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### Motorsport news

#### Bartosz Zmarzlik is 2020 FIM Speedway World Champion



Mitas rider **Bartosz Zmarzlik #95** became 2020 FIM Speedway Grand Prix World Champion! With this title he became Poland's first-ever double world champion after retaining his FIM Speedway Grand Prix World Championship in Torun, Poland. Zmarzlik becomes only the third rider in SGP history to win back-to-back championships, so a massive congratulations is in order!

However we have to mention the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> runner ups - the Great Britain icon **Tai Woffinden** and Swedish star **Fredrik Lindgren**.

#### Interview with Valerio Lata, the 85cc FIM Junior Motocross World Champion in 2019

**Valerio began racing in 2010, when he was barely five years old. Already in 2011 he won the Italian mini '50 championship. Ever since then he has kept his career moving forward and won his first world title in 2019 to become the 85cc FIM Junior Motocross World Champion. Mitas is glad that he has won this prestigious title on Mitas tyres. We have been talking to him one year after this great achievement.**



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## **Can you tell us a bit about your early days of riding and how you got into racing?**

When I was four, I went to Latina with my parents to watch a motocross race because my father practiced it and it is still his favourite sport. On that occasion I tried a small motocross bike in the parking lot and I liked it so much that I started training and at the age of five I took part in my first race.

## **Is there anyone who influenced your success? Do you have any role models?**

My idol is Tony Cairoli, nine-time world champion; I have followed him since I started practicing motocross. I can say that I was inspired by him, I really like his riding style and him as a person; he is a true champion – humble and always working hard to give his best.



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## **What role does your family have in supporting your riding?**

My family is very important to me; they have supported me from the very beginning. I can say that we all work together towards the goal.

## **What attracts you most in motocross?**

The thing that attracts me most in motocross is the adrenaline rush when heading to the starting gate.

## **In 2020 you have entered the 125cc category. Unfortunately, the 2020 racing season was interrupted and racing calendar rescheduled. What is the biggest challenge for you in this season?**

This is my first year in 125 and, unfortunately, everything was put on hold for a few months due to COVID-19. Since the championships have now restarted there are a lot of races in both Italian and European championships, and we happen to have 3 races in a week on the same track. Maybe that's the challenge – to do well in this new mode, it's slightly different than last year, but I always work hard with passion.

## **Next steps and plans for the future?**

For now, we are focused on doing well in this season in 125, while together with the team we are also evaluating the upcoming 2021 season; however, it is still early to make future decisions.



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