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### EFRA REPORT GP LARGE SCALE AUSTRIA

The first EFRA GP this year, at the date of May 13th-14th 2006, was held at the track of Kichberg, close to the Styrian capital Graz in the southeast of Austria. Following the historic weapon shield of Styria, a white lion on a green ground, green needs water, this was the beginning of my report from last year and this year we had the hope to get much better conditions. Friday and the most part of the Saturday was bright sunshine and we all expected best conditions, but it don't want to be. At Saturday after the third round of qualification it began with a local thunderstorm and don't stop until Sunday evening. Again white fingers in the cold and wet. Of sure at the following Monday the sun comeback.



Approx. all in all 100 drivers in the categories 1/5 Saloon, Formula and Truck show up, to give them the space a separate tent was built up in the foreground of the picture above to protect them against the possible weather surprises. The running direction is anti clockwise and again one driver had to be penalised because he use the shortcut possibility right hand underneath the pit lane.

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. Like you can see at the picture above, in the front is the toilette and square the free area of the restaurant, which is with the kitchen at the right outside the picture. The long white roof up, is the pit area, than the rostrum / driver stand and close nearby behind the referee stand. the small hut alone at the end is the monstrous timekeeping house, heated of course. And note the catching nets in the foreground, it is the red fence, very useful to stop Large Scale cars after coming down the long straight.

At this race I was not able to make more pics, I was engaged to handle the situation with the tire additives, a high number of drivers use them against the rules very open in the pit area. After the first team manager meeting and a very close discussion with some of them, I was close to disqualify some of them, the situation went back to normal.

In the qualifying at Saturday after the third round of heats, the Czech driver Martin Bayer with his FG Evo4 was the fastest. It was agreed to go 4 rounds, but the rain come in after the luckily finished third round. So everything was stopped and only the time was running for the rest of the day to complete the time schedule and give the chance for the drivers to change to a rain setup, but nobody wanted to do.



The Sunday morning come with a little bit better conditions for some hours and till midday all the lower finals are done, after the midday break the rain started again. The traffic news said that at the highway A2 close to Graz are 15 cm hail on the road, luckily 20 kilometres away. The half final B of the Formula cars had after 20 minutes of driving not only one car present anymore, a error of the timekeeping needs to restart the second half final A of the Formula cars, this gave a lot of discussion for the moment and brought some chaotic minutes. Meanwhile a higher number of the half final starters of the Saloon cars decided not to race in the rain, they wanted to drive home and pleased for a tractor to carry them out from the meanwhile a little bit muddy parking place. These rain situation caused a team manager meeting and after a longer discussion it was decided to short down the formula final and also to count how many participants are real left for the Saloon cars. So in the half final B are 6 left and in the half final A 2 only. So it was decided to go into the 1/5 final direct with these 8 drivers. And in the Truck category, nobody wanted to drive anymore, so it was cancelled totally. In this case the event was finished lastly with luck in the daylight, I am quite sure that to catch a flu there was the easiest thing of all.

**Results EFRA-Grand Prix Austria 2006 IC 1:5 track**

from 12.-14.05.2006 at Stöhr-Ring, Austria

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**class 1: Touring Cars 1:5 (1/2 SUBFINAL and FINAL wet)**

place	EFRA#	name, first name	nation	car	best heat =place		laps	time	points	
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----- FINAL -----										
1	x HR019	Veseli, Dario	HR	FG Evo4	28	10.22,35	10	57	30.27,78	100
2	I293	Piana, Gabriele	I	Harm	27	10.08,92	16	56	30.12,31	96
3	A5137	Weiser, Michael	A	Harm SX3	28	10.12,09	4	54	30.15,18	92
4	CH690	Cricri, Placido	CH	FG	27	10.17,43	22	49	30.03,76	88
5	I294	Martelli, Gianmarco	I	Harm	27	10.14,12	20	45	30.06,99	84
6		Baci, Günter	A	RS 5	27	10.07,55	15	37	24.39,05	82
7	S036	Törnblom, Maria	S	FG Evo4	27	10.12,14	19	3	15.47,38	80
8	DK68	Lissau, Martin	DK	FG Evo4	28	10.22,14	8	1	25.54,80	78
----- 1/2 SUBFINAL -----										
9	1	Bayer, Martin	CZ	FG Evo4	28	10.04,90	1	A:	-	76
10	D603	Wohlert, Clark	D	RS 5	28	10.06,83	2	B:	-	74
11	55	Mielke, Michael	D	RS 5	28	10.07,57	3	A:	-	73
12	D776	Wolf, Carsten	D	FG Evo4	28	10.15,82	5	A:	-	72
13	NL028	Roskam, Hessel	NL	Lauterb	28	10.16,21	6	B:	-	71
14	A5913	Haslinger, Andreas	A	Lauterb	28	10.21,77	7	A:	-	70
15	4	Pater, Martin	CZ	FG Evo4	28	10.22,25	9	A:	-	69
16	H2636	Cserkúti, Gabor	H	RSS	28	10.22,46	11	A:	-	68
17	x 2	Bayer, Ales	CZ	FG Evo4	27	10.00,43	12	B:	-	67
18		Reinert, Holger	D	Harm SX3	27	10.03,55	13	A:	-	66
19	D686	Bernauer, Jennifer	D	FG	27	10.06,91	14	B:	-	65
20		Diether, Sebastian	A	FG Evo4	18	9.04,19	63	A:	-	64

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**class 2: Formula 1 (all finals wet)**

place	EFRA#	name, first name	nation	car	laps time		laps tim
					1/2	SUBFINAL	FINAL
1	A5206	Cevela, Drahomir	A /MMCC Mistelbach	FG	A:28	20.18,52	32 20.16,
2	A5122	Löscher, Stefan	A /4A-Wien	RS 5	A:25	20.13,35	32 20.33,
3		Hutter, Peter	A /MORAC-Graz	FG	A:27	20.03,17	30 20.03,
4		Frana, Frantisek	CZ /RC Car Ostrava	Frana	A:27	20.29,72	30 20.30,
5	A5556	Hübel, Wolfgang	A /MBC-RPA Aspern	HarmFX1	B:32	22.29,47	29 20.18,
6	A5177	Day, Ivo	A /MMCC Mistelbach	Frana	A:25	20.22,89	28 20.32,
7	A5153	Kriz, Franz	A /S.W.Racing Team	HarmFX1	B:27	19.33,12	5 4.47,
8	D778	Heck, Rolf	D /MAC InterparkOffenb	Lauterb	B:37	21.21,10	
9	D055	Mielke, Michael	D /MC Altena	RS 5	B:36	17.22,04	
10	D428	Kiesele, Ralf	D /AMC-Mistral-Lahr	Lauterb	B:24	9.45,24	
11		Walter, Erich	A /MRC-Frühwirth	HarmFX1	B:23	10.26,92	
12	NL28	Roskam, Hessel	NL /Real 80	Lauterb	B:19	8.04,57	
13	A1028	Prochaska, Ewald	A /MORAC-Graz	FG	A: 3	2.27,43	
14	D603	Wohlert, Clark	D /MCK Dormagen	RS 5	A:	-	
15	A5023	Webernig, Arno	A /S.W.Racing Team	FG	A:	-	
16		Hils, Stefan	A /S.W.RacingTeam	HarmFX1	A:	-	
17	A5181	Zitz, Rudolf	A /MACG-Steiermark	HarmFX1	A:	-	