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EFRA GP F1 & TC **BREST / FRANCE** **22 nd to 24 th / 10 / 2010**

Friday October 22 nd:

TC : 22 Drivers are engaged..... 2 are not present, but excused at their own request which is correct.

F1 : 7 Drivers are engaged.

This Grand Prix is the last one of the season, it is not only situated late, but in more in a region where the weather report is considered uncertain, what finally will not turn out completely true. It is so much the better for the Drivers who made the movement, among which 1 Norwegian, 3 Spanish, 2 Belgians, 3 Dutch people, the rest of the plateau being constituted by French Pilots, of whom a 16-year-old Girl, who will reach finale.

The track remains still wet and fat due to the night humidity, dried near 11 AM, the sun making its appearance.

The day is dedicated to total free practice in the morning with both categories at the same time, in the afternoon, number of Pilots having arrived:

- 30 minutes free practice for TC,
- 12 minutes free practice for F1, and it alternately.

The present Drivers were able to give themselves to heart enjoyment, because of their little number, but also thanks to an excellent organization. The track of Hanvec not being subjected to hourly opposite, the last ones to return to pits made it at about 8 pm, and turned in the spotlight!

Saturday October 23 rd:

Regrettably the rain fell all night long! There is some water on the track, it is very wet and fat. The morning was exempt from any activity, the track offering no grip, while it is considered as having an excellent. No Driver risked driving in these conditions, and each worked on its adjustments, for the dry, nevertheless, according to the meteo forecasts, which look better for the afternoon.

We take advantage of this moment of "peace" to constitute the International Jury, at 10.30 am, which, in view of the number of Drivers, should hardly have work, so as to have to manage the conditions of track, if need be. In here are the Members:

Belgium.....: **Steve EVERS**
France.....: **Daniel MILLET**
Holland.....: **Pieter NETTEN**
Norway.....: **Franck CLEMENTZ**
Spain.....: **Dani FUERTES**
Race Director : **Michel PEUZIAT, Club's President.**
Time Keeper.: **Mathieur ROUDAULT.**
EFRA Referee: **Francis BILLA.**

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The Technical Inspection will be very well managed by Club's Members, **Bernard** and **Benjamin**. Thanks to them for their competence, and kindness.

The Race Director made the decision to have no Transmitters impounded.

During the International Jury meeting, it is decided to have only one round of controlled practice, from 1:30 pm, because of the taken delay, and to begin at once after the qualifications rounds

At the end of morning, a nice apéritif is offered by the club to everybody, and a very appreciated **warm** meal is served under cover to the restaurant, under the sharp glance of the Chef, **Jeff**, who will also be cooking for the 2011 World: seen the excellence of its preparations, expect to take some kilos!

1:30 pm: normal progress of the controlled practice.

2:30 pm: beginning of the first qualification round.

Group A: normal.

Group B: idem.

Group C: after 3.30 minutes of race, the sky falls us on the head!

Interruption of approximately one hour, the track drying rather quickly thanks to the wind, and to the returned sun.

4.00 pm: second qualification round, taken back in the normal order of the groups. We hope we can give a replacement round to the Group C, in dry track conditions, which was previously interrupted by the rain, not to have to cancel a qualification round. This is made in agreement with the International Jury Members, after a proposal of the race Director and the Referee.

5:00 pm: the third qualification round, followed at once by the fourth, by having returning the replacement round to the Group C, such as planned. It makes us finish still under projectors, but 4 qualifications rounds were finally roamed, and additional two are planned for the following morning. This in the big pleasure of Drivers, who, in spite of these small meteo concerns, drove a lot!

Sunday October 24 th: 9 am.

It did not rain at night, the sun makes its appearance from the morning, and if we shall see on two or three occasions some drops of rain during the day, they will not even will be noticed, nor annoying for the Drivers, and the very numerous Spectators, what is very pleasant.

The last two qualifications rounds take place with no problem at all, all the Drivers not going out during the first one, because of a track temperature of which is still cold, but or we see during second everybody participating, lap time improving according to the reheating of the track by a welcome sun!

Both TC semi-final are run at the end of morning, just before the lunch break, in good conditions of track.

At noon, the club not having too much wanted to invest because of the small number of engaged, are offered to us at a low price, excellent American, home-made sandwiches by our Friend **Jeff**, served by **the charming women's team** of the Club, always present, and to the small care for all.

At 2.00 pm is launched finale F1, in which **BA.ARNALDI** will commit a small fault in the main straight line while he was widely leading with his new car. He will return to pits, will restart, but something does not work any more on the car, and he will be forced to abandon. It opens the way to **Robert JEZEQUEL**, the local Driver, who wins the first **EFRA** Grand Prix in which he participates. He precedes **Fabrice THIEPAULT**, **Jeremy HERVOUET** and **Eric GIGOU**.

From the morning, between the diverse rounds, an interruption from ten till fifteen minutes, allows the Race Director to authorize the Spectators to come in pits, to see cars closely, and discuss little with the Drivers. This always under the supervision of Members of the organization, for safety. It is, the very nice decision there, that allows to promote the races of radio-controlled cars, and Drivers accept the small embarrassment caused with kindness, even certain pleasure.

This appeared to us to be an excellent initiative, as far as the Spectators, obedient, ironed behind barriers, at once at the request of the Race Director, before the launch of the round or race to come.

At 3:30 pm is launched TC finale, after presentation of the Drivers to the Public, which appreciates. It takes place in an excellent sportsmanship, a race incident doubtless depriving **BA.ARNALDI** of a victory which seemed to him promised, until a Spanish Driver commits a small involuntary fault in front of him, blocking him some seconds. Olivier SAMPIETRO lying in wait takes advantage of it and wins last **EFRA** Grand Prix of the season, in front of the French Drivers, but known well by the Europeans, **Guillaume SOLON**, **BA.ARNALDI** and **Dany MILLET**.

At 4:15 pm, follows itself a nice prize-giving ceremony, always in the presence of the Spectators, then everybody takes back the road, sometimes long, while waiting for to meet maybe next year here even for the TC World championship 2011.

But it will be there, a new page of the history of the World Racing Model, and the Club from **Brest / Hanvec**, which will turn. In the meantime the good end of year in all, and good preparation of the season 2011. Courage in the team of the Club and in its President **Michel PEUZIAT**, who have "a lot of bread on the board", as it's said in France, for their own preparation of the 2011 World Championship!

For the complete results, refer please to the following sites:

- **EFRA**.....: <http://news.efra.ws/index.php?id=383>
- **Organizer** : <http://www.amco29.fr/article.php?sid=281&mode=&order=0&thold=0>

Sportily your,

EFRA Large Scale section Chairman,

Francis Billa



PS : Below, one photo **friendly** offered by Participants, on my personal request. Thanks a lot to them for their collaboration.



F.THIEPAUT / J.HERVOUET / G.SOLON / O.SAMPIETRO / BA.ARNALDI / R.JEZEQUEL
2 nd F1 3 rd F1 2 nd GT 1 st GT 3 rd TC 1 st F1