which further extended the Sittingbourne rider's championship lead. With another pole position half a second inside the lap record, the former triple MCE BSB champion grabbed the lead immediately in the first 16 lap race and although a safety car period closed the pack together, he opened up a small gap when the race resumed. Pulling out a couple of tenths of a second each lap, as the race entered its final part "Shakey" ran out a comfortable winner by over four seconds in the end.





## FRANCE

### Team Garnier by Aspi, a generation game

Founded in 1999, team Aspi came to prominence through André Lussiana, a well-known and feted rider on the European speed and endurance circuits. In 2011, Lussiana decided to take on the challenge of competing in the 24 hours of Le Mans with his three sons atop a BMW S 1000 RR (FUCHS MS. 3/2011) with FUCHS Silkolene standing right behind him as he attempted to create a world first in bike racing. In 2014, team Aspi joined forces with the Garnier team for more outings. "Our goals: develop Guillaume Raymond following his debut in the European Motorcycling Union's Superstock 600 European Championship and get Matthieu Lussiana onto the podium in the FIM Superstock 1000 Cup", explained Patricia Lussiana.

### Techniques for fine-tuning

As the head mechanic explains: "The original parts have been replaced with lighter ones designed for racing. We dismantle the bike and change the wiring and the electronics offering us a multiplicity of setting options. We can get a 1000cc bike up to 210 horsepower."

### Quality in all areas

Ask the Team Manager and he'll tell you what it takes to win. "Obviously you need some experience and skilled mechanics, but you've also got to keep pace with technological progress, especially electronic engine management. Riders have to adapt to the 'traction control' style, which allows them to keep up acceleration on bends without drifting as much. Right now, having a partner like FUCHS Silkolene is a boon for our team. It's thanks to the quality of the products and the involvement of Silkolene Sales Manager Pascal Brotonne that we've been able to hold our own at Europe's top table for the last four years."

## FRANCE

### Kawasaki Bud Racing: an exceptional vintage

With their exploits in recent national and international championships, the Kawasaki Bud Racing team have once again made their riders the talk of the racetrack, the media and even the internet! Sullivan Jaulin claimed victory in the Spanish Grand Prix of the European MX 250 Championship, while the team's female representative Meghan Rutledge led the pack in the Dutch leg of the FIM Women's MX Championship. At just 12-years-old, Brian Moreau dominated both rounds of the 85cc European Championship in Slovenia and won the Grand Prix. Not to be outdone, Jorge Zaragoza grabbed a second victory in England with panache, a victory that takes him to second place in the European MX2 Championship with four races to go.

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Photo: Jorge Zaragoza on the podium





## ITALY

### Good performance for BMW Dinamic Motorsport Team

At Mugello, the third out of six races of the EuroV8 Series, Team BMW Dinamic delivered an excellent performance. Max Mugelli, Maurizio Copetti and Niccolò Mercatali, the three drivers of the team, were great protagonists. But it was Niccolò Mercatali to enter the roll of honour of the EuroV8 Series. The Team BMW Dinamic driver performed without a hitch at Mugello, scoring a spectacular win in race 2, his maiden victory in the FG Group-promoted series. It was a day to remember for the Italian, who has now clinched third place in standings. After his podium finish at Vallelunga, Mercatali has now raised the game and he's ready for the second half of the season.

"It's been incredibly exciting", explained Max Mugelli. "We didn't expect such a stellar result although as soon as the car hit the track we realized that it had a stunning potential for the weekend. The team did a great job, enabling me to win at my home racetrack, but my fans have been a key element in my result. The BMW M3 is exceptional! It perfectly fits my idea of a race car. The lack of electronic controls makes it even more challenging and fun to drive. It really shows the ability of drivers and teams." The level of the EuroV8 Series is quite high and the team might have to deal with some top-class racers like Kostka, Schiattarella or Sini. "Some of them are much more experienced than us but I won't back down. In fact, I'm even more motivated to push harder and harder! Unfortunately I don't have another car in my mirrors, but the budget issues. I strongly want to be in the game because racing is my life. I'll do everything I can to line-up in Brno and in the two German races."

<http://www.eurov8series.com>



## ITALY

### The Sprinthouse takes off for success

Sprinthouse has been a reality since 1999, working in the field of communication and marketing with special focus on the organization of motorsport events for their partners, among them leading manufacturers of motorcycles, accessories and lubricants, such as FUCHS Silkolene, but also famous race tracks, teams and professional pilots. They are omnipresent in motorcycle racing. Sprinthouse has different formulas for different kinds of bikes, pilots and pockets: Miniopen, Motodiserie, Motoestate. In 2014, their Motoestate project has been implemented successfully in Italian motorsport. In addition to the six categories proposed in 2013, there will also be the KTM Duke 200 and the Super Open Italian Challenge Trophy. FUCHS has been one of the major sponsors of these events for three years. "All the pilots received a race kit with FUCHS Silkolene lubricants and a paddock kit with cups, stickers and gadgets. The winners will be presented with FUCHS Silkolene lubricants and clothes", explains Cristina Delmastro, FUCHS LUBRIFICANTI S.P.A.

Photo: Luca Cadalora, three times world champion in the 125cc and 250cc, presents awards to the drivers.



## AUSTRALIA

### FUCHS still with Kenny after 20 years

FUCHS LUBRICANTS continues to be one of the biggest supporters of Australian motorsport and their involvement with motorsport all started with one sponsorship property, Kenny Stewart. The relationship with the driver of Modified Dragsters continues into its twentieth year in 2014. "Our relationship with Kenny is probably one of the longest in drag racing and motorsport full stop for that matter", explained FUCHS Australian Managing Director, Wayne Hoiles. "To be able to work side-by-side for 20 years is a credit to both parties. We have grown over that time and so has Kenny and Amanda's (Ruddle) commitment to doing a great job on and off the track. We are very proud to be able to work with Kenny again and have him a part of Team FUCHS." On his side Stewart explained: "It is very satisfying knowing that I have been a part of the growth and brand recognition of FUCHS in Australia, not only on the race track, but by displaying at car and trade shows or charity events. One of the highlights was undoubtedly the achievement of the national title. Apart from



winning the Australian Championship in 2012, the most memorable moment was being top qualifier and winning the FUCHS Australian Nationals in front of FUCHS Management and their corporate guests. It was a dream come true to win at my sponsor's event. One memorable time was at Calder where a father asked if his young son could touch my car. He had the biggest smile on his face as the father was explaining what his son was touching, I realized that his son was blind. This made me realize how lucky I am to drag race but how great it is to be involved in this sport where spectators do have the opportunity of getting close to the cars and talking to the drivers", concluded Stewart.