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ERFA GRANDPRIX GRENOBLE

The fifth EFRA GP this season, at the date of June 18th/19th 2005, was held at the track of Grenoble, in the French high alps area. Full sun and very hot all the days, the organisation had real luck with the weather. I was told that last week there was a local thunderstorm and a spitfire hit the rostrum and went through all the power lines, destroying all the electronic equipment of the time keeping, this gave a lot of problems for the organisation of the event. But all was restored close before to the race.



The track itself is located a little bit outside of the city of Grenoble, the highway exit has the name Montbonnot and at the river Isere, there is the track beside a big gravel industry area place. The track is fenced in, with a guy who prepares the green, the grass and water it (beware of the Mosquitoes). Last year the track had his 30 years anniversary, it was the first track in Europe who had the idea to build the rostrum into the middle of the place to have the pit area as a bridge over the tables and on one side is the Off Road and on the other side the On Road track. You only had to turn at the driver stand and you can change the category immediately. In the same way is the time keeping, like constructed with the mirror to both sides. This system was copied several times, a very good idea.



The tricky part at this track is that all the harder corners are on the right far part of the track, so the spectators can see everyone jumping, rolling and flying. In this part of the track you lose or win. Also under the driver stand there is a right left combination and then a right hand full (or not) bend, from the rostrum all this looks so easy but it doesn't. 48 Saloon and 14 Formula cars came and participated. The Czech drivers without Mr. Frana, 2 Belgian drivers and all other was fully in French hands. After the heats the fastest was Arnaldi Alain (F) with his Harm, second Briere Mathieu (F) with his Crojet and third Prevot Cedric (F) with FG. At fourth place Bayer Martin (CZ) with FG as the best not French driver. Ramon Crosas from Spain was present with some Sangria and other tools to give help for his team drivers.

In the 1/4 final an other Czech driver, Pater Martin come up to the half final, in the half final B, Briere Mathieu was unbeatable for Martin Bayer who stopped after 19 minutes with a broken engine, but he had done it for the final with luck. The half final A was a clear win for Arnaldi Alain, Prevot Cedric had no chance and finished early, so no place in the sun for him.



The Formula final saw three French drivers at the podium, the only driver from an other country was Cevela Drahomir from Czech Republic at the sixth place. Leading was Tissot Andrelien, but he lost the wing, after the race he lost a lap and the lead by this failure. Because the rules said he had to repair that immediately.

The final of the 1/5 saw Briere Mathieu on the pole position. After approx. 1 lap Arnaldi took the lead, he get fast, very fast, to fast, much to fast and under the rostrum the right hand turn - a wonderful take off and at the touch down in the fence he lost the rear axle. So he had to repair and come back, he finished on 8th place. Meanwhile Martin Bayer come from the last place (changing the engine give the last place) to the front, but Briere Mathieu was high in the lead missing every concurrence. Sorry for Martin Bayer, the technique is a devil, so he finished early and a 9th place it was at the end. The other Czech driver, Martin Pater finished before and get the 10th place.

So the winner was Briere Mathieu in front of Alexandre Jeremy and Bolla Christophe. An exciting race at a wonderful track with beautiful hot summer weather.

Final Results

Touring cars

	Name	Nation	Car/Engine	Laps	Time
01	Briere Mathieu	F	Crojet/Zenoah/PMT	84	30:17:65
02	Alexandre Jeremy	F	Harm/Zenoah/PMT	83	30:20:31
03	Bolla Christophe	F	Crojet/Zenoah/PMT	83	30:20:75
04	Deschamps Mathieu	F	/Zenoah	81	30:06:50
05	Demailly Jean Francois	F	/Zenoah	80	30:11:12
06	Loubiere Guillaume	F	/Zenoah	79	28:41:63
07	Millet Dany	F	/Zenoah	62	22:50:30
08	Arnaldi Bernard Alain	F	Harm/Zenoah/PMT	57	30:18:57
09	Bayer Martin	CZ	FG/Zenoah/GRP	20	07:15:10
10	Pater Martin	CZ	FG/Zenoah/GRP	03	01:23:03

Formula 1

01	Garzia Jean Michel	F	/Zenoah	74	30:22:39
02	Tissot Aurelien	F	/Zenoah	73	30:20:15
03	Vedrine Laurent	F	/Zenoah	70	30:00:97

