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**KTM-TEAMS AGAIN SUCCESSFUL WITH THE X-BOW:
GREAT START TO THE GT4 EUROPEAN CUP!
PODIUM FINISH AT THE BRITISH GT CHAMPIONSHIP!
CATCH-UP AT THE DUTCH SUPERCAR CHALLENGE!
SPECTACULAR RACING IN THE DMV CHAMPIONSHIP!**

Since the first two kick-off events of the KTM one make series – the KTM X-BOW BATTLE and the KTM X-BOW HILLCLIMB TROPHY – were more than successful the success for the KTM X-BOW continues during the various international racing events. The Greek Athanasios Ladas is at the top of the table after the first GT4 European Cup racing weekend in Silverstone, the X-BOW teams are hot on the heels of their competitors in Great Britain and Holland and in Germany a man in his X-BOW is nearly too fast for the competitors!

GT4 European Cup: Athanasios Ladas wins

The Greek X-BOW-Pilot Athanasios Ladas entered the GT4 European Cup Season only at a late stage last year, but in the end he still managed to show a few podium finishes and an impressive fifth place in the overall rankings of 2009. 2010 sees him right from the beginning – and he wants to secure the title this year. For this he will have celebrity competitors: Gentleman-Driver Gianni Guidici, the legendary Italo-Racer from the old DTM-days, has his foot on the accelerator of a Lotus 2Eleven! That this combination is a guarantee for entertainment was proven by Ladas and Guidici last weekend when it was all about points at the start of the season in Silverstone. During the first race Guidici was in the lead by a cat's whisker, during the second race the KTM-racer Ladas snatched victory from his Italian competitor during the very last lap. „This racing weekend was great fun. It would be really nice if there were more starters in the Super Sport class in Spa – the cars are great and the competition is a challenge!”

British GT Championship: A Rollercoaster in Scotland

After a nearly perfect kick-off at Oulton Park the train of the GT Championship stopped off in Scotland last weekend; home turf for Rory Butcher, the second pilot of the Prestige/ABG KTM X-BOW. The youngster from Scotland, who changed to the X-BOW straight after his Formula Ford championship title, experienced a proper rollercoaster ride at Knockhill, together with his partner Benjamin Harvey. After a breakdown during the first race the team still managed to go home satisfied, during the second run they actually reached a strong second place!

Dutch Supercar Challenge:

There were also mixed feelings for the duo Piet Versluis/Dennis Retera during the second racing weekend of the Dutch Supercar Challenge, that was held in line with the DMV Racing Weekend at the Nürburgring. During qualifying the former KTM-plant pilot Dennis Retera sensationally put his car in pole position of the Super Sport class – even before the noticeably stronger GT3-Porsche teams! But just like with his colleagues in the British GT Championship he was victim of the defect-bug in the first race. After an electrical problem Retera, who was in the lead, had to retire, which meant last starting position at the second, rainy race. A curse and a blessing at the same time for Dennis Retera, because as bad as the last starting position may be, as good a driver the young Dutchman is in the rain. And that the X-BOW is a superior car on a wet track Retera managed to prove with a sensational drive from last starting position up to the lead in his class, which he only had to relinquish due to a prolonged pit stop. During his renewed chase for the lead he was stopped by brake problems. Twice he slid into the gravel bed, twice he caught up and was on the way to a place on the podium when the race was prematurely stopped. „That was a blasted weekend“, Retera’s angry comment in the end. “I could have easily come Third, we were three seconds per lap faster than the Porsche GT3 and the Ford Mondeo in front of us. But under these circumstances fifth place is okay as well. Now we’ll concentrate on the next race at Assen, because we are still up the in the overall rankings!”

DMV Touring Car Championship:

After the X-BOW dealer from Cham, Jim Gebhardt, has proven the speed of his improved GT4-racer with a great victory in his class during the first race of the DMV Touring Car Championship in Hockenheim he was put into a new class for the racing weekend at the Nürburgring, which was frequented by lots of GT2 and GT3 Porsches, as well as Ferrari F430 Challenge cars. After Gebhardt climbed, almost defiantly, onto third place on the podium in this class as well he was pushed off once again for the second run – this time into a new class, specially created for the X-BOW, in which he could not “steal” pedestal places or trophies from his Porsche colleagues. Jim Gebhardt took it with a sense of humour: „In principal I have already reached my objective: namely to prove how fast the KTM X-BOW really is. The Porsches are literally frightened of me – and this with me driving at a fraction of my competitors’ costs. One way or the other the X-Bow is great fun. I’ll just try and drive as close to the top as possible in future!“



Result Race 1, GT4 European Cup (Silverstone):

1. Gianni Guidici Lotus 2Eleven 41:59.932 Minutes
- 2. Athanasios Ladas, KTM X-BOW, + 0.355 Seconds**

Result Race 2, GT4 European Cup (Silverstone):

- 1. Athanasios Ladas, KTM X-BOW, 42:22.334 Minutes**
2. Gianni Guidici, Lotus 2Eleven, + 0.254 Seconds

Overall Rankings GT4 European Cup (after 2 of 12 Races)

- 1. Athanasios Ladas, KTM X-BOW, 18 Points**
2. Gianni Guidici, Lotus 2Eleven, 18

Result Race 3, British GT Championship (Oulton Park):

1. Christian Dick/Jamie Stanley, Ginetta G50, 64 Laps
2. Joe Osborne/Osman Yusuf, Ginetta G50, 64 Laps
3. Nathan Freke/Vibe Smed, Ginetta G50, 63 Laps

Result Race 4, British GT Championship (Oulton Park):

1. Christian Dick/Jamie Stanley, Ginetta G50, 63 Laps
- 2. Benjamin Harvey/Rory Butcher, Prestige/ABG KTM X-BOW, 63 Laps**
3. Nathan Freke/Vibe Smed, Ginetta G50, 63 Laps

Overall Rankings, British GT Championship (after 4 of 13 Races):

1. Christian Dick, 38 Points
1. Jamie Stanley, 38
- 3. Rory Butcher, 26**
- 3. Benjamin Harvey, 26**
5. Joe Osborne, 21
5. Osman Yusuf, 21





Result Race 1, Dutch Supercar Challenge (Silverstone):

1. Nol Köhler/Henk Haane Porsche 997 GT3, 1:02:44,219 Hours
2. Erol Ertan/Philippe Ribbens Renault Megane Trophy, + 2,853 Seconds
3. Guillaume Rousseau, Renault Megane Endurance, + 12,162

Breakdown: Piet Versluis/Dennis Retera, KTM X-BOW, + 8 Laps

Result Race 2, Dutch Supercar Challenge (Silverstone):

1. Henk Thuis, Porsche 997 GT3, 54:43.125 Minutes
2. Wolf Nathan/Jaap van Lagen, Porsche 997 GT3, + 25,822 Seconds
3. Michael Donovan, Porsche 997 GT3, + 37,752
4. Niels Bouwhuis, Ford Mondeo MW V6, + 42,206
5. **Piet Versluis/Dennis Retera, KTM X-BOW, + 46,355**

Overall Rankings, Dutch Supercar Challenge (after 4 of 16 Races):

1. Michael Donovan, 67 Points
2. Wolf Nathan/Jaap van Lagen, 48
3. Henk Thuis, 48
4. **Piet Versluis/Dennis Retera 46**

Result Race 1, DMV Touring Car Championship (Nürburgring):

1. Josef Klüber, Corvette GT3, 33:59.318 Minutes
2. Martin Dechent, Porsche 997 GT3 Cup + 1 Lap
3. **Jim Gebhardt, KTM X-BOW, + 1**
4. Thomas Langer, Porsche 997 GT3 Cup, + 1
5. Torbjörn Ekstrand (SWE) Ferrari 430 Challenge, + 1

Result Race 2, DMV Touring Car Championship (Nürburgring):

1. **Jim Gebhardt, KTM X-BOW, 28:34.081 Minutes**

