



EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF RADIO OPERATED MODEL AUTOMOBILES

EFRA GP of Austria

The second EFRA GP this year, at the date of April 9th./10th 2005, was held at the track of Kirchberg, close to the Styrian capital Graz in the south-east of Austria. Following the historic weapon shield of Styria, a white lion on a green ground, green needs water and we all had white fingers in the cold and wet. The organisation had bad luck with the weather, heavy rain at Saturday, but it was agreed to follow the time schedule and finish all the qualification at this day. At Sunday all the finals, wet track in the morning, but it get more and more dry. The Formula 1 final began after the midday break in the wet and finished more or less in the dry. The 1/5 final was dry over all, some drivers had not changed the set-up from the wet to the dry because a lot of dark clouds surrounded the location.

Like said above the weather was not the best, but at least 33 participants in the fifth scale saloon and 12 in Formula 1 are classified. Some drivers don't show up after reading the weather forecast, some of them decided not to start after the heats in case of the bad results they had there and they don't want to drive in the lower finals.

The track is well known, there are a lot of races in different scales, every weekend there is a race. In the beginning, as the track was built the thoughts are to be for the 1:8 scale only, but now all scales of models are running here.

In the qualifying at Saturday, the fastest are the Austrians, maybe they know the rain from last year as best. But the Italians also show a good performance, the best of them come to the third place over all at behind, all in case of the bad weather and maybe overpowered engines in these ugly wet conditions.

In the main final the winner started from the 5th place to get the lead, the very fast Bologna was in the lead at first, but he had bad luck with his engine, I was told the spark was gone, and had to finish early.

So Weiser finished in front of Haslinger, both from Austria, at third place the German driver Utz, followed by the Italian driver Ferretti. Between these two drivers was a close fight for the third place, but as Weiser overtook, he made actions which are helpful for his colleague Utz, that seems to be real team driving.

The Formula cars agreed to start all of them into the main final, this was agreed in a team managers meeting, following the rules. The Croatian driver Matosic had bad luck, he lost a lot of time by a repair in the pits. Weiser win this race, coming from the 3rd place up to the lead. The most cars used the new threaded rain tires because at the start the track was still wet and the race director allowed them. All the top drivers went back to the 23 ccm engine, not using the allowed 26 ccm. I was told that the performance of the bigger engine destroys the rear drive and the speed is not the difference.





FINAL

Formula 1

place	EFRA#	name,first name	nation	car	laps	time	points
1	A5137	Weiser, Michael	AUT	HarmFX1	83	35.08,46	50
2	CH823	Gloor, Markus	CH	HarmFX1	81	35.18,82	46
3	CH821	Schulthess, Patrick	CH	HarmFX1	79	35.28,35	42
4	HR001	Matosic, Zvonimir	HR	FG	75	35.23,88	38
5	5181	Zitz, Rudolf	AUT	HarmFX1	74	35.12,26	34
6	CZ102	Frana, Frantisek	CZ	Frana	71	35.17,76	32
7	A5177	Day, Ivo	AUT	Frana	70	35.02,26	30
8	A1028	Prochaska, Ewald	AUT	FG	38	35.17,87	28
9	A5023	Webernig, Arno	AUT	HarmFX1	37	17.01,41	26
10	HR019	Veseli, Dario	HR	FG	19	8.39,20	24
11	A5131	Kriz, Franz	AUT	Harm	16	8.10,46	22
12	D428	Kiesele, Ralf	GER	Lauterb			21

Results EFRA-Grand Prix Austria 2005 IC 1:5 track

from 08.-10.04.2005 at Stöhr-Ring, Austria

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organizer: MORAC-Graz

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technical-inspection: Manfred Masswohl

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Touring Cars 1:5

place	EFRA#	name, first name	nation	car	laps	time	points
1	A5137	Weiser, Michael	AUT	HarmSX3	78	30.22,91	75
2	A5913	Haslinger, Andreas	AUT	Lauterbacher	76	30.15,43	71
3		Utz, Ernst	AUT	HarmSX3	74	30.05,88	67
4	I182	Ferretti, Riccardo	ITA	RS5	74	30.36,44	63
5	I045	Esposito, Massimo	ITA	SVM Mk6	73	30.20,15	61
6		Baci, Günter	AUT	RS5	72	30.18,66	59
7	CZ05	Adamek, Jiri	CZ	FG	71	30.07,88	57
8	A5165	Streith, Heimo	AUT	Harm	71	30.14,47	55
9	I071	Berna, Stefano	ITA	HarmSX3	71	30.20,76	53
10	I293	Piana, Gabriele	ITA	Harm	45	17.27,60	51