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## EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF RADIO OPERATED MODEL AUTOMOBILES

# European Championship for B-drivers, Bamberg

Sunday, 05 June 2005

From May 23<sup>rd</sup> till 29<sup>th</sup> DMC and the M.B.C Bamberg organised the 1:8 Scale European Championship for B-drivers.

The Bamberg track is a very fast track with almost no room to make any mistake. If you make an error or mistake than most of the times it means a small rebuild. Due to its shape overtaking is also difficult and you need to take your chance when it is possible and not at the first corner.

The first Monday started bad with rain showers all over the south of Germany, but from the Tuesday the weather was fine and temperatures went up and over 30 Degrees Celsius during the Thursday/Friday and Race weekend.

Due to this heat and the fast track 5 minutes was very difficult on 125cc of Fuel. It took a lot of trials to make 5 minutes without fuel stops and many of the drivers went back to 7 or 8 mm carburettor inlets and less nitro in their fuel.

122 Drivers made their inscriptions and finally 113 drivers came to Bamberg, among them drivers from Russia who only got their Visa on the Tuesday and a team from Poland with 4 drivers. In Total 16 countries were present.

After practice and the first round on the Friday it was clear that Germany had a lot of potential finalists for this race. There were at least 10 Germans, including 1 Belgium and a few French and Italians who did very well.

After Round 1 it was Gramlich, Sting, Cuijpers and Rometsch in the top 4.

After Round 2 it was Gramlich, Hanauer, Fagnocchi and Hammerl in the top 4.

This top 4 did not changed although a few drivers made a better time in Round 3 and 4.

So after 4 rounds we had the following drivers in the top 18.

1	124	Gramlich, Bastian	Germany	D 588	20	5.13,30
2	117	Fagnocchi, Erik	Italy	I 236	20	5.15,86
3	110	Hanauer, Stefan	Germany	D 312	19	5.00,45
4	106	Hammerl, Andreas	Germany	D 492	19	5.01,32
5	127	Sting, Philip	Germany	D 543	19	5.01,45
6	111	Rometsch, Marc	Germany	D 836	19	5.02,45
7	112	Eisele, Michael	Germany	D 361	19	5.02,53
8	109	Ermen, Jack	Holland	NL 79	19	5.02,72
9	123	Cuypers, Steven	Belgium	B 134	19	5.02,79
10	115	Guillot, Nicolas	France	F 626	19	5.03,42
11	103	Giesa, Andreas	Germany	D 169	19	5.03,50
12	119	Morgenstern, Mirko	Germany	D 406	19	5.03,66
13	125	Salemi, Walter	Italy	I 190	19	5.04,50
14	102	Bell, Gareth	UK	GB 87	19	5.05,35
15	89	Dankel, Jan	Germany	D 851	19	5.05,83
16	118	Ermen, John	Holland	NL 75	19	5.06,29
17	116	Siegfried, Adrien	France	F29	19	5.06,71
18	121	Puccinelli, Stefano	Italy	I 76	19	5.06,72

After a few finals on the Saturday afternoon the remaining finals were run on a sunny Sunday to decide who could run the main final.

There were a few drivers that progressed quit a lot. So there was that Irish driver Connolly that moved up from place 93 to the 16th final and place 62. Or the one from Romania, Christian Faur that made it from 72 till place

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48 (1/8 final) and finally Rob Kuijper from Holland from 40 till place 12 (he only missed the final by 1 lap and 3 seconds)

Sting and Rometsch completed the German team in the final, together with Cuijpers from Belgium, Salemi and Puccinelli from Italy and Siegfried from France.

45 Minutes is a long time, specially on a track as Bamberg, where there is no room for mistakes. Fuel was also a problem so most drivers were pitting on 4.5 or even 4 minutes.

Right after the start it was Gramlich in the lead followed by Hammerl and Fagnocchi. However due to pitstops and mistakes it was Cuijpers who took the lead after about 10 minutes. Due to the pitstops it was not always clear how big the gap was, but Cuijpers managed to increase his lead very slowly during the rest of the race. The first that went out was Hanauer, followed by the TQ driver Gramlich, who lost his receiver !!! Also Fagnocchi, Hammerl and Sting had to retire before the end. Finally there were only 5 cars running with Cuijpers in the lead, Salemi on his tail at about half a lap and Rometsch 3rd.

This was also how they crossed the finish. Since Salemi was disqualified at the technical inspection the final result was Cuijpers, Rometsch, Puccinelli, Siegfried.

Young driver Jan Dankel, who qualified 15th and who was at the 17th position after the semies was the fastest youngest and got the EFRA Youth Medal.

The total result after the final;

place	name,	first name	nation	EFRA#	Qualifying laps time	Final laps time
1	Cuypers, Steven		Belgium	B 134	19 5.02,79	9 166 45.11,53
2	Rometsch, Marc		Germany	D 836	19 5.02,42	6 162 45.03,41
3	Puccinelli, Stefano		Italy	I 76	19 5.06,70	17 162 45.12,77
4	Siegfried, Adrien		France	F 29	19 5.01,45	5 156 45.09,35
5	Sting, Philip		Germany	D 543	19 5.06,72	18 120 33.41,20
6	Hammerl, Andreas		Germany	D 492	19 5.01,30	4 97 26.31,14
7	Fagnocchi, Erik		Italy	I 236	20 5.15,84	2 87 25.56,47
8	Gramlich, Bastian		Germany	D 588	20 5.13,29	1 75 21.03,71
9	Hanauer, Stefan		Germany	D 312	19 5.00,43	3 70 20.09,95
10	Salemi, Walter		Italy	I 190	19 5.04,49	13 -
----- 1/2 SUBFINAL -----						
11	Giesa, Andreas		Germany	D 169	19 5.03,48	11 A: 73 20.13,54
12	Kuijper, Rob		Holland	NL 65	19 5.13,48	40 B: 72 20.15,61
13	Ermen, John		Holland	NL 75	19 5.06,28	16 B: 71 20.00,74
14	Pageneau, Laurent		France	F 430	19 5.06,79	19 A: 71 20.00,89
15	Huber, Manuel		Austria	A 1006	19 5.07,87	22 B: 71 20.07,05
16	Baier, Armin		Germany	D 233	19 5.07,26	21 A: 71 20.09,65
17	Dankel, Jan		Germany	D 851	19 5.05,81	15 A: 70 20.04,31
18	Eisele, Michael		Germany	D 361	19 5.02,52	7 A: 54 15.59,76
19	Bell, Gareth		UK	GB 87	19 5.05,34	14 B: 30 8.05,85
20	Ermen, Jack		Holland	NL 79	19 5.02,71	8 B: 27 7.16,40
21	Louis, Christophe		France	F 767	19 5.11,51	33 A: 18 4.49,46
22	Gremlica, Manuel		Austria	A 1148	18 5.11,73	80 B: 9 2.36,11
23	Morgenstern, Mirko		Germany	D 406	19 5.03,65	12 B: 2 28,11
24	Guilllot, Nicolas		France	F 626	19 5.03,41	10 B: -
----- 1/4 SUBFINAL -----						
25	Dankel, Eric		Germany	D 813	19 5.10,87	30 B: 72 20.10,33
26	Martinelli, Luca		Switzerland	CH 246	19 5.08,96	28 B: 71 19.49,77
27	Boulesteix, Didier		France	F 177	19 5.07,87	23 A: 70 20.09,89
28	Schouten, Marcel		Holland	NL 74	19 5.11,92	36 B: 69 20.10,84
29	Diver, Neil		UK	GB 19	19 5.08,92	27 A: 68 20.00,82
30	Brixner, Sebastian		Germany	D 697	19 5.11,50	32 B: 68 20.14,70
31	Leewis, Danny		Holland	NL 71	19 5.08,86	26 B: 65 19.22,77
32	Pietsch, Christoph		Germany	D 303	19 5.08,77	25 A: 65 20.09,00
33	Müller, Marco		Austria	A 1190	19 5.11,75	35 A: 63 20.04,35
34	Heyse, Felix		Germany	D 857	19 5.11,24	31 A: 53 14.57,43
35	Eberle, Philip		Germany	D 900	19 5.10,74	29 A: 37 10.22,17

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36	North, Andrew	UK	GB 186	19 5.17,48	51	A: 36 11.14,15
37	Nydegger, Jürg	Switzerland	CH 39	19 5.07,22	20	B: 24 8.36,71
38	Castellani, Antonio	Italy	I 132	19 5.08,44	24	B: 15 5.46,28
----- 1/8 SUBFINAL -----						
39	Ericsson, Mattias	Sweden	S 111	19 5.12,34	37	A: 71 20.09,04
40	Eschler, Stephan	Switzerland	CH 296	19 5.12,87	39	A: 70 20.02,24
41	Louis, Bernard	France	F 100	19 5.13,71	41	A: 70 20.08,00
42	Bec, Bruno	France	F 764	19 5.15,61	43	A: 70 20.08,21
43	Stark, Jens	Germany	D 811	19 5.15,90	46	B: 70 20.12,36
44	Ciarlone, Cristiano	Italy	I 170	19 5.17,47	50	B: 69 20.05,64
45	Haßler, Jirka	Germany	D 810	18 5.01,77	55	A: 69 20.13,56
46	Gruber, Gerrit	Germany	D 693	19 5.15,75	44	B: 69 20.16,76
47	Gandin, Stefano	Italy	I 273	19 5.15,80	45	A: 67 20.15,02
48	Faur, Christian	Romania	RO 101	18 5.09,46	72	B: 63 20.11,05
49	Schouten, Ronald	Holland	NL 69	19 5.16,46	49	A: 63 20.18,39
50	Danton, Sébastien	France	F 731	19 5.11,57	34	B: 27 7.22,70
51	Hennemuth, Jürgen	Germany	D 859	19 5.12,56	38	B: 26 11.28,24
52	Agrafiotis, Costas	Greece	GR 43	19 5.14,23	42	B: 18 6.17,01
----- 1/16 SUBFINAL -----						
53	Ägerter, Andreas	Switzerland	CH 44	18 5.09,27	71	A: 70 20.04,97
54	Senstag, Marc	Switzerland	CH 160	18 5.04,11	59	A: 69 20.01,39
55	Baldes, Uwe	Germany	D 465	18 5.00,61	53	A: 68 20.09,34
56	Jamini, B.J., Ben	Holland	NL 50	18 5.02,38	56	B: 68 20.19,47
57	Gruber, Toni	Germany	D 969	18 5.07,62	65	A: 67 20.06,55
58	Baldes, Jörg	Germany	D 464	18 5.00,10	52	B: 66 20.05,70
59	Picard, Romain	France	F 855	19 5.16,21	47	A: 66 20.13,37
60	Sutrich, Thomas	Austria	A 1118	18 5.00,76	54	B: 63 20.00,45
61	Lackner, Shasa	Switzerland	CH 637	18 5.03,54	58	B: 42 12.02,99
62	Connolly, Clive	Ireland	IRL 211	17 4.58,10	93	A: 33 9.25,45
63	Janken, Jeroen	Holland	NL 52	18 5.02,69	57	A: 15 4.01,78
64	Kruse, Marco	Germany	D 705	18 5.10,05	74	B: 15 4.16,92
65	Braunschweiler, Daniel	Switzerland	CH 133	18 5.04,71	60	B: 6 1.31,71
66	Pittet, Benoit	Switzerland	CH 221	19 5.16,27	48	B: 4 1.29,65
----- 1/32 SUBFINAL -----						
67	Ceyssens, Peter	Belgium	B 268	18 5.12,87	82	B: 68 20.05,67
68	Stark, Jürgen	Germany	D 596	18 5.07,43	64	B: 68 20.17,36
69	Yerna, Hugues	Belgium	B 122	18 5.06,54	62	B: 67 20.04,60
70	Henzi, Thomas	Switzerland	CH 402	18 5.08,64	69	A: 67 20.08,30
71	Van Den Bergh, Ronald	Belgium	B 172	18 5.08,49	68	B: 67 20.13,31
72	Debert, Friedrich	Germany	D 335	18 5.14,69	87	A: 67 20.14,96
73	Knorn, Tom	Switzerland	CH 731	18 5.07,31	63	A: 64 20.15,63
74	Abisset, Anthony	France	F 737	18 5.09,48	73	A: 58 16.30,74
75	Ania, Rocco	Italy	I 160	18 5.10,37	76	B: 55 18.30,98
76	Adam, Guy	UK	GB 296	18 5.08,66	70	B: 33 10.59,62
77	Nijman, Michel	Holland	NL 47	18 5.12,91	83	A: 22 6.31,06
78	Diamantogianis, Petros	Switzerland	CH 647	18 5.06,38	61	A: 22 7.12,26
79	Pacor, Ender	Switzerland	CH 738	18 5.07,63	66	B: 19 5.23,00
80	Vandereyt, Eric	Belgium	B 15	18 5.07,66	67	A: 3 38,58
----- 1/64 SUBFINAL -----						
81	Mayrhofer, Norbert	Germany	D 942	18 5.14,47	86	B: 65 19.50,25
82	Haasteren, van, Torsten	Holland	NL 64	18 5.16,62	90	B: 64 20.02,69
83	Henzi, Michi	Switzerland	CH 448	18 5.31,48	92	B: 47 14.18,91
84	Pili, Luigi	Holland	NL 83	18 5.11,72	79	A: 46 15.15,73
85	Kostas, Saritsaklis	Greece	GR 39	18 5.15,35	89	A: 38 13.53,04
86	Keller, Tjibbe	Holland	NL 61	18 5.13,73	84	B: 30 17.15,57
87	Sander, Rainer	Germany	D 971	18 5.11,38	78	B: 28 8.35,17
88	Claes, Denny	Belgium	B 227	17 5.09,49	99	A: 27 7.57,61
89	IJssel, van den, Maurice	Holland	NL 49	18 5.15,04	88	B: 26 9.56,29
90	Fournel, Gilles	France	F 379	18 5.10,91	77	A: 21 8.11,36
91	Tooms, Roelof	Holland	NL 53	17 5.14,87	100	B: 14 3.46,45
92	Guline, Max	Russia	RU 103	18 5.12,66	81	A: 1 4,96
93	Haas-Will, Robert	Germany	D 957	18 5.14,43	85	A: 1 6,25
94	Felix, Reto	Switzerland	CH 17	18 5.10,20	75	A: -
----- 1/128 SUBFINAL -----						
95	Nettleton, Scott	UK	GB 23	17 5.02,38	96	B: 34 10.07,36
96	Omelanczuk, Norbert	Poland	P 102	17 5.02,68	97	A: 31 10.07,57
97	Lopukhin, Artem	Russia	RU 101	17 5.03,28	98	B: 30 10.10,06
98	Marco, Larsen	Danmark	Dk 59	16 5.04,19	106	B: 29 10.11,36

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100	Rekawek, Norbert	Poland	P 103	15 5.06,07	111	A: 28 10.12,70
101	Tanner, Marco	Switzerland	CH 56	17 5.00,84	94	B: 27 8.26,62
102	Bono, Pietro	Switzerland	CH 48	18 5.17,02	91	A: 19 6.00,49
103	Stutz, Urs	Switzerland	CH 676	15 5.01,76	110	B: 14 3.55,62
104	Koningsveld, van, Peter	Holland	NL 87	17 5.15,94	102	B: 13 3.39,58
105	Vahrenkamp, Ralf	Germany	D 720	17 5.01,09	95	A: 5 1.34,50
106	Toropchenkov, Igor	Russia	RU 102	17 5.15,40	101	A: 2 24,88
107	Biryukov, Vyacheslav	Russia	RU 104	15 5.21,89	113	A: 2 30,77
108	Woitek, Bukryj	Poland	P 104	16 5.02,39	104	B: -
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109	Woods, Steve	UK	GB 288	16 5.09,62	108	1/256 SUBFINAL B: 31 10.05,44
110	Dorrestein, van, Rene	Holland	NL 51	15 5.18,01	112	B: 27 10.07,40
111	Everling, Alex	Holland	NL 62	16 5.00,65	103	A: 22 9.13,73
112	Dewsnap, Paul	UK	GB 120	15 5.01,37	109	A: 11 3.28,38
113	Lukasz, Olenczak	Poland	P 101	16 5.03,39	105	A: -

Many thanks to the Bamberg club and DMC for organizing this event. Although it is not possible to please everybody on such an event the majority had a nice dry and sunny race week.

There were a few arguments about the heat arrangements and the fact that some drivers were helped by factory teams, but that belongs to the sport.

The only thing that need to be reviewed is probably the status of the B-driver. 2 Years ago we moved back from 50 A-drivers to 30 A-drivers who in my opinion still is ok, but probably the finalists of such a race must have an A-status to, instead of only the winner. If you see how fast these guys are racing than they will also do good in an A-European Championship. It will also open the way for new drivers to race in a final the years after.

In 2006 it will be France, the club in Aulnay (near Paris) that will organise this B-European Championship. Hopefully there will be as many racers there as there were in Bamberg.

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The top 3 after the final, Rometsch, Cuijpers and Puccinelli

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Young German Driver Jan Dankel receiving his trophy

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