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## EFRA GP of Zagreb (Ayrton Senna Memorial)

The third EFRA GP this year, at the date of April 30th and May 1st 2005, was held at the track of Zagreb in Croatia. Wonderful sunny and warm weather here at the Croatian Capital. The track is inside the city, close to a train dam. The location is well known after the Euro's 2004, but only 16 saloon and 7 Formula cars show up to participate. 4 Austrians, 2 Hungarians and one Czech driver come from outside to the event.



In case of the small number of drivers it was agreed to make a free practice at Saturday morning, than after the midday break 2 rounds of qualifying. Than on Sunday morning the next two rounds of the qualifying and after the midday break at Sunday the two Saloon half finals, than the main final of the Formula and last not least the main final of the fifth scale saloon.

The Croats mostly drove the FG Sportsline chassis with a front cable brake and front alloy uprights, like they use them in the National Championship. But the engine power was not real less. These cars are mostly from plastic, but work real good mainly because there is a smaller total weight. At the Formula cars the local favorites Matosic and Veseli had to be watched, they had to go for the win there.



After the heats the best from the Saloon are: Haslinger, Dvorszky, Streith from Austria and Veseli from Croatia. At the Formula it was Matosic, Veseli, both from Croatia, than Cevela from Czech Republic and fourth was Poljak from Croatia.

The half final B winner was Thomas Dvorszky in front of Dario Veseli and Zrino Dodig. In the half final A the winner was Andreas Haslinger in front of Heimo Streith and Zvonimir Matosic.

Then the final of the Formula cars, like spoken before 7 cars at the starting line, in this case everyone was qualified and ready. At first a time out from the Austrian driver Ewald Prohaska to get time to make some special tuning in the last minute. But than everyone was ready and from the start the fastest from the qualifying got the lead, Mr. Matosic. Close followed from Dario Veseli and behind with some space the Czech driver Cevela. It was a little bit sunny with higher temperatures, Matosic drove harder rear tires then his close concurrent who began to fight with slippery grip, always in his neck the Czech driver. Than the leader had to interrupt his race, something was wrong with his electric, shaking the cables and the car brought him back to the race, but to late to get a podium place. Meanwhile Dario Veseli made a lot of small mistakes and the Czech driver come close. In the last lap both come close to the finishing line and in the last hairpin, Veseli come to the outside into the grass, the Czech made it better, he was in the grass inside, cutting the hairpin curb (this caused a official warning) but he played the better cards, had grip and win with 12,7 seconds gap. A lot of noisy discussion in the pits followed.

In the final of the Saloon cars, Andreas Haslinger from the pole get the lead immediately and had a half lap gap in a close number of laps. Behind him Thomas Dvorszky and a hot fight between Zvonimir Matosic and Heimo Streith for the third position. From the rear end of the whole pack Gabor Cerkuti began to make pressure to the cars in front of him. Than sorry for the poor Haslinger, a Croatian driver lost control and come over the grass with full speed and crashed frontal into the leader. This caused a Banana deformation of the chassis at his Lauterbacher, foam bumper yes or no, nothing can help and he head to finish early. So Gabor Cerkuti had free track for his win, in front of Thomas Dvorszky and Heimo Streith who was able to get in front of Zvonimir Matosic. A little bit lost the poor Dario Veseli who was frustrated after the Formula final, he got a stop and go penalty for pushing and had some other mistakes before he found his nerves again.





## Final Result:

### FORMULA 1

Pos	No.	Name	Nation	Laps	Total Time
1.	3	Drahomir Cevela	CZE	84	35:13.403
2.	2	Dario Veseli	CRO	84	35:26.127
3.	5	Luka Bušac	CRO	82	35:23.244
4.	1	Zvonimir Matošić	CRO	81	35:18.765
5.	4	Danijel Poljak	CRO	67	31:20.883
6.	6	Josip Radoš	CRO	53	26:03.777
7.	7	Ewald Prochaska	AUT	20	13:30.062

### Touring Car:

Pos	No.	Name	Nation	Laps	Total Time
1.	9	Gabor Cserkuti	HUN	81	30:50.259
2.	2	Thomas Dvorszky	AUT	80	30:31.766
3.	4	Heimo Streith	AUT	79	30:45.928
4.	7	Zvonimir Matosic	CRO	78	30:36.159
5.	3	Dario Veseli	CRO	77	30:40.039
6.	5	Zrino Dodig	CRO	76	30:42.249
7.	6	Tomislav Benc	CRO	76	30:43.587
8.	8	Luka Busac	CRO	76	31:18.177
9.	10	Aleksandar Zaja	CRO	9	11:14.621
10.	1	Andreas Hasslinger	AUT	7	2:41.112