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Report from the EFRA GP Large Scale in Lostallo/Switzerland

The second EFRA GP this year, at the date of May 27th-28th 2006, was held at the track of Lostallo, in the Italian-Swiss part, south of the San Bernardino pass. Wonderful sunny summer weather all the days, yes the Sunday was a little bit more cloudy, but beautiful warm days and all the bad weather was blocked away from the location by the European high alps. Because the weather in the northern part of Europe was not the best and there was a free day on Thursday before the travelling was more a standing in the queue, every north south connection was overfilled, construction work in the tunnels and on the roads have done her part to block the traffic. 48 Saloon and 10 Formula drivers found the way



The track is meanwhile well known by everybody worldwide, the WC 2005 was held there and to give more description about the track seems senseless. In this case a view to the San Bernardino pass through the valley to the north. All the bad weather was blocked away by this tiny rocks.

Saturday began with organized practice, than the qualifying. The best single lap in the timed practice had Markus Feldmann from Germany with his FG, but in the qualification Martin Lissau from Denmark was the fastest over all with 10:11:231 also with a FG. So the first four are Martin Lissau DK, Markus Feldmann, Clark Wohlert and Christoph Flakowski all from Germany. Only Clark Wohlert with the RS5, all others with FG.



In the Formula category Michael Mielke, D was the fastest in front of Clark Wohlert, D (both with a RS5) and third place had Patrick Schulthess, CH.

I was acting as the main Referee, main in the meaning that I was alone and my problem was to find and also to see the starting numbers. There was no control to fit the numbers at the places and also the use of 1/8 scale size numbers, so to verify a car was sometimes impossible and the cry of the drivers why I cannot see and say anything was to hear, but what to do in the second.

On Sunday it began with the 1/8 final B, winner was Bayer Ales, CR, he had a lot of problems in the qualifying, but it began to run better. Than the 1/8 final A, here the winner was Frank Körner, D.

The 1/4 B final win Eric Degueldre, B in front of Ales Bayer, CR. The 1/4 final A win Marco Manz CH and then the Formula cars get some practice, all of them are in the final. After the midday break come the half final B and Markus Feldmann win in front of Christoph Flakowski and Martin Pater. It was the faster final and 6 cars from here go up to the final, with Bayer Ales who had enough fun this day coming from the 1/8 B. In the half final A the winner was Martin Bayer in front of Bohren Heinz who drove a Contrast the first time now and Ian Oddie. Martin Lissau had bad luck, he was in the lead and lost a rear wheel, so he had to finish early.



The final of the Formula cars come as next, it was done over 45 minutes and refuelling. The winner was Michael Mielke, D in front of Clark Wohler, D and Sandro Pini from Switzerland. Nobody had any problem with the refuelling, the race was running smooth.

The final of the Fifth Scale saloon cars win Markus Feldmann, D, in front of Martin Bayer, CR and Ian Oddie from GB. This time some cars run out of fuel after approx 28 minutes, our lady driver Jennifer Bernauer had to slow down to pass the finish line, so Ian Oddie had the better end on his side and get third. Oh yes it was hot and the track is fast. Like Ian said

after the race, a good engine also is a engine which have less fuel consumption and power is not everything.

Going home at Sunday evening means stop and go traffic up to the San Bernardino pass for the first 15 Kilometers, on the other side, heavy rain.....but we made it to come home save.



Some more interested spectators from Lostallo

Result Touring Cars

1Feldmann Markus (D)	69	00:30:19.815
2 Bayer Martin (CZ)	69	00:30:20.794
3 Oddie Ian (GB)	68	00:30:23.735
4 Bernauer Jennifer (D)	66	00:29:16.425
5 Degueldre Eric (B)	65	00:30:13.038
6 Flakowski Christoph (D)	64	00:28:12.654
7 Mielke Michael (D)	62	00:28:16.987
8 Bayer Ales (CZ)	60	00:27:23.837
9 Pater Martin (CZ)	45	00:21:56.843
10 Bohren Heinz (CH)	8	00:03:53.272

Result F1

1 Mielke Michael (D)	96	00:45:13.899
2 Wohler Clark (D)	95	00:45:13.682
3 Pini Sandro (CH)	89	00:45:09.777
4 Cevla Drahomir (CZ)	88	00:45:11.535
5 Camponovo Ernesto (CH)	86	00:45:15.967
6 Denicola Michele (CH)	85	00:45:11.854
7 Isler Thomas (CH)	64	00:33:19.232
8 Hog Andreas (D)	54	00:28:52.359
9 Schulthess Patrick (CH)	33	00:15:36.350