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## EFRA European Championships Large Scale in Gothenburg/Sweden

This year the first ever combined European Championships were held at the track of Gothenburg in Sweden. For me a long travel via Germany, ferry boat to Denmark, than I missed the new Öresund bridge to Malmö, an other ferry to Helsingborg in Sweden and at Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> I was there, arriving at 11:00 PM. My friend Chris Wright had reserved a parking lot for my motor-home, some mosquito's showed up to bring picking greetings, the sun was rising down and it was time to finish the day



AM, in the meaning it is much to late I jumped out from the bed in panic, but it is the Nordic sunlight only. At the parking space this morning, Friday, only some motorhomes and trailers show up, using all possible space to get the best comfort, but in midday time came the bad news, everyone had to clear up and use his small spot only, so they began to move the trailers and sort the chaos.

The track is very nice, with wooden houses all around, all in the typical Swedish red paint and the whole area is fenced in and guarded. The lapcounting is in the second floor beside the drivers rostrum. From there it is a nice view to the whole track. The technical equipment is in the last standard, Internet - wireless LAN but with a keyword for the use of members only. Also there was a small house for the restroom and a shower, this time nobody who was arguing last year about the toilets lost a word about it. There was a restaurant who offer all the days sandwiches, meat balls (köttbullars, well know from IKEA) and pizza pieces, but not so much more. To compare this the organizer made a barbecue grill every Saturday evening. To follow the Swedish law, there was a smokers corner beside the pit area and alcoholics prohibited all over. The cry of a German driver: "nobody can ban my beer as long I work on my car" sounds great but was not responded. At Saturday morning, July 2<sup>nd</sup> the Formula cars began with free practice, than timed practice, at Sunday the heats and Monday the finals. The number of drivers in that event was normal, impressive that many Swedish drivers spoke a very nice American English. I hope these drivers will report positive about the EC in their country.

In the night from Sunday to Monday the car of the Croatian team was broken up and all the cars under the rear window including one radio are stolen in front of the hotel in Gothenburg city. So only the Croatian youngster Dario Veseli had a car at the next morning. The Czech driver Frana borrowed one car to the Croatian driver Matosic, but he cannot compete with the unknown radio and car, it was to late to make a good set up. We were told by the police that they think that some youngsters have done this to get fast money for drugs, but now we also know why the track is fenced in so carefully.



The results of the formula EC you find underneath, the organizer had done a good job to bring all the results on his homepage <http://www.vast-8.se> very fast. The German driver Markus Feldmann won and showed very good nerves as he was under pressure of the French Mathieu Briere. It also was the first start of the carbon formula RS5, just released two weeks before, who looked very good and seems to have real potential for top places in the future.

Nobody lost a word about the fact that the Formula cars drove the same track and direction like the following saloon, so this extra training for all the F1 starters seems to be a normal way. The organizer had decided to do so, maybe he was in sorrow of his windows somewhere or the pit lane was not prepared for a reverse drive.

At Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, the 5th scale began in the same way like the Formula before, with a free practice, than organised practice and the heats. Saturday afternoon the lower finals and Sunday the main finals. The weather all the days sunny and hot, only at Thursday a local thunderstorm who interrupt the heats and gave the break to dry the tents. Not so much drivers found the way to Sweden (74, the lowest number of drivers ever), it sounds that everyone is preparing himself for the WC in Lostalio, but to send the allocation and than don't show up is not the fair play. In this case the complete Italian team was missing without any message, only 1 of 3 Austrians came and so on. But it could be observed by the webcams that there were always activities at the WC track.



An opening ceremony, a little bit to much smelling for being a must only, with a marching in of the nations. All hints like show a Moose or some Reindeers with a local band in local cloths was ignored. In this case back to the normal and nothing with the blonde Swedish girl we sometimes are dreaming about to follow the meaning about the Swedish country, like Lennard Idengren from the committee told me.

In the following days the normal way of live like it is at these events. The normal quarrels at the tech inspection with peoples who know the rules but never had read them. Team manager meetings like it is at such events with a lot of questions and needless discussions. The final results are shown underneath, FG had a great win with the French driver Cedric Prevot in front of the German Markus Feldmann, third place to Ian Oddie from Great Britain with a Harm.

He had to start from the 10th position and was able to come into the final by the disqualification of a driver who was found with a to big fuel tank in the half final. The lap times in the final had a smaller difference than it was in the heats, but this is an other story.

The Hungarian RS5 driver Gabor Cerkuti was angry about the Referees, he got 2 times a stop and go, but like it looks, it was his own fault.



Sunday at 5:00PM all was done, I drove this time without any navigation problems over the impressive bridge to Denmark, get the ferryboat to Germany just in time, they closed the door behind my back and as I jumped out of the car I was at sea. So I was in Northern Germany at Sunday 11:00PM and at Monday evening I came home in a lot of Thunderstorms and noticed that in my home country are floods and destroying. Not related to my home, but someone had watered my flowers in the garden very carefully all the days long.



## Final Ranking F 1

Pos	Name	Country	Qual.heat	PosLaps	Final
1.	Markus Feldmann	GER	1 - 17.51	2118 - 35.07.01	Final
2.	Mathiue Briere	FRA	1 - 17.50	1117 - 35.10.08	Final
3.	Ian Oddie	GB	1 - 17.96	8113 - 35.07.96	Final
4.	Bernard-Alain Arnaldi	FRA	1 - 17.68	4113 - 35.09.73	Final
5.	Martin Pater	CZ	1 - 18.49	17110 - 35.03.75	Final
6.	Martin Bayer	CZ	1 - 17.85	6110 - 35.10.38	Final
7.	Robert Liddiard	NOR	1 - 18.16	12102 - 35.00.42	Final
8.	Dario Veseli	CRO	1 - 18.09	11100 - 35.17.77	Final
9.	Ales Bayer	CZ	1 - 17.98	9 91 - 29.39.09	Final
10.	Cserkuti Gabor	HUN	1 - 17.82	5 27 - 17.09.69	Final
11.	Andrew Mowery	SWE	1 - 18.51	18 91 - 30.11.45	Semi
12.	Fredrik Mölzer	SWE	1 - 18.52	19 85 - 30.07.25	Semi
13.	Michael Mielke	GER	1 - 18.05	10 84 - 28.07.27	Semi
14.	Rolf Magne Orstad	NOR	1 - 18.23	14 83 - 28.17.87	Semi
15.	Hessel Roskam	NL	1 - 17.67	3 77 - 24.06.30	Semi
16.	Clark Wohlert	GER	1 - 18.20	13 72 - 30.05.48	Semi
17.	Markus Mathys	CH	1 - 18.52	20 48 - 15.25.36	Semi
18.	Cederic Prevot	FRA	1 - 17.87	7 32 - 10.55.39	Semi
19.	Carsten Wolf	GER	1 - 18.67	23 2 - 44.44	Semi
20.	Jens Herrman	GER	1 - 18.76	24 2 - 45.11	Semi

## Final Ranking Touring Cars

Pos	Name	Country	Qual. heat	PosLaps	Final
1.	Cederic Prevot	FRA	35- 10.03.02	2105 - 30.16.85	Final
2.	Markus Feldmann	GER	35- 10.00.59	1104 - 30.03.26	Final
3.	Ian Oddie	GB	35- 10.12.36	7104 - 30.17.06	Final
4.	Martin Lissau	DK	35- 10.11.12	5103 - 30.00.67	Final
5.	Bernard-Alain Arnaldi	FRA	35- 10.08.61	3102 - 30.00.24	Final
6.	Oliver Sampietro	FRA	34- 10.04.06	14101 - 30.04.93	Final
7.	Clark Wohlert	GER	34- 10.00.38	13101 - 30.20.56	Final
8.	Jennifer Bernauer	GER	35- 10.11.99	6 98 - 29.40.58	Final
9.	Martin Bayer	CZ	35- 10.13.19	8 97 - 28.50.46	Final
10.	Fredrik von Elling	SWE	34- 10.04.22	15 88 - 26.35.33	Final
11.	Jeremy Alexandre	FRA	34- 10.10.36	21 67 - 20.12.59	Semi
12.	Cserkuti Gabor	HUN	34- 10.05.56	17 67 - 20.14.25	Semi
13.	Jörg Schummer	GER	33- 10.16.62	42 67 - 20.16.78	Semi
14.	Hessel Roskam	NL	35- 10.09.01	4 66 - 20.09.30	Semi
15.	Kristian Fredriksson	SWE	35- 10.14.22	9 65 - 20.07.12	Semi
16.	Marcus von Elling	SWE	35- 10.16.86	12 56 - 20.07.94	Semi
17.	Roland Iff	CH	34- 10.04.30	16 52 - 16.10.70	Semi
18.	Michael Mielke	GER	35- 10.14.92	10 37 - 12.59.31	Semi
19.	Mathieu Briere	FRA	35- 10.14.99	11 32 - 9.45.23	Semi
20.	Ales Bayer	CZ	34- 10.08.68	20 ---	Semi