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EFRA Warm Up EC TC **LEIPZIG MRC Club - GERMANY** **13 rd to 15 th / 05 / 2011**

Thursday May 12 nd: 2 PM.

Very few Drivers arrived among which Hessel ROSKAM, David PEREZ PEREZ, B.A.ARNALDI and some the others. (Accept please my apologies, because I did not know their names). The weather is cloudy, but no rain at the moment (as in Spain and in Croatia for 2 first ones EFRA GP). The Temperature is over 20 °C, what is good for the grip (but as **ARNALDI** said: there is not at present: it is necessary to make it by driving).

3.30 PM :

A little bit less cloudy and a small sun is there. Some more Drivers are arrived. For those presents, they are doing a lot of tests, mainly with the tyres, due to the lack of grip. The laps times are going better and better. Example : **David PEREZ PEREZ**, the young Spanish Driver who did not knew this track. After having learned it, he seems more and more faster.

4.00 PM :

Uli KRELL, MRC Leipzig Club's President arrival, who begins at once to work: assembly of the tent for the control of the volume of fuel tanks, and many of the other things! Details, but it must be made...

The meteo forecasts are on the official board : the weekend should be normally better than announced at the beginning of this week.

5.45 PM :

For the 1 hour, some rainy drops, from time to time, but it is not really a problem. We always have cars on the track, with a little more arrived Drivers (all around 20).

6.00 PM :

Same thing as for the last year EFRA GP : the sky falls on our heads both times : very very big showers! Without wanting to offend in no way the Organisers, this type of violent thunderstorm, without lighting, seems to be the "*real speciality*" of Leipzig.

Friday May 23 rd:

9 AM :

A lot of Drivers engaged are arrived during the night or early this morning.

Sun is there, but the grip must be redone.

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For today are scheduled 10 controlled practice heats by groups.

4 of them were done before a small break lunch.

1.20 PM :

We restart for 6 heats more this afternoon. Small sun, and very high clouds. Maybe no rain today...

The returning grip, there is an intense fight for the lap record, held successively in the afternoon by:

- **Hessel ROSKAM** : 20"898
- **BA.ARNALDI.....**: 20"780
- **Hessel ROSKAM** : 20"774
- **Hessel ROSKAM** : 20"773
- **Hessel ROSKAM** : 20"533

5.00 PM :

Everything is running well. Sun is there. Small clouds too. No problem at all.

6.45 PM :

End of the 10 th controlled practice heat. A receding of the Groups (with enough few incidences) is done at the end of this one.

The Team Manager Meeting initially scheduled this evening will be held on Saturday morning at 8.30.

Saturday May 14 th: 8.30 AM.

Sun is there. Track is dry.

Constitution of the International Jury (11 Nations) and Team Managers Meeting.

Germany, & Hungary.....: **Clark WOHLERT**
Netherlands & Croatia & Denmark...: **Cor ROSKAM**
Switzerland.....: **Ernesto CAMPONAVO.**
Italy.....: **Gian-Marco MARTELLI**
Austria.....: **Sacha KLUG**
Spain.....: **Alfonso PEREZ**
Belgium.....: **Eric DEGUELDRE**
France.....: **JB.ARNALDI**
Sweden.....: **Raymond OSKARSSON**
Race Director: **JENS SCHWABE.**
Time Keeper.....: **Ernesto CAMPONAVO.**
MRC Leipzig Club.....: **Uli KRELL, President.**
Technical Inspector.....: **Peter LEUE**
National Referee.....: **Tomas EISENRICH**
EFRA LS Chairman.....: **Francis BILLA.** (and second Referee)

The Race Director made the decision not to have Transmitters impounded. 32 Drivers are finally there, all in possession of 2.4 Ghz Transmitters.

The schedule plans 2 rounds of controlled practice by groups from 9 to 10.30, followed with 5 rounds of qualifications, from 11 AM to 5.45 PM, with lunch break from 11.55 to 13.15.

Before the lunch break, the first qualification round was ended. All cars were marked and verified by Technical Inspection.

3.30 PM : Sun is still there. Nothing special to declare.

4.25 PM : End of the 4 th qualification heat, except for the Group 3 because rain is there. Track is closed for 10 minutes, and we will see...

5.00 PM : Race Director calls for a Team Manager Meeting.

Due to the weather, at 6.30 Pm will start the complete 5 th qualification round, followed with the 4 th qualification for the only Group 3. Whatever happens, the system of timing will not be stopped, and we shall go in the rear.

6.30 PM : What was scheduled is done, with a very few number of Drivers. Having a look on the laps times, the track is dry, but necessary to be careful not to go out (grass is still very wet).

8.00 PM : The party is free for all the Guests. It is a little the pity whom almost nobody was there, in spite of weather. It is totally disrespectful and let I think that it was not a big effort to pass on the spot 20 or 30 minutes, to honor the Organisers of the presence of each, because they really made a very pleasant party. By hoping strongly that for the EC, things will be made by the Drivers of a better way.

Sunday May 15 th: 10 AM.

As planned, the races from sub finale 1/8 th B up to 2 semi-finals will be run before the lunch. A "poor" sun was there, but no rain. Because of a threatening sky, and very dark, it remains only to hope that finale can run on the dry also, not to waste this beautiful weekend, in the course of which we were nevertheless, a little bit fortunate with the weather report, with regard to the forecasts.

Main finale will be run after a small break.

12.45 to 2 PM : lunch break.

2.00 PM : We assisted in one magnificent finale, in the course of which certain Drivers knew diverse fortunes. **Hessel ROSKAM**, **Cédric PREVOT** and **Jeffrey VAN WIJK**, in outposts since Friday broke their engine for first before even the middle-race, one bearing for the second practically in the last third party of the race, finally the technical troubles for the third. **BA.ARNBALDI** won splendidly this finale, having changed all the same inexplicably its anti-roll back bar, 8 times between Friday and Sunday.

The prize-giving took place, with photos, podium, delivery of cups, and everything was finished (except the fact the track was opened for free practice) at 3.30 PM.

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

- **EFRA.....:**

http://news.efra.ws/index.php?id=388&newsid=781&frompageid=383&start=0&p_f=25&e=0&c=0&s=0&y=2011-01-01

- **Organiser** : http://www.euro-leipzig.de/euro_english/english.htm

Sportily your,

EFRA Large Scale section Chairman,

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