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*Dear readers and motor racing fans*

*With the 2015 season gradually drawing to a close, it's a good time for a review.*

*A year ago I was dreaming of a motocross season that would make history. Unfortunately, the duel of the giants did not actually materialise – or at least it was over very quickly. The first year in ages without a motocross world championship title! Are we too spoiled or have we just got used to our partners' titles? This year shows just how much we should appreciate sporting success and the efforts of our drivers. Every individual does their very best and works hard, but a little bit of luck is always involved and, of course, the competition never sleeps. This year we have lots of partner titles to celebrate once again – after all, we at MOTOREX have done our very best to support them, too. The achievements in motocross and off-road in the USA are especially pleasing – this was where nearly all championships were won. But off-road titles were gained in Europe, too, so fans have plenty to celebrate here.*

*Rather unexpected from the point of view of MOTOREX customers but all the more satisfying for it are the world championship titles in downhill mountain biking and two titles in succession for Gwen Joergensen-Lemieux in the women's triathlon, which have secured her a place at the 2016 Olympics.*

*All in all, 2015 was a typical MOTOREX year with lots of titles, though this year in unexpected disciplines. This highlights our broad positioning in sponsorship and our partnerships with leading teams in a range of different sports.*

*As far as 2016 is concerned, we can't wait to see what the future holds: certain key decisions have been made and the overall package will prove successful, just as in normal business life.*

*I very much hope you enjoy reading our latest paddock reports and look forward with you to a successful 2016 season.*

Best regards  
Ronald Kabella



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TONI  
**CAIROLI**

MXGP

## **NOT THE SEASON OF AN EIGHT-TIME CHAMPION**

Reigning world champion Antonio Cairoli's clear goal for the 2015 MXGP world championship was to defend his title, but it was not to be the Italian's best season. Even during the first races overseas, things did not go as usual for the eight-times champion: having previously won six World Championship titles on the bounce, the 30-year-old was initially forced to chase the pack. The final assault with a view to taking over World Championship leadership was to come at his home race in Italy. But this was not to be, either, with Cairoli falling and suffering a serious arm injury. With immense fighting spirit and pure willpower, the Red Bull KTM factory rider desperately attempted to defy the laws of nature and battled on for his ninth title, but he was eventually forced to admit the hopelessness of his task after several gruelling Grand Prix races. He gave up the World Championship struggle after the Latvian Grand Prix and would not celebrate his comeback until the World Championship final in Glen Helen. With six podium finishes and Grand Prix victories in Spain and the UK, he finished the World Championship season seventh overall.

MXGP

## **A GOOD FINAL RESULT DESPITE A SERIES OF INJURIES**

Although Ken de Dycker had already put the 2014 season behind him on account of his injuries, 2015 brought more of the same for the tall Belgian. Already hindered by injury during pre-season, he suffered a severe shoulder injury at the Grand Prix at the Talkessel in Teutschenthal, putting an early end to his World Championship. Up until then, the 31-year-old had shown signs of his potential, securing several top 10 placings, but he had still remained largely well below expectations. De Dycker then celebrated a surprise comeback at the 69th Motocross of Nations, however. As a member of the Belgian team, he resurfaced with a sound performance, helping his team to third place and taking consolation in a bronze medal and podium finish to round off the season.



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## **MORE BAD LUCK WITH INJURIES**

*TOMMY*  
**SEARLE**

Tommy Searle started the 2015 season with great expectations. The Briton had impressed during pre-season trials and went into the first world championship races bursting with confidence. But at the very first event in Qatar he suffered his first setback of the new season, injuring a nerve in his right hand. This streak of bad luck continued just one week later at the world championship meeting in Thailand where the 26-year-old suffered serious injuries, this time a fractured vertebra caused by a bad fall. Luckily, though, there were no signs of paralysis. Searle would go on to miss more Grand Prix, sustaining further injuries after his comeback, and none of his performances reflected his customary potential.

## **CAREER OVER WITHOUT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWDOWN**

The 2015 season was to be the season for Ryan Villopoto. The American superstar was the first top-class rider from overseas to enter the MXGP World Championship, aiming to finish off his career with the title. But the 27-year-old's debut was a disaster from the word go, with Villopoto ultimately being forced to accept that he had thoroughly misjudged the situation from the start. To top it all off, he fractured his coccyx at the fourth Grand Prix of the season in Trentino, which proved to be the last time the Kawasaki rider was seen on the track. After months of speculation and rumours, the US star finally broke his silence and announced the immediate end of his career as a result of the injury.



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## MXGP

## CONSISTENT RIGHT THROUGH TO THE END OF HIS CAREER

The great sportsman Tyla Rattray left the World Championship stage at the end of the season. At the season finale in Glen Helen, USA, the South African rode the last World Championship race of his glittering career. Rattray is one of the few riders to have made it on both sides of the Atlantic. He went to the USA after his MX2 World Championship title in 2008, before returning to the World Championship in 2014. Due to injuries, however, the likeable 30-year-old was never able to rediscover his previous level of performance. Although consistent enough to make the top ten on several occasions, this was not sufficient for another major achievement. "Ratters" was also on his own in the Monster Energy Kawasaki factory racing team for virtually the entire season after Ryan Villopoto's withdrawal.



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## CONSTANT IMPROVEMENT

During his first world championship season, Angus Heidecke of the KTM Sarholz Racing Team adapted increasingly effectively to the conditions of the Motocross World Championship and achieved impressive top 15 placings in the last few races of the season. The 25-year-old from Saxony kept improving as the season went on, also achieving an excellent fifth position overall at the ADAC MX Masters.



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ANGUS  
HEIDECKE

## BEST GP SEASON

Shaun Simpson put in a brilliant showing to complete the best Grand Prix season of his career. The 27-year-old Scot's impressive performance put him in fourth place in the overall MXGP ranking. Emotional highlights were his two Grand Prix wins in Belgium and the Netherlands as well as finishing second overall in the Mexican Grand Prix. These powerful showings didn't go unnoticed by KTM either, with Simpson being given a 2016 factory bike for the final third of the season. He caused quite a stir at the British Motocross Championships, too. Starting the season as the defending champion, the Hitachi Construction Machinery REVO KTM rider entirely dominated the competition and finished with an outright win to gain his second championship title in succession.

## MX2

## RISING STAR

The rookie in the Red Bull KTM Factory Racing Team, Pauls Jonass got off to an excellent start and finished a thoroughly deserved second place in the World Championship. The young Latvian demonstrated his potential in the very first Grand Prix race overseas, finishing a sensational second on the podium on two occasions. He went on to repeat this four times over the season as well as clinching his first ever world championship race victory at the Mexican Grand Prix. He also took the world championship leader's red plate at the Belgian Grand Prix and defended it for one more weekend. With several excellent displays of talent, he kept the world championship title open until the final race in the USA but was ultimately pipped at the post.



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MX2

## EITHER WINNING OR AWAY DUE TO INJURY

JEFFREY  
**HERLINGS**



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For the second year in a row, the world championship season ended in disaster for the highly talented Dutchman. Having lost the title last year due to injury, he was to suffer a cruel fate yet again this time round. The 21-year-old kept on fighting back after his three injuries, but a severe hip injury at the Czech Grand Prix finally put paid to his efforts. In the final overall MX2 ranking he was placed 7th. But the statistics show just how dominant the two-times world championship winner was. He was out in front in virtually all areas, despite missing out on a total of eight Grand Prix events. He had the most pole positions, won the most race victories and Grand Prix podium finishes and ran by far the fastest laps. But, once again, the likeable Red Bull Factory KTM rider failed to clinch what would have been his greatest triumph – a third world championship title.

## POWERFUL TEAM

The KTM Sarholz Racing Team entered the European Grand Prix of the Motocross World Championship with no fewer than three riders, with the team colours represented in the MXGP (Angus Heidecke), the MX2 (Henry Jacobi) and the WMX (Vanessa Danz). While Heidecke and Jacobi attracted interest with excellent showings, Vanessa Danz was hampered by injuries and did not manage to achieve her season goals.

Henry Jacobi's first big moment was at the German Grand Prix in Teutschenthal. At his home race at the Talkessel, the former junior world champion was chasing a place in the top 10 of the Motocross World Championship for the first time in his fledgling career. It was not until last winter that he had decided to move up from the European Championship to the World Championship – and, looking back, this proved exactly the right thing to do. The 18-year-old from Thuringia adapted increasingly well, clearly demonstrating his enormous potential and achieving several top 10 placings. Jacobi

was also chosen for the prestigious Motocross of Nations for the second time in a row, representing Germany with flying colours at the season highlight in France. In the ADAC MX Masters, he achieved an excellent tenth place in the overall ranking on an MX2 bike against international competitors who were all on higher-capacity bikes.



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VANESSA  
**DANZ**



HENRY  
**JACOBI**

MX WOMAN

## UNBEATEN EUROPEAN CHAMPION

Four-times motocross world champion Steffi Laier took on a fresh challenge in the 2015 season, entering the IMBA (International Motor Bike Association) European Championship. Here she showcased her exceptional talent, securing her first European Championship title with an unbeaten season, winning all 15 individual races. On two occasions, the 30-year-old sought direct confrontation with her Motocross World Championship rivals and, here again, the KTM rider was able to put in an impressive showing. She caused a sensation at the British Grand Prix by making second place on the podium, while also finishing third after two races to clinch yet another podium finish on home ground at the German Grand Prix.



STEFFI  
**LAIER**



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## AMA NATIONALS / SUPERCROSS

### VICTORY, SQUARED

Ryan Dungey has won everything there is to win on US soil this year, setting yet another superb milestone for himself and the Red Bull KTM Factory Racing Team. The 25-year-old American from Tallahassee was outright winner of both the Supercross World Championship and the US Outdoor National, adding two more titles to his already impressive list. Dungey is currently three-times 450MX champion, three-times winner of the Chamberlain Trophy (Motocross of Nations) and two-times Supercross World Champion (450SX) as well as chalking up 67 wins in the AMA series (Motocross and Supercross). In addition to his immense speed, Dungey demonstrated his incredible consistency once again this season. Even on his not-so-good days he almost always finished on the podium, laying the foundations for his latest triumphs.



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### A NEAR-PERFECT SEASON

Marvin Musquin is able to look back over an almost perfect 2015 season. France's MX2 world champion of 2009 and 2010 was the outright winner of the Supercross title early in the year in the SX Lites category and once again gave the competition in the USA an excellent run for their money. It was in the outdoor season that he suffered the only slight blemish to an otherwise virtually perfect season result. He had to withdraw with a technical problem in the last race, losing out on the title that had seemed so clearly within his grasp. The 25-year-old did put in a superb performance at the Motocross of Nations, however. Not even nominated the previous year, this exceptionally talented rider demonstrated his skill to the full in front of a home crowd with two great races, laying the foundation for a title that was successfully defended by Team France.

### HEADING UPWARDS

Justin Hill put in a worthy performance in his first season with the Red Bull KTM Factory Racing Team. He finished on the podium twice in the West Coast Supercross Championships, ultimately ranking fourth overall but only missing the top three by a single point. In the Outdoor Nationals, however, injury prevented the 20-year-old from achieving his season goals. Nevertheless, he certainly put in an impressive demonstration of his potential, finishing an excellent second in the first round at the second event in Glen Helen.

### JUSTIN HILL



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## BRITISH TALENT

Dean Wilson started the 2015 Supercross season with great expectations. Wilson was born in Scotland, grew up in Canada and has lived in the USA for several years. Well known as an extrovert funster and with a huge community of fans on social media, the 23-year-old has already won one AMA championship title. For the new season, Wilson picked one of the most coveted places in the paddock – alongside Ryan Dungey on the Red Bull KTM Factory Racing Team. The newcomer showed what he is capable of even in his first races of the Supercross season, impressively demonstrating his potential and finishing among the top ten in eighth position in only the third race. A setback followed soon after, however. He fell during training and damaged several knee ligaments, forcing him to undergo surgery with a protracted rehabilitation phase. The Scot was not able to return to racing until the last three events of the US Nationals. Wilson then managed to see further action in the Grand Prix season finale at Glen Helen in the USA and also at the Motocross of Nations, where he represented Great Britain along with Shaun Simpson.

DEAN  
**WILSON**



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JAMES  
**STEWART**

## COMEBACK AND SETBACK

James Stewart had plenty of time to prepare his racing comeback during a doping ban that had kept him sidelined for over 16 months. The time finally came in October, when Stewart joined defending champions Red Bull Straight Rhythm. The multiple Outdoor and Supercross championship winner showed that he had not forgotten a thing during his long competitive break, finishing by collecting his second triumph in succession. Unfortunately, however, this impressive comeback was followed one week later by another setback for the Yoshimura-Suzuki rider: the 29-year-old suffered a hand injury during training at the Monster Energy Cup in Las Vegas and was forced to attend the prestigious event merely as a spectator.



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BLAKE  
**BAGGETT**

## A GREAT SHOWING EVEN WITH THE BIG BOYS

The season got off to an eventful start for Blake Baggett: the 2012 AMA 250 Outdoor Championship winner switched both motorcycle make and class when he moved up to the big boys in the 450 cc category. His new colleague in Team Yoshimura-Suzuki was James Stewart. The 23-year-old has enthralled fans for years with his spectacular jumps and was an ever-present candidate for podium finishes and victories in the 250 cc class in the USA. In his first year on a 450 cc bike, he consistently put in a sound performance, even clinching his first podium position in his rookie season. He went on to achieve an outstanding top 5 position both in the Supercross (championship ranking fifth) and in the Outdoor Nationals (championship ranking fourth).



## ENDURO

### ENDURO 1

#### ***"ONLY" SECOND PLACE DUE TO INJURY***

Despite starting his year with a victory, 2014 Enduro 1 World Champion Nambotin picked up a serious knee injury, which ultimately derailed his hopes of claiming a fourth world crown in four years. Limping his way to the finish line in France, Nambotin frustratingly saw his E1 crown slip away, ending his year as runner-up.



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### ENDURO 2

#### ***MEO BACK IN BUSINESS***



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After an injury hit 2014 season, KTM's Antoine Meo returned to the Enduro World Championship with only winning on his mind. Hungry to hunt down his fifth world crown while delivering KTM their first in Enduro 2 with the 350 EXC-F, Meo arrived to the opening round in Chile all guns blazing. Winning both days in style, he fired a major warning shot to his rivals. Back in Europe for round two, Meo remained fixed at the top of the podium in Spain with yet another double victory.

A 2-1 scorecard at round three in Portugal ensured the Frenchman's five wins from six starts put him firmly in the driving seat for the title fight. Settling for second twice in Greece, ensured a solid points haul before returning to his winning ways with three on the bounce in Italy and Belgium. Entering the final round in France, Meo simply needed to finish to secure the title. Wrapping things up with a second place result, he comfortably claimed his fifth EWC championship with a day to spare.



## ENDURO 3

**UP AND DOWN**

For 2014 Enduro 3 World Champion Matt Phillips 2015 was also marred with frustration. Unable to produce his usual flare, Phillips faltered during the opening four days of the series. A double victory in Portugal fired the Australian back up but he never gained sufficient momentum to make a serious challenge for the title. Despite finishing the year strongly with three more wins and seven podiums, Phillips was forced to settle for the championship runner-up result.



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## NATIONAL ENDURO

**RAMIREZ MAKES HISTORY**

Ivan Ramirez created his own little piece of history in 2015 by becoming the first ever Mexican to win an AMA championship by winning the National Hare and Hound series. After a few years learning the ropes, Ramirez came of age this year to take the title.



IVAN  
**RAMIREZ**



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**DOUBLE CROWN**

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KAILUB  
**RUSSELL**

KTM's Kailub Russell wrote himself into 2015's sporting history books as the rider won both the US GNCC and AMA National Enduro Championships. Making it three titles in GNCC, Russell also secured his first ever National Enduro crown while becoming the first rider to win both in the same season.

In the GNCC series, Russell firmly stamped his authority on the XC1 class. Untouchable, he dominated race after race. Clocking up an incredible eight victories from nine races, he amassed a very comfortable points cushion. And despite arriving at round 10 of 13 with a serious knee injury, he dug deep to claim a fourth place finish and sign off as champion.

Although not quite dominating the enduro series like GNCC, Russell still proved himself the rider to beat. Fighting hard at the sharp end of the class, the KTM rider quietly chipped away at the championship. Three wins and a collection of podium results allowed Russell to land his first National Enduro title.

### ENDURO WOMAN

#### ***TITLE DEFENDED***

Securing KTM the World Championship title in 2015, Laia Sanz successfully defended her Women's Cup crown. Always favourite for victory, Sanz didn't fail to disappoint. Leading her classmates from the word go in Spain, she remained undefeated. Clocking up race win after race win in Spain, Portugal and Belgium, Sanz collected yet another EWC title with victory on day one at the final round in France.



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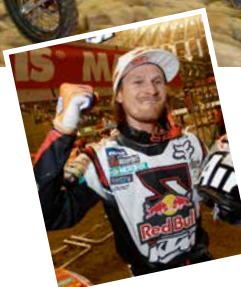


### SUPER ENDURO

#### ***BLAZUSIAK'S MAGICAL SIX***

Taddy Blazusiak continued his reign as the greatest Endurocross rider of his time by recording an incredible sixth consecutive SuperEnduro World Championship title in 2015. If there was any doubt over Blazusiak's ability and desire to win, he quickly silenced his critics with a dominant display of riding at the series opener in Poland. Attacking from the off, the Polish rider picked up a hat trick of wins to immediately establish himself at the top of the championship standings. It was a position he would never relinquish for the remainder of the series. Consistently placing inside the top three, the KTM rider amazingly only ever once dropped as low as fourth in 18 races.

Behind Blazusiak, Cody Webb and Jonny Walker ensured MOTOREX dominated the championship by finishing second and third respectively.



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#### ***FIRST CROWN***

In the junior class, American youngster Ty Tremaine was crowned a world champion for the very first time. Testing out the SuperEnduro series for the very first time in 2015, Tremaine became an instant success. Immediately proving himself as one of the strongest riders of the class, the KTM athlete claimed a hat trick of wins at round one in Poland. More wins and podium results followed for the likable Tremaine. Picking up a further seven race wins while never missing out on a top two result, he was crowned the 2015 SuperEnduro Junior World Champion.



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## HARD ENDURO

***JONNY WALKER MAKES IT HIS OWN***

The 2015 Extreme Enduro season will be remembered for one man's performances above all others – Jonny Walker. The KTM rider proved himself time and time again as the rider to beat. Entering the series on top form, Walker was determined to establish himself as the one to beat. Hitting the ground running at a rain soaked Hell's Gate back in February, Walker conquered the horrendous conditions when those around him faltered. Moving on to the UK's The Tough One, the KTM rider kept the momentum rolling and secured his debut Hard Enduro victory on British soil. Arriving at the infamous ErzbergRodeo as the defending champion, Walker again had only winning on his mind. Leading the field of 500 riders, he controlled the race lead for the majority of the event. But with the impossible 'Downtown' section stopping everyone in their tracks, he was forced to team up to secure a winning result.

Moving on to the Red Bull Romaniacs, he again rode flawlessly at the weeklong race. Securing win #4 of 2015, he began to set his sights on a perfect season. Making it five wins from five starts, he dominated the Red Bull 111 Megawatt at the spectacular Polish coalmine. Finally, Walker saw his luck run out at the final event of the season in Turkey where he placed second to eventual winner Graham Jarvis at Red Bull Sea to Sky.



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*JONNY*  
**WALKER**







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## RALLYE

### ***RIDING INTO THE RECORD BOOKS***

The 2015 Dakar Rally will be remembered for many things, most notably Marc Coma's fifth and final victory. Announcing his retirement midway through the year, Coma's fifth Dakar win firmly cements him as one of the all time greats of the sport. Facing one of his toughest challenges to date, the Spaniard proved yet again that there is no substitute for age and experience when it comes to competing in the world's toughest rally.

Consistently chasing the bigger picture, the Spaniard won stages when he needed to and played it safe when he knew he couldn't. Masterful and calculated, Coma rode himself into the record books as a five-time winner of the Dakar Rally.

### ***NEW LEADING FIGURE***



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With Coma announcing his retirement from professional competition, Matthias Walkner quickly stepped up as his successor by winning the Cross-Country Rallies World Championship. Taking over from his teammate midway through the year, Walkner was crowned the new champion at the final round of the season in Morocco while Sam Sunderland made it a series ending 1-2 for KTM.





# RACING NATIONAL

## MOTOCROSS

<b>1.</b>	<b>ANDY BAUMGARTNER, KTM SWITZERLAND</b>	MOTOCROSS SWISS MX2
<b>3.</b>	<b>KEVIN AUBERSON, KTM SWITZERLAND</b>	MOTOCROSS SWISS MX2
<b>1.</b>	<b>MAURICE CHANTON, KTM SWITZERLAND</b>	MOTOCROSS JUNIOR 2-T
<b>2.</b>	<b>SANDRO ALLEMANN, KTM MEISTER MOTOS</b>	MOTOCROSS NATIONAL OPEN
<b>1.</b>	<b>XYLIAN RAMELLA, KTM SWITZERLAND</b>	MOTOCROSS MINI 85

## SUPERMOTO

<b>1.</b>	<b>PHILIPPE DUPASQUIER, HUSQVARNA SWITZERLAND</b>	SUPERMOTO PRESTIGE
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## ENDURO

<b>1.</b>	<b>CHRISTOPHE ROBERT, HUSQVARNA SWITZERLAND</b>	ENDURO INTER OPEN
<b>2.</b>	<b>CÉDRIC EVARD, HUSQVARNA SWITZERLAND</b>	ENDURO INTER OPEN
<b>1.</b>	<b>THIERRY GRABER, SHERCO SWITZERLAND</b>	ENDURO INTER JUNIOR
<b>2.</b>	<b>KÉLIEN MICHAUD, KTM ADRÉNALINE MOTOS</b>	ENDURO INTER JUNIOR
<b>3.</b>	<b>SANDRO ALLEMANN, KTM MEISTER MOTOS</b>	ENDURO INTER JUNIOR
<b>2.</b>	<b>BASTIEN ROSSIER, SHERCO SWITZERLAND</b>	ENDURO NATIONAL JUNIOR 2-T
<b>1.</b>	<b>CELSE GORRARA, KTM SWITZERLAND</b>	ENDURO NATIONAL VETERAN

## TRIAL

<b>1.</b>	<b>MAXIME WARENGHIEN, SHERCO SWITZERLAND</b>	TRIAL ELITE
<b>2.</b>	<b>BRIAN ALLAMAN, GAS GAS DANI MOTOS</b>	TRIAL ELITE

## MOTO2 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

## TURBULENT YEAR FOR THE SWISS DREAM TEAM

When Daniel Epp, Tom Lüthi's long-standing manager, decided to end his career as a MotoGP team owner, the sponsors remained loyal, stepping up to assist Frédéric Corminboeuf at CGBM Evolution with establishing a second Interwetten team and creating what became known as the "Swiss Dream Team" prior to the season. Both Lüthi, from Derendinger Interwetten Racing, and Dominique Aegerter, from Technomag Interwetten Racing, switched from Suter to the German Kalex brand that had been so successful last year, with young Robin Mulhauser completing the all-Swiss line-up.

However, lots of rain during the winter break meant little opportunity to fully test the new racing chassis by the time of the first race. Third place in Qatar turned out to be an encouraging result for Lüthi, considering his fall during warm-up and the highly spectacular race. In Le Mans, he appeared to be holding his own against the top Moto2 riders, delivering a strong showing right from the first practice and a competent first victory for the new team on the new bike.

Things started to turn more than just challenging in the Italian Grand Prix of Mugello, however, when Lüthi crashed while leading the pack, even though Aegerter finally seemed to get into his stride with his first podium finish. Things failed to improve when mysterious front tyre trouble cropped up in the rain of Silverstone and kept haunting the team from then on. Aegerter was injured in a bad fall in the Aragon Grand Prix and had to be replaced by Australian Josh Hooks for the remaining races.

The overseas races brought the next disappointments for Interwetten, with crashes in Japan and Australia for Lüthi. Even a podium finish in the final race in Valencia came

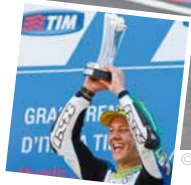


TOM  
LÜTHI

too late to make any difference to his overall ranking, ending the season in fifth. Still: "In Mugello, Tom was in the lead and he was on his way to the podium in Indianapolis when Lowes fell directly in front of him", team owner Frédéric Corminboeuf commented. "In practice in Japan and Australia, Tom was the only one to keep up with those who went on to win. While these results might not be all we had hoped for, we know there is only very little missing." Consequently, both Lüthi and Aegerter were glad to extend their contracts in mid-September, with Interwetten CEO Werner Becher counting them among the favourites once more on their 2016 Kalex bikes.



DOMINIQUE  
AEGERTER



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ROBIN  
MULHAUSER





## MOTO2 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

**LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON**

A fantastic third road racing season has seen young Edgar Pons from the Paginas Amarillas HP 40 team crowned European champion. The second son of former Champion Sito Pons, who grew up in motocross, has consistency to thank for his title: five wins in Portimao, Barcelona, Aragon (two) and Navarra as well as four second places and a third – his “worst” result of the season. In addition, Pons junior, who is slated to join his father’s Moto2 team for 2016, started early with several stints in the Moto2 World Championship this year.



## MOTO3 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

**MAGNIFICENT OLIVEIRA**

This year, even a run of bad luck could not stop Miguel Oliveira from fighting for the Moto3 world championship up to the last race. Making the switch after finishing tenth in Moto3 last year, the young Portuguese has fully taken off in the Red Bull KTM Ajo Racing Team, delivering six stunning victories so far in Mugello, Assen, Aragon, Phillip Island, Sepang and Valencia as well as two second places in Misano and Motegi, missing the start only at the German Sachsenring Grand Prix after crashing in practice. Undaunted by surgery and unexpected tyre troubles, the 20-year-old racer finished the season in second, a mere four points behind world champion Kent, and is slated to move up to Moto2 in 2016. With team-mate Brad Binder a solid sixth, next season is looking bright for the Red Bull KTM Ajo Racing Team.



## WORLD SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP

**MIXED RESULTS FOR VOLTCOM  
CRESCENT SUZUKI**

Whenever Alex Lowes from Lincolnshire had the chance to shine in the 2015 WSB season, he took it, the limited potential of his Suzuki notwithstanding. Delivering a lot of very fast qualifying results, success finally came in the guise of a podium finish in the second race in Thailand – his best result of the season, with tenth place overall and a Yamaha factory contract for 2016 as a reward. Team-mate Randy de Puniet, in contrast, would probably like best to strike this season from his memory, despite bookending it with more-than-decent seventh place finishes in the first race in Australia and the last one in Qatar. These results aside, though, the Frenchman had to retire from a total of nine heats and finished another four times without any points.

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## ROAD RACING

### SUPERSPORT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

## CONSISTENT SCORING

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GINO  
REA

Fierce fights between scores of hungry riders on bikes of very similar power is what spectators have come to expect from the World Supersport Championship, and the 2015 season was no exception. MOTOREX was backing Team CIA Landlord Insurance PTR Honda with the four riders Gino Rea and Kieran Clarke from the UK as well as Colombian Martin Cardenas and Riccardo Russo from Italy. The season nearly took a tragic turn when Kieran Clarke was injured in what seemed at first to be a minor crash in practice at Donnington. Despite having been replaced by Kevin Manfredi for the remainder of the season, Kieran is bent on returning to racing as well as to his day job as a stunt rider for Hollywood blockbusters. We wish him all the best and a speedy continued recovery! The best race result was Gino Rea's podium finish in the first race in Australia, with consistent scoring earning Gino an overall sixth place by the end of the season.

### WORLD ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

## TOUGH TIME

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BOLLIGER  
TEAM SWITZERLAND

Third overall in 2014, the riders of Bolliger Team Switzerland are notorious for giving mighty factory teams a tough time in the World Endurance Championship. In 2015, the underdogs had another great start to the season, finishing the prestigious 24 Hours of Le Mans in third place. After July, though, the plucky Swiss team had to make do without Austrian rider Horst Saiger, who had been caught up in Dean Harrison's crash at the North West 200 in July, with Nicolas Salchaud filling in for him. Finishing 12th in Suzuka and 18th in Oschersleben, Bolliger were all set to defend their third place overall in the last race of the season when the frame of their Kawasaki ZX-10R broke in a crash only three hours into the Bol d'Or, forcing them to retire early. It did not put a damper on spirits at their legendary end-of-season party, though! The Bolliger Team Switzerland finished its season sixth in the World Championship.



## AMA SUPERBIKE

**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

Superbike racing in the United States has produced some of the fastest riders in the world. To revitalise and reorganise the series, the AMA transferred its supervision to the Wayne Rainey-led KRAVE group last September, who renamed it the MotoAmerica Road Racing Series.

MOTOREX is still supporting the factory-backed Team Yoshimura Suzuki, which took on Jake Lewis from Princeton, Kentucky, to race alongside last year's championship runner-up Roger Lee Hayden. The 19-year-old Lewis cut his teeth on dirt tracks across the Midwest before turning to road racing at the age of 13 and finishing second in the Daytona SportBike class last year.

With Lewis maturing into an elite Superbike rider more quickly than many expected, the lanky Kentuckian had taken the top rookie position by the end of the season,



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JAKE  
**LEWIS**



ROGER  
**LEE HAYDEN**



finishing just one position behind his older team-mate in fourth in the final standings, but also with a dislocated shoulder from what was a very rare crash in the penultimate race.

Hayden scored 15 podium finishes in the 18-race series, coming within split seconds of a win several times, but also crashing out of the lead twice in treacherous conditions at Road Atlanta, which he called "probably the lowest point of my career". Still, consistent results meant Hayden ended the year ranked third. "It's a little frustrating to have been so close so many times this season. But I also take a lot of positives with me. The guys at Yoshimura Suzuki kept making the bike better all year and we were right in the mix in nearly every race. I'm really looking forward to next season."

## IDM SUPERBIKE

### HIT BY INJURIES

22-year-old Jan Halbich of Team HRP Holzhauser had a setback even before the season started when he was run over in March during a spot of motocross to increase his fitness levels. Fighting through the pain for much of his second IDM season, 138 points meant the Czech was beaten to fourth place by just two points. The second team supported by MOTOREX in the IDM Superbike had even worse luck when Luca Grünwald of Weber Diener Racing crashed while in eighth place in the very first race of the season at the Lausitzring. Breaking his foot, he was replaced by Australian Gareth Jones, only returning to the grid in time for the Nürburgring. Crunch time came in Budapest, where the 21-year-old German newcomer scored a fourth and a fifth place in scorching heat and on a physically demanding track. 86 points and seventh place overall for Grünwald despite six weeks on the sidelines spell huge potential.



JAN HALBICH



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LUCA GRÜNWARD

## IDM SUPERSPORT

### SPECTACULAR ONE-TWO FINISH AT THE LAUSITZRING

Kawasaki Schnock MOTOREX Racing Team redoubled their IDM Supersport efforts once again with riders Jasha Huber and Christian von Gunten in 2015, with a second place for Christian in the second race of the season raising great expectations. The highlight of the season was definitely the double victory of the two Kawasaki riders in the exciting setting of the German touring car championship at the "DTM meets IDM" event at the Lausitzring during the last weekend in May. However, a blow was not far behind, with the Swiss von Gunten crashing at the Nürburgring and a broken collarbone shattering any chances of continuing his fight for the title. Meanwhile, at least young team-mate Jasha Huber kept on progressing, finishing the season in a very respectable fourth, one place ahead of his senior team-mate.



CHRISTIAN VON GUNTEN



JASHA HUBER

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## IDM SUPERSTOCK

## CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNER-UP STAMM JUGGLES MANY BALLS

ROMAN  
STAMM



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Roman Stamm from the Kawasaki Schnock MOTOREX Racing Team has added yet another Championship runners-up medal to his extensive collection of second places in the IDM Superstock series of 2015. Minimal time for pre-season testing meant initial set-up problems, which did not stop him from winning the second heat of the first race day at the Lausitzring. With front-end trouble constantly plaguing Stamm nearly the whole season, a string of second and third places still meant 260 points and another second place in the IDM while at the same time competing successfully in the Endurance World Championship with Team Bolliger and even finding the time to get married. Congratulations! 8th and 15th places respectively for fellow Schnock Superstock riders Chris Burri and Ville Valtonen meant an altogether decent showing in the 2015 Superstock competition.

## BRITISH SUPERBIKE

## THIRD AFTER THE SHOWDOWN

Glorious, glorious 19th of April! Double wins awaited James Ellison at Brands Hatch when he returned to the site of last year's crash that had ended his 2014 season so prematurely. The most experienced rider on Team GBmoto Kawasaki had also won the first heat at Donnington the previous race day, proving he had finally put together a winning package. Despite crashing at Thruxton and being ruled out of contention for Cadwell Park due to his injuries, Ellison easily qualified among the top six riders in a unique "showdown" at the end of the British series this time around, where he put in a good showing before tyre problems at Silverstone pushed the Lancastrian back to third place in the end. Meanwhile, junior team-mate James Westmoreland finally managed to clinch his maiden MCE British Superbike podium finish at Thruxton with a third place finish in race one, which had been coming for quite some time.



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JAMES  
ELLISON

## TOURIST TROPHY

## NEW DAWN AT GBMOTO KAWASAKI

Gary Johnson came late to the Kawasaki party for the 2015 incarnation of the most famous road race on the planet. Despite last year's win in the Supersport TT, Johnson had incomprehensibly been ousted from the RST Superbike and Senior TT races at very short notice by his previous team. Still, their loss will prove GBmoto Kawasaki's gain, even though time in the end was too short to configure a competitive bike for the top classes of the 2015 event. Escaping unhurt after crashing out on the final lap of the RST Superbike race, 12th place in the Senior TT was no consolation for the qualified electrician from Grimsby.

GARY  
JOHNSON



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## BLANCPAIN ENDURANCE SERIES PRO AM

**REAPING THE REWARDS OF HARD WORK**

EMIL FREY  
**RACING TEAM**



The Blancpain Endurance Series is a great success story. It was initiated in 2011 as the successor series to the FIA-GT Championship. The programme included four three-hour races, with the 24 Hours of Spa (Belgium) as the season highlight. Some 60 top-class GT3 cars from a current total of nine manufacturers battled it out for points and cups on legendary race tracks such as Monza, Silverstone, Le Castellet and the Nürburgring. The 24-hour classic in Spa goes one better, involving more than 70 teams running three to four drivers in the PRO, PRO-AM and Gentlemen categories. A cleverly devised Balance of Performance ensures equality of opportunity in each case. For the Emil Frey Racing Team, the last race at the Nürburgring was also the season highlight. The increasingly strong Swiss Jaguar Team finished the race as the winner in its class, thereby securing fifth place in the overall ranking. This was the reward for drivers Lorenz Frey, Fredy Barth and Gabriele Gardel after a season full of hard work.

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## EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP (FIA ETCC)

**A GREAT FINISH TO THE SEASON**

Gaining the maximum number of points available in the last qualifying runs of the Touring Car Championship (FIA ETCC), Rikli Motorsport brought the 2015 season to an impressive conclusion in Sicily. As long ago as the late 1990s, Peter Rikli had tasted success in the Italian Touring Car Championship at the Autodromo around the picturesque Lago di Pergusa, a track just under five kilometres in length. In the run-up to this weekend, however, nobody was expecting him to put in a repeat performance in the equivalent European contest. And yet the man from Wangen an der Aare dominated the class of Super 2000 cars right from the very first training run, taking maximum points from the two races and finishing the season as championship runner-up.



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SÉBASTIEN  
**BUEMI**



## FORMULA E

**ELECTRIFIED**

Sébastien Buemi and MOTOREX have been a team ever since the world-class Swiss driver's racing debut. Buemi clinched the runner-up title in the first season of the eagerly awaited Formula E (purely electrically powered vehicles), and with an outright victory in the opening race of the 2015/2016 season he left no doubt that his sights are now firmly set on winning the title.

PETER  
**RIKLI**





## GTWC GERMAN TOURING CAR CUP

**HIGHLY CONSISTENT**

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**CHRISTOPH  
SCHÜPBACH**

Christoph Schüpbach has been in a wheelchair ever since a skiing accident in 2008. Yet his racing performance in the Ferrari 430 Challenge has proved it will take more than this to stop him. A consistent showing led him to finish the 2015 season as runner-up in Division 1 of the GTWC.

## LAMBORGHINI SUPER TROFEO HURACÁN PRO CUP

**GOLDEN AND FAST**

Patric Niederhauser's all-gold Lamborghini is certainly an eye-catcher. This season, he is now second in the interim ranking with his Raton Racing team.

**PATRIC  
NIEDERHAUSER**

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## OPEL ASTRA OPC CUP

**SOLID THIRD POSITION IN THE OVERALL RANKING****JASMIN  
PREISIG**

Together with her fellow team member Marcel Senn, young Swiss driver Jasmin Preisig put in a sound performance in the Astra Cup. The two finished third in the grand season finale at the Nürburgring, reflecting an increasing improvement towards the end of the season. They also came third in the final overall ranking.

## MOUNTAINBIKE

**A THRILLING SEASON**

Once again, cyclists racing in MOTOREX colours were the front-runners throughout the 2015 season. The year saw a clash of the titans between Julien Absalon (Team BMC Mountainbike) and Nino Schurter, with the two racers dominating the mountain bike scene. Once again, Julien Absalon picked up the titles of French national champion and European champion as well as impressing in the final rankings at the UCI MTB World Cup. Of course, the Frenchman's main goal was to land a sixth world title. After a thrilling race with the two cyclists neck and neck, Julien Absalon picked up the silver medal.



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**RALPH  
NÄF**



Ralph Näf bows out. A brilliant career in MOTOREX colours. Since first competing in the World Cup for the Multivan Merida team (2003-2012) and then as a member of the BMC Mountainbike Racing Team, Ralph Näf has also helped make the MOTOREX BIKELINE range the success it is today. Known for his commitment to mountain biking development, by training young people and designing courses such as Lenzerheide, Ralph Näf also brought his expertise and experience to MOTOREX.

Palmares: 2012 Eliminator World Champion – 2010 Marathon European Champion – 2009 Cross Country European Champion – 2006 Marathon World and European Champion  
Thank you Ralph, and good luck for the future.

**BATTLE OF THE GENERATIONS**

In the women's category, the focus for 2015 was on a battle of the generations between 42-year-old Gunn-Rita Dahle Flesjå from the Multivan Merida Biking Team and 22-year-old Jolanda Neff from the Stöckli-Pro Team, both supported by MOTOREX.

The Norwegian Gunn-Rita Dahle Flesjå left her mark once again on the 2015 season, with her standout results 2nd place in the general rankings for the World Cup and 4th place in the Vallnord World Championships in Andorra. However, it is of course the 10th world championship title that the Norwegian won with Merida during the Marathon World Championships that will leave a permanent impression on the sporting world.

For Switzerland's Jolanda Neff, 2015 was her first full season competing in the elite category. Her results from this season have proved once again that we certainly haven't seen the last of this young woman from Thal in the canton of St. Gallen: World Cup winner, European Champion and victor at the European Games. During the World Championships in Andorra, Jolanda Neff finished 9th, a position that unfortunately does not do justice to the focus and potential of the young Swiss.

The main goal for many racers in 2016 will be the Rio Olympics in Brazil – so why not top it all off with an Olympic title?



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## A SOUND TEAM PERFORMANCE

2015 was a year of many good results for the Slovenian Unior Tools Team. They were able to put in a lot of great performances in several different series and categories. The most outstanding racer was Jure Žabjek, who won the European Downhill Championships and finished third overall in the European Downhill Cup.

UNIOR  
TOOLS  
TEAM



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## JUNIOR PHENOMENON

Trek World Racing participated in the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup across all 7 rounds, as well as the World Championships in Andorra. This year the team was made up of 4 riders including World #9 Brook MacDonald (NZL), George Brannigan (NZL), Greg Williamson (GBR) and junior phenomenon Laurie Greenland (GBR). The team in its 7th year has achieved a large number of World Cup podiums and race wins and this year added to that tally thanks to Laurie's three race wins, in Lenzerheide (SUI), Mont-Sainte-Anne (CAN) and in Windham (USA). These wins and his other podium results were enough for him to win the Overall Junior World Cup title. Laurie then went on to the World Championships where he dominated the field to win by a massive 3.2secs.



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TREK WORLD  
RACING  
TEAM

Brook MacDonald who had been recovering from injury made a welcome return to the World Cup podium with a popular 4th place in the World Cup finals in Val Di Sole. In the 7 years of existence, every year with MOTOREX as a valued sponsors, Trek World Racing has accrued an impressive tally: 4 World Championships, 6 World Cup Titles, 29 World Cup Race Wins and 77 World Cup podiums

## DOWNHILL

### FROM DOWNHILL TO ENDURO

Downhill icon Marcus Klausmann (15-times German championship winner being just one of his many achievements) has announced his retirement from the downhill racing scene. But you just can't keep a good man down: Marcus has now entered the European Enduro Series and has already gained his first victory – September's Specialized/SRAM enduro race in Leogang...



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## ROAD RACING

LAMPRE  
MERIDA  
TEAM



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## 29 VICTORIES

Of course, MOTOREX is also involved with different teams competing on the international road cycling scene. Last season brought the Lampre-Merida Team 29 wins, 15 second places and 19 third places, marking a great result for this UCI team. Meanwhile, Portugal's Rui Costa came a magnificent 9th in the UCI racer rankings, with his team finishing 12th in the team rankings.

## TRIATHLON WOMAN

### ON A DIFFERENT PLANE

Wherever Gwen lines up at the start, it's a fair bet she'll win! As far as 2015 was concerned, this meant eight races, eight victories – including the World Triathlon Series Grand Final in Chicago. No surprise, then, that this also made Gwen Joergensen the outright winner of the 2015 World Triathlon Series.



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