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# Husqvarna Motocross Team by Ricci Racing **Team-Presentation 2012**



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### Husqvarna and motocross

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Husqvarna was among the first bike manufacturers to believe in off-road biking, participating with official teams in motocross competitions from the late 1950s. Motocross is the Formula 1 of off-roading, the ultimate test circuit for development of new products.

The first title was delivered in 1959 by the Swedish rider Rolf Tibblin in the 250 cc class and in 1960 another Swede, Jeff Nilsson, took the 500 cc class. Husqvarna now has a long tradition of victories in motocross, with a total of 21 world titles won by two and four stroke bikes. The last title was in 1999 in the 125 cc class, taken by the Italian rider Alessio Chiodi.

Husqvarna was also the first to believe in the new era of four-stroke engines, and triumphed with a win in 1993 by Jacky Martens on a TC610, after twenty years of domination by two-stroke bikes in the world of motocross.

Husqvarna officially returned to the World Motocross Championship in 2011 with the aim of making a mark in short time on the international scene with a world-beating series of bikes.

The experience gained as a result of the collaboration with Team Ricci in 2011 in the MX2 class enabled Husqvarna engineers within the space of a few months to bring the TC250 MY12 to production, acclaimed by the press as the stand-out bike in the category.

In 2012 Husqvarna's objective in motocross is to improve on the results of 2011 in all world championship races and to continue development of the bike, in order to add the world title in motocross to its achievements.

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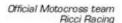




























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### Husqvarna Motocross Team by Ricci Racing

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After its official return to the new generation of world motocross championships in 2011, Husqvarna and Ricci Racing line up at the starting gate of the upcoming season with all the experience gained from twelve months of hard work and the results that provided invaluable input for continued collaboration in the MX2 calendar.

This year there will be three riders wearing the Husqvarna red and white on the TC250.

The Italian Alessandro Lupino will be joined in his second season by Belgian Nick Triest and Frenchman Loic Larrieu.

The three, all aged 21, in addition to participating in the world MX2 championship, will also contest the four races of the Italian nationals Assoluti d'Italia and the international Valance race (France), as pre-season training for the world championships, while Loic Larrieau will also participate in all French championship races.

Lupino, who was ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in 2011 is set on making the top ten world ranking in every race and has shown himself capable of delivering this ambition.

Nick Triest is a specialist in sandy terrains, and despite an injury that prevented him from winter training, he will be in the saddle again in February to train and will participate with the team in the final two rounds of the Assoluti d'Italia of motocross.

Loic Larrieu, a late addition to the team line up, has already shown he can work well with his fellow riders and the new bike. After two years blighted by injuries Loic too is looking forward to a successful season on board the Husqvarna TC250.

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#### Team

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Ilario Ricci - Team Manager

Liliana Bergonzini – Administrations and Logistics

Pierluigi Zampieri - Husqvarna Racing Department Manager

Nicolas Minne - Chief project Mechanic Husqvarna

Giuseppe Manuele – Mechanic Alessandro Lupino

Gianpiero Capaldi - Mechanic Nick Triest

Micro Mazza - Mechanic Loic Larrieu

#### Riders

Alessandro Lupino – (Italy) – International Italian Championship

- World Championship MX2

Nick Triest – (Belgium) - International Italian Championship

- World Championship MX2

Loic Larrieu – (France) - French Championship

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### Alessandro Lupino

Place and date of birth: Viterbo 15 January 1991

PRESS RELEASE Nationality: Italian

Residence: Viterbo

Height: 1,77 m

Weight: 73 kg

Race number: 77

#### Career

2003: 1st Italian Junior mini Championship

2004: 1st Golden Cup mini

2005: 3rd Italian Senior mini Championship

2006: 1st Italian Senior mini Championship

1<sup>st</sup> European Mini Championship

1st World Championship Junior

2007: 1st Trofeo Italia MX2

1st "No Olympic Games" at Kiev

2008: 23rd World Championship MX2

2009: 26th World Championship MX2

2010: 14th World Championship MX2

2011: 15th World Championship MX2

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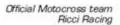
























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#### **Nick Triest**

Place and date of birth: Aalst 28 March 1990

Nationality: Belgian

Residence: Witgoor Antwerpen

Height: 1,79 m

Weight: 69 kg.

Racing Number: 590

#### Career:

2000: 1st Belgian Championship 65cc

2001: 1st Belgian Championship 85cc junior

2003: 1st Belgian Championship 85cc senior, 1st French Championship 85cc

2004: 1st French UFOLEP, Winner of Super Trophée France de Ternant 2<sup>nd</sup> VJMO aspirants125cc

2005: 1st VJMO aspirants 125cc

2006: 1st MCLB National 125cc

2007: 1st BMB BK National MX2

3<sup>rd</sup> European Motocross of Nations (Team Belgium)

2008: 4th BMB BK International MX2,

1st Coupe de l'avenir (Team Belgium)

2009: 1st BMB BK Internazional MX2, 1st Coupe de l'avenir (Team Belgium),

33rd World Championship MX2

2010: 1st BMB BK International MX2, 1st Coupe de l'avenir (Team Belgium)

2<sup>nd</sup> European Motocross of Nations (Team Belgium)

20th World Championship MX2

2011: 20th World Championship MX2

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#### Loic Larrieu

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Place and Date of birth: Sete 17 January 1991

Nationality: French

Residence: Sete

Height: 1,73 m

Weight: 61 kg

Racing number: 202

#### Career:

2001: 2<sup>nd</sup> French Championship 65cc 2002: 2<sup>nd</sup> French Championship 85cc

2005: 1st French Championship Mini

2006: 11th French Championship Cadets

2007: 2<sup>nd</sup> French Championship Junior

2008: European Championship (1 victory), first points in World

Championship

2009: 13th World Championship MX2

2010: 29th World Championship MX2 (injured)

2011: 38th World Championship MX2 (injured)

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#### **Races 2012**

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Date		Event
FEBRUARY		International MX2 Race - Valance - France A.I. Montevarchi
		C.F. Romagné - A.I. Arco di Trento
MARCH		
	25	C.F. Sommieres - A.I. Castiglione del Lago
		C.F. Gueugnon - A.I. Odolo C.F. Ernee - C.I. Mantova
APRIL	1	
		9/ MX2 GP HOLLAND ( Valkenswaard)
		MX2 GP BULGARIA (Sevlievo)
		MX2 GP ITALY (Fermo)
MAY	_	C.F. Plomion
		MX2 GP MEXICO (Guadalajara)
		MX2 GP BRASIL ( Beto Carrero)
		C.F. Gaillac - C.I. Malpensa
JUNE		MX2 GP FRANCE ( St Jean d'Angely)
		MX2 GP PORTUGAL (Agueda)
	17	MX2 TBA
	24	C.I. Faenza
JULY	- 1	MX2 GP SWEDEN (Uddevalla)
		MX2 GP LATVIA (Kegums)
	22	MX2 GP RUSSIA ( Semigorje)
AUGUST	5	MX2 GP REP. CECA ( Loket)
	19	MX2 GP UK (Matterly Basin)
SEPTEMBER	2	MX2 GP HOLLAND ( Lierop)
	9	MX2 TBA
	16	C.I. San Severino Marche
	23	MX2 GP GERMANY ( Tuetschenthal)
	30	MOTOCROSS OF NATIONS - BELGIUM - ( Lommel)
OCTOBER	7	C.I. Ponte a Egola

Legend:

MX2= Motocross World Championship MX2

C.F= French Motocross Championship

A.I. = "Assoluti d'Italia Motocross"

C.I.= Italian Motocross Championship

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#### The Bike

#### Husqvarna TC250 Factory

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#### Main changes from 2011 TC250 Factory

#### Engine:

- Cylinder head with machined intake and exhaust channels
- Piston
- Crankshaft
- Gearbox
- Akrapovic exhaust system

#### Chassis:

- Lighter frame (-600g)
- Cylinder head frame connection
- New link progression with modified rocker, rod and KYB shock absorber

#### **Electronic:**

Electronic management: GET ECU with GPA - GET Power Assistance.

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#### TC250 Factory

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**Engine** 

Type Water cooled 4-stroke single cylinder, four titanium valves,

two overhead camshafts, finger followers, wet sump

**lubrication** 

Bore 79 mm Stroke 50.9 mm Displacement 249,5 cm<sup>3</sup> Compression ratio 13,5:1

Chassis

Type Steel single tube cradle frame; rear frame in light alloy

Front wheel location /

suspension Kayaba Upside-Down telescopic hydraulic fork with

advanced axle, compression and rebound adjustment

Rear wheel location /

suspension aluminium dual swing arm, progressive "soft damp" with

Kayaba single hydraulic shock absorber with compression

and rebound adjustment, spring preload adjustment

300 mm/ 296mm Travel front / rear

Brake, front Brembo system, Braking fixed single "wave" disk

Ø260mm, double piston fully machined floating calliper

Brake, rear Brembo system, Braking fixed single "wave" disk

Ø 240mm, single piston fully machined floating calliper

Wheels Excel light alloy wheels Tyres, front PIRELLI 80/100-21" Tyres, rear PIRELLI 100/90-19"

Dimensions / weight

Seat height 985 mm Dry weight 99,5 kg

Usable tank volume 8 I (carbon fibre tank)

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