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Report of the 1st EFRA GP Large Scale Off Road

From 7th till 9th May, the first EFRA Large Scale Off Road GP 2010 took place at Brest / Hanvec in France.

A French Championship round took place at the same time, but we shall not speak about it here, or little.

30 committed Drivers were present, among whom 1 German, 2 British, 1 Belgian and 3 Dutch People, the rest of the tray being constituted by French Drivers.

The first European championship Off Road that must take place in 2010 to FEHRING (Austria) of July 27 th till August 1 st, everything in was made to respect the rules in the best conditions. Constitution of an International Jury, via Teams Managers, "appointed" by the Representatives of the Participating Nations, namely:

- **Peter SCHMITT**, Germany,
- **Paul GRETTY**, England,
- **Rinus VISSER**, Holland,
- **Maurice SARTIAUX**, France,
- **Michel PEUZIAT**, Race Director and President of the Organizing club AMCO.
- **Thierry GOURLAY**, Timekeeper,
- **Francis BILLA**, Referee and EFRA Representative, LS Chairman.

The weekend took place well, because in spite of a little rain on Friday morning, there was then sun and a small wind till end of race.

The track a little degraded according to the free practice (2 rounds), qualifications (3 rounds), the sub-finales and finales, to finish in a state which made delicate driving of cars.

From on Friday afternoon at 2 pm, started the free practice by heats and half, the width of the rostrum allowing it widely. As **major information**, also participated in the French championship 2 Drivers in reduced mobility, for whom everything perfectly well took place all the weekend, **Organization's Team being very devoted**. It was necessary to underline this, in the TC World 2011 perspective, when can be thus welcomed, in reduced mobility Drivers: particular arrangements are planned for them on the rostrum for driving, even if they rose there and went down manually.

Drivers, especially the Europeans discover the complex with pleasure, seem to appreciate the track, its technicality, its plan, all the installations, and legendary hospitality of our Bretons Friends.

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On Saturdays at 8 am start the controlled practice by series now, **only**. Everything is linked very quickly (in reason also of the presence of the French championship Drivers), and in spite of a brief cut for the lunch, 3 rounds of qualifications take place with no problem at all. In the passage Melanie VISSER won one of these 3 rounds, in front of all these Sirs. On a track which begins to have suffered, its gently driving made marvel.

From Sunday morning at 8:50 am, with the presence of the sun, begin the sub-finales - including those of the French championship -, till noon.

Under a big top was installed the restaurant, where are served a little more than 120 excellent meals to very affordable price, in 35 minutes, by an organisation without defect!

At 1:30 pm are organized the sessions of free practice for the EFRA GP and French Championship finalists.

Begin then the semi-finals in front of a public numerous and very enthusiast (a little more than 1000 Persons towards the Public Parking lot, **with free entrance**), what is always very pleasant and rewarding for Drivers.

At the end a magnificent final, among which 7 places are occupied by European Drivers, 3 French ones having raised, so saving the welcoming Country's honor. This one took place in an excellent sportsmanship, was a delight for eyes, in spite of dust and wind!

Even there the European Drivers who made the movement, make display of their talent, and leave to the French ones only places N ° 3 and N ° 9. **Melanie VISSER**, undoubtedly there very great form picks up a 4th nice place, for which she is, during the prize ceremony which follows, warmly congratulated, abundantly applauded and photographed, his Brother ending on the second place, the victory returning to the Dutchman **Kristiaan LA GASSE**, largely above the average during all the weekend.



Melanie VISSER in "action"



Kristiaan LA GASSE



Anthony PIOLET

The French Driver, **Anthony PIOLET** from French Club of **LEMPDES**, manages to fit on the beautiful third place which brings him on the podium.



EFRA's Off Road GP Final Podium, with all Finalists (above) & the 3 first ones (under)

After a beautiful and nice prize-giving driven by the President and Race Director, Michel PEUZIAT, who hands over to the Referee for the conclusion, is wished a good return to everybody, with usual recommendations to be very careful on the road, so that all this small world sees again itself to the next EFRA Off Road GP.

LS Chairman,

EFRA's Referee of the GP.

Francis Billa

