

**“On your path to cycling success,
remember to have fun and enjoy the ride.”**

Felicity Luckey

The weekend that was...

What a busy weekend of racing the team had!

After an unsuccessful attempt at the Czech Republic World Cup four weeks ago, Emil Lindgren was confidently back on the start line at the first-ever European Games in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Owned, organised and regulated by the European Olympic Committees, the European Games is a multi-sport event for athletes from all over Europe and will be held every four years. For the inaugural event, 6000 athletes competed across 20 sporting codes. Twelve of the featured sports, including cycling, offer qualification opportunities for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Emil had a strong race on Saturday and claimed 20th place in the highly competitive Men's Cross-Country MTB category.

“We will now build on this result and believe that Emil will be 100% race fit for the 3rd round of the UCI World Cup Series in Switzerland on the 4th of July,” says team manager Shaun Peschl.



Emil Lindgren keeps cool out on the course during the Men's Cross Country MTB Race at the European Games in Baku, Azerbaijan.
Photo: Getty Images.

Gauteng XCO Championships

Back home, the team had some outstanding results in the Gauteng XCO Champs.

William put in a stellar performance to claim the gold medal in the Elite Men's category and our Kargo ambassador, Pieter du Toit, took top honours in the Youth Men's race.

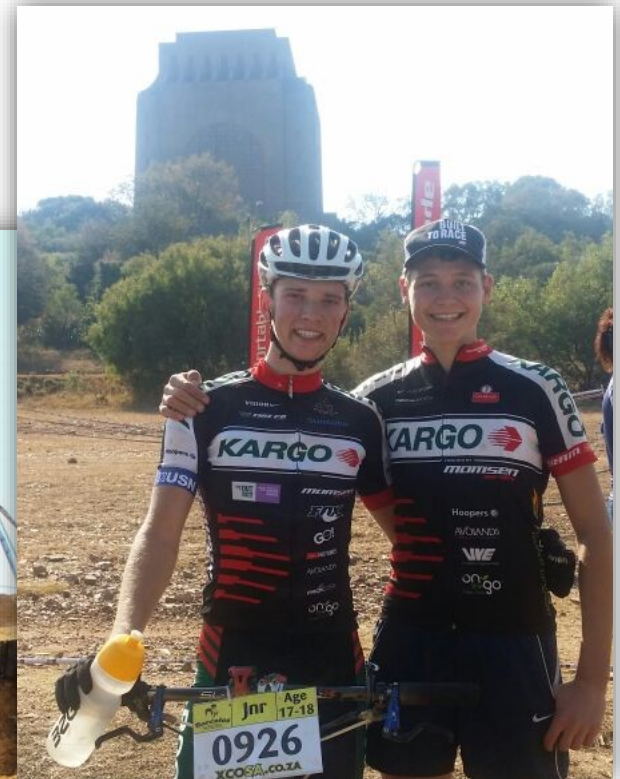
Brandon van der Berg finished 5th in the competitive Junior Men's category.

"After getting a flat only 200m from the start line and knowing I couldn't go back to the tech zone just behind me, it became a mental game and I had to push as hard as I could for the first lap before I could fix it," says William. By the end of that first lap he was already in first place and he maintained his gap, even after stopping to fix his tyre!

"The Kargo Ambassadors are a new addition to the team." explains Peschl. "These youngsters have a lot of talent and they were already riding Momsens so I thought it would be fair to give them a chance to prove themselves. Depending on how they perform during the rest of the season we may sign them to the team officially next year." Watch this space!



William Mokgopo going for gold at Voortrekker Monument, Pretoria. Photo: Sinead Wannenburg.



Top: Pieter du Toit leads the Youth Men race at Voortrekker Monument, Pretoria.

Right: Brandon van der Berg eases through the technical sections of the provincial course.

Pics by Sinead Wannenburg.

Far Right: The young Kargo ambassadors represent the team at Gauteng XCO Championships.

Baynesfield MTB Classic

On Sunday, Brendon Davids and Alan Hatherly cleaned up at the popular Safire Baynesfield MTB Classic in Kwazulu Natal, taking the top two steps on the podium respectively, as well as the King of the Mountain prize.

Brendon retains his title as the Baynesfield Champion. (Pictured below: Photo by Paul Botma)

"I'm super happy to have taken the win after such a tough week of training, as well as after suffering from a few issues out on course," says Brendon. "It was great to compete in the race with my teammate Alan; we worked well together to secure the top two finish."

This event has grown tremendously and has become a highlight on the national MTB Calendar, attracting over 2000 people on the day this year.



Next up the team will compete in the fourth and last leg of the SA XCO Cup Series in KwaZulu Natal (Cascades, Pietermaritzburg) on the 27th June.

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