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As Always the Main Event is the first Official Dragrace event for the European FIA & FIM-E Championship.

The entry list is already over 280 entries and keeps counting by writing this preview.

It was a spectacular season in 2024 with unexpected results!

FIA Pro Modified was special in this case, the chase was on and decided at the Finals as it is nice for the spectators but stressful for the teams involved.

It is Dragracing and you can't make it up and is always hard to predict.

That makes this sport attractive and exciting at the same time.

Performance wise every year there is progress as technology keeps moving forward.

Rules and regulations can change this outcome for different classes



2024 Competitor in FIA TOP METHANOL and Runner Up from Sweden Tony Bryntesson
with his Bilspport A-Fuel 433 ci Dragster

It was Jonny Lagg from Sweden also that claimed the 2024 European Championship in FIA TOP METHANOL.

He is on the 2025 Entrylist for the FIA 2025 TOP METHANOL European Championship first round at the Main Event that is traditionally always ran on Santa Pod Raceway in the United Kingdom. Almost counting now 290 entry's from all different Dragracing Classes! Some of the Great Racers left us too early and are now with the Gods of Speed looking from above to see us Dragrace!

One of them is "The STIG" a Danish long time TOP FUEL Dragster Racer that passed away in a motorcycle accident in Denmark. He will always be remembered, Godspeed STIG!

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Maybe a bit strange to start of with TOP METHANOL but then again it is all Dragracing information and each year is a true challenge for all involved teams.

From Belgium the Bellio Family is once again ready to take the first event win in 2025.

Many teams upgraded their Race Car of Dragbike over the winter time and do this to go even quicker and faster, at least that is the plan.

If you look in the USA where Dragracing is founded they are every year challenging the laws of Dragracing.

This weekend at Charlotte on the 4 Wide ZMax Dragstrip Brittany Force ran a new Top Speed Worldrecord of 341.59MPH on a 1000ft! and going 301MPH on the 1/8!!!

And recording a 3.667 ET. Incredible achievement from Force Racing.



Team Bellio a Dragracing family from Belgium going for the 2025 FIA Championship

In FIA PRO MODIFIED it was even a bigger upset in 2024 during the Finals all insiders and readers know what happened and it was unpredictable.

THAT makes Dragracing also a great Motorsport as it is hard to predict who will win.

One may think that is decided but then it goes different...

Already lots of many entry's for the popular PRO MODIFIED Class which has still doors but not confused with doorslammers. You can see that the TURBO Pro Mods getting quicker and Faster that is already shown last week when Andres Arnover from Estonia with his Turbocharged 520CI FORD Mustang ran a NEW European Record (NOT Official as it was not ran during a FIA event...anyway he did ran it with the same timing equipment and it was as Remco would state Stunning number on the board!

A 5.695@254.67Mph! That is promising for the upcoming Main Event!

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Michel Tooren from PRO DUTCH at it during the European Finals in FIA PRO MODIFIED

Michel Tooren ended up 4th last season in the Championship and David Vegter became Runner-up so that is 2 Dutch teams ended up in the Top 5!

Great performance and this season they will go for an even higher spot.



Dutch PRO MODIFIED Runner Up David Vegter with his Supercharged Methanol Camaro came oh so close to take the FIA Pro Mod Championship in 2024.



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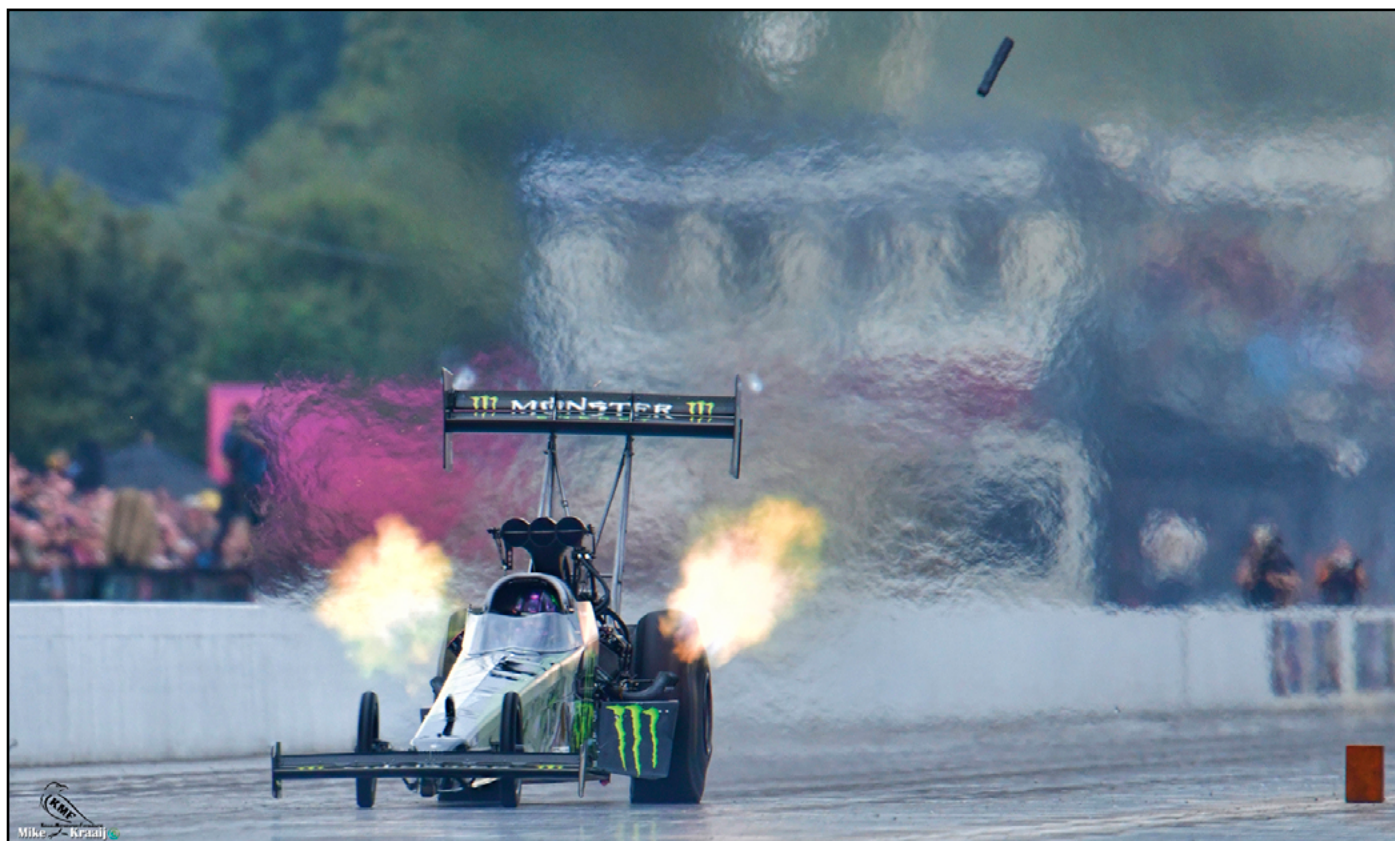


In FIA TOP FUEL Dragster it was also an Epic Euro Finals to say at least.

As one can not predict the outcome, let me repeat...

A 4 points difference after 5 European rounds! just incredible and all saw it happen.

Dragracing at it's finest for sure and the fans were on their toes during this last race.



India Erbacher from Swiss on a stormer with her TopFuel Dragster here dropping of parts!

From Malta it was Duncan Micallef that became runner-up in FIA Top Fuel Dragster and is not on the entry list yet for the first race of this season. So is the 2024 FIA Top Fuel Dragster European Champion not on it...So far only 3.

But who can welcome back Liam Jones after many years with a brand new sponsored TFD! Bro Joe is the name and is a Coffee booster to my knowledge. I can ask if he can boost up my cup at the Main Event.

Susanne Callin with her SlickTricks Top Fuel Dragster became 3rd in the 2024 Championship. It was close and all decided at the last round.

To see these TFD go down the great Santa Pod Racetrack is incredible and the thunderstorm they produce during their run in under 4 seconds at the 1000FT is beyond belief.

Looking through my Telelens they appear really close!

They move in the moment your blink your eye they are there and the heat and wind pressure almost blows you out of your shoes. They are running like a diesel with the cylinder pressure and the amount of fuel they push through these 500CI V8's.

All should come and see this live and you will get addicted if you love motorsport.

This is the extreme form of motorsport Dragracing it is called!

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Susanne Callin from Sweden and her SlickTricks Top Fuel Dragster at the “24 Finals!



Runner Up in FIA TFD 2024 Duncan Micallef from Malta here at the 2024 NitrolympX in Hockenheim



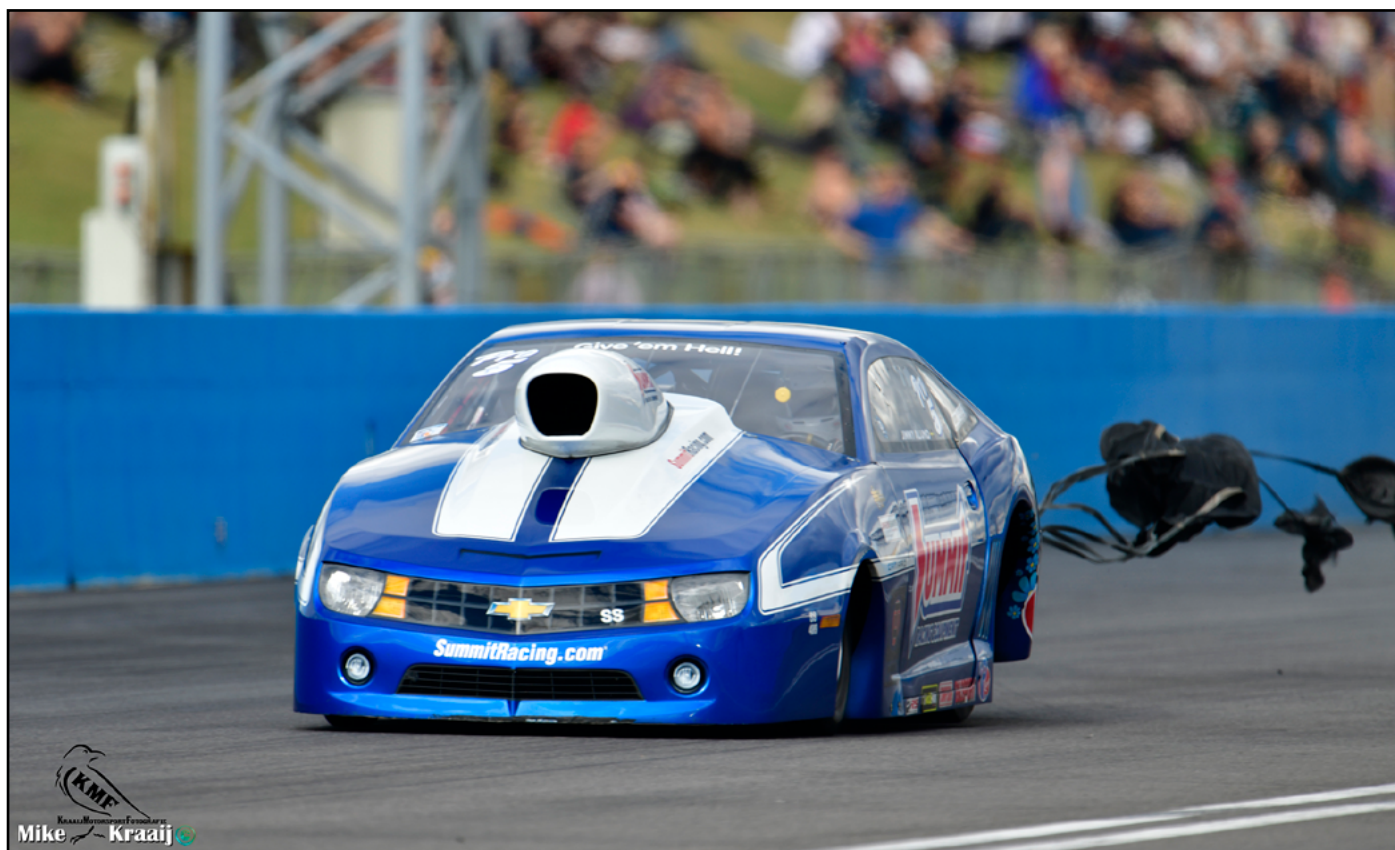
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Once again in 2024 from Sweden in FIA PRO STOCK CAR Jimmy Alund dominated the class as he did many times before. He is almost a machine with the consistency he is producing time and time again. Incredible to see this and always sharp on the lights with his reaction and that plays a really important part in Dragracing but in Pro Stock even more. It must be frustrating for the other racers to compete against him and his team. If they win from Jimmy they are in extasy, I saw this with my own eyes during the Finals! Incredible, they beat the master himself and the racers from Sweden are special.



FIA PRO STOCK CAR Master from Sweden Jimmy Alund dominating the class.

You can say that FIA PRO STOCK Car is an all Swedish class (Almost). The majority comes from Sweden and Robin Noren became Runner-Up in 2024.

He is also a strong competitor for sure and on the entry list for the Main Event with his STS Pontiac GXP. 6 from Sweden and one from Germany!

With an Mercedes SLK Pro Stock Car! against all USA Pro Stock Model Racecars.

The record is ran by well you can guess who, Jimmy Alund with a 6.485@344.61Kmh back in 2019 on his home soil in Sweden at the TIERP ARENA during the Scandinavian Internationals. Only 2 Pro Stock Cars ran in the 6.4 Zone on the 1/4.

Second is Bjengt Ljungdahl with a great 6.491@342.42Kmh and that was back in 2015! A decade ago! Also ran in the TIERP ARENA.

Like to see that record broken this raceseason for sure and if one can do it....

I think i will ask Jimmy how many trophy's he got at home, it must be a lot!

If the weathergods are in a good mood than it will be a great first Dragrace for sure.

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On the entry are also 2 FUEL FUNNY CARS which is great but all love to see more of these! Recently the European record was broken by an American Racer at Santa Pod during the Festival of Power with a great 4.124@495.48Kmh!

It was Terry Haddock who also was crewchief last season for Swedish Fuel Funny Car Legend Patrik Pers who even ran his Fuel Funny Car on the local highway in Sweden! He propelled his immaculate Funnycar to a great 4.169@487.74Kmh!

Terry was not forgotten the trackdata from the finals last season!

I believe it is the same Fuel Funny Car that Patrik ran his record with.

Other famous FunnyCar Racer will be Steve Ashdown with his amazing Undertaker FC!

Love to see Dale Leeks enter the Main Event also as he is doing his thing in FC also!

A former famous Dragbike racer and local Legend Dale is crazy enough to sit in these beast of Racecars, the absolute Kings of Dragracing if the go down the 1000Ft!

Short wheelbase, Supercharged Nitro injected V8 in front of the racer!

You can't imagine what it would be like to go down the track with over 10.000HP...



This Dragrace season Patrik Pers will not attend the Racetracks as I understood from the team and that is a shame for us, but I wish the team all the best with their return to the racetracks in Europe as they have showed their potential with the SPEEDGHOST Fuel Funny Car and where the former recordholders in Europe with their FC.

Terry Haddock is now entering the Main Event and already showed his potential and experience as a Crewchief, Tuner, and Racer! Bring it on!

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In FIM-E TOP FUEL BIKE the dominating force is another Swedish Dragbike Legend as in Rikard Gustafsson who is the one with most earned points in Dragbike Racing in Europe period. I remember when he came to Santa Pod Raceway with his Turbocharged Alcohol injected Suzuki FunnyBike he bought from Korry Hogan in the USA. A record breaking Dragbike for sure and Rikard even became European TFB Champion with his FunnyBike! after that he was not allowed to run in the class again as he did not use Nitro... You can't make it up. Anyway now the FunnyBikes are back in the FIM-E TFB class as otherwise the class has not really enough entries during the season who travel to the Racetracks in Europe.

Many FunnyBike racers like to run their own FunnyBike Class in FIM-E as it is kind of unfair to see a TFB again take the event wins as they are in almost most cases quicker and faster than FunnyBikes. Opinions may vary on this, but that is my opinion.



Team RG Engineering from Falkenberg in Sweden is year after year the dominating force in FIM-E TFB

The Black Knight is not black anymore as a Indian took over as new Sponsor for the 2025 season and RED it is as Indians are known for their red faces.

It would not hurt the performance as it is just paintwork or wrapping these days..

The record is still in hands of the Greek TFB ace Filippas Papafilippou with his incredible 5.662@397.09Kmh back in 2019!

Rick as he likes to be called has the FIM-E Speed record in TFB with over 250Mph with a 409.40 and is the only one that ran over 250Mph so far.

From the UK Neil Midgley already came close to the record with an amazing 5.708@394.43Kmh with the CANNON Motorsports Top Fuel Bike and is capable of making it hard for Rikard. Not saying that others can't but he is a Top Contender.



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There are now 12 entries in FIM-E Top Fuel Bike and one of them is another famous Dragbike racer and former Stuntman from Finland Samu Kemppainen with his new Honda TFB! That will be so cool to see this newly build Supercharged 4 Cylinder Nitro Injected Honda at the Main Event!

It will be 6 against 6 sp far on the entry list with FunnyBikes against Nitro Bikes.

And one of them is a 3 Cylinder! That is the Rocket Bike based on a Triumph an incredible machine now raced by Jiri Lukes.

From Holland you Maarten Zijlstra with is FunnyBike and is recently entered the 6 seconds zone with his Turbocharged Suzuki.



Neil Midgley on the Immaculate Cannon Motorsports Top Fuel Bike at Santa Pod.

So it will be a great match up for these teams as they come over from Finland to race on the famous Santa Pod Raceway.

Glenn Borg from Malta is there with his very quick FunnyBike!

So is the WARPSPEED team with Mark Smith and Stuart Crane with their incredible Suzuki plain bearing GSX Turbocharged FunnyBikes.

Shark Attack racing with Rene van den Berg from Holland with his 6.054 TFB.

The list goes on with Thomas Pettersson from Sweden who is a long time FunnyBike racer And Eric Richard from France with his Two Brothers teamed up Suzuki Hayabusa based FunnyBike that has great Potential to go very low 6 second runs if all works out for them. It will be exciting to see them compete in this King of Class in FIM-E Dragbike 2025 European Championship.

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FIM-E Pro Stock Bike saw a special win for the European Championship that went to Germany with Jorg Lymant with his Kosman BUELL V-TWIN!

It was a long time that a V-Twin won the European Championship again, I believe Gert Jan Laseur was the last one who did this.

Anyway for the class this is good to see V-Twin against the Screaming 4 inline Suzuki's. The Main Event counts now 7 entry's with Alex Hope back in the class, so there is stil hope! Great to see Alex back and with his new sponsor same as TFD racer Liam Jones it is the Coffee sponsor Bro Joe.

From France it is the former European Champion Bertrand Maurice on his Suzuki PSB with I believe a upgraded 1855cc 4 cylinder engine.

His friend Jerome Rougemont is there also once again and for the class this is great!



Jorg Lymant from Germany on his Kosman V-Twin Buell here during the NitrolympX in Hockenheim 2024

Pro Stock Bike is a normally aspirated class with racefuel added to the engine in the form of Fuel injection or with Lectron carbs. They use high revs to produce the HP needed to run in the 6 seconds or low 7's

Expensive dragbikes as the tuning comes into play for a great matter.

From Germany also is Karl Heinz Weikum who races a Suzuki and is a very quick contender as he has shown in the past. He is quicker than the current European Champion Lymant with a 7.056@304.01Kmh ran 10 years ago! And so is Bertrand Maurice with a 7.092@304.23 Kmh ran last season so that shows that for Jorg to defend his title it will be a great battle to defeat these Quick and Fast Suzuki's. Long time Racer Martin Bishop "The Bish" is once again

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attending another Main Event, I lost count but it must be well over 30 years he races at Santa Pod Raceway in PSB!

Aswin Le Noble from Holland is again racing in this class and needs to go at least over 1 second quicker to be a contender in this class, with new engine upgrades he will try for sure.



Bertrand Maurice on his Suzuki will try take his former FIM-E PSB Championship back in 2025 for sure with upgrades they are ready.



Martin Bishop "The Bish" will be at the Main Event in FIM-E Pro Stock Bike.



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FIM-E Super Street Bike is a very exciting and high performance class that shows it's potential once again with allready 21 entries for the Main Event! I mean that is great to see this class growing over and over again.

And they are getting quicker and faster with their 68/69 inch wheelbase non wheelybar "StreetBikes" most of the m are based on Suzuki Hayabusa with Turbocharger and methanol injection, some of them still use racefuel as it is called.

There are Kawasaki's in the field which is good to see different brands competing.

The current record is still in Hungarian hands with a 6.596@364.79Kmh ran back in 2022.

Last week Jake Mechaell can really close in testing with a outstanding 6.608@223.37Mph!

That saying this class has so much great racers in it and that will be shown at the Upcoming Main Event.

3 Super Street Bike racers come over from Greece and Rudi Zorzi is comming from Italy.

Even from Malta there is a Super Street Bike racer entered the Main Event, that shows dedication. From Austria Herr Gruber is once again on the seat and his German friends all racing Kawasaki with Clemens and Ricardo Grauer.



FIM-E SUPER STREET BIKE European Champion 2024 Alan Morrison Jnr here at the famous NitrolympX in Hockenheim, Germany

He is currently 5th on the list of European quickest and fastest SSB with a strong 6.703@352.61 Kmh His brother Ross became even Quicker with a great 6.690@349.55Kmh!



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Team Brothers from Hungary will do all they can to take the trophy and with Dani Donat Lences allready ran strong at the Festival of Power he is ready.

Margot Schmidt from Holland is the only female in the class and running under the Team Brothers flag as a sister I presume. She struggled during the FOP last week but at the end found some gremlins out and hopefully she will be ready for the Main Event in May 2025.



JKE Owner, Tuner and Super Street Bike Racer Jake Mechaell is a very strong contender to claim the 2025 FIM-E SSB European Title if he attend all the races through Europe.

Team JKE with also Kostas Giannopoulos and Brad Head are getting quicker and faster.

Kostas ran also a great 6.822@342.76Kmh that makes him the quickest and fastest Greek SSB racer in Europe. Brad will try to enter the 6 seconds zone in 2025.

Mogens "Moose" Lund from Denmark is once again at the Main Event and is a long time contender and is also quick and fast.

Rudi Zorzi from Italy also races the SSB class for many years and wants to enter the 6 seconds zone also. In fact all of them like to win offcourse. So far 21 racers in SSB went in the 6 second zone and I believe there will be more after the Main Event.

Morrison Racing is ready for it and Ross showed it allready!

He and his brother and Father Alan Snr are true SSB Racers and I saw recently that Alan Jnr also racing Driftcars! To say he has racingblood through his vains is a understatement.

There is lot to mention about this Class and their dedicated racers, I would advise to come and see them Live during the upcoming Main Event and witness this spectaculair class!



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FIM-E SUPER TWIN TOP FUEL BIKE as they are named are Twin Cylinder Dragbikes on steroids in this case NITRO!

The class is dominated for years by a Danish Father & Son couple in the name of Christiansen. His points difference in the 2024 Racesession was again outstanding! 368 against 250 points for “The Beast” from Sweden in the form of Supercharged Parallel Twin racer Per Bengtsson who did great and will be again presented at the Main Event! Per and his team are coming to Santa Pod for over 40 years to my knowledge. Incredible that Per is still racing his selfbuild Beast with a Bentec clutch and gearbox that his company is selling all over the world, look it up Bentec Engineering. High quality performance parts all engineered in house and Per his son is running his company now with him on the sideline keeping supervision and involvement.



Danish Domination in Super Twin Top Fuel! Marcus Christiansen aka “The Hawk”

In third place came Chris van Nimmen out of Belgium who really stepped up in 2024 and father Claus from Speedy's Basement Performance helped out with the Tuning of the Super Twin that is Nitro Injected 2400cc V-Twin.

Marcus uses a bigger displacement of 3050cc also Nitro Injected.

Vesa Lipponen from Finland is also attending the Main Event with his 5 seconds V-Twin! A different concept that is running a Supercharger on a V-Twin with timing belts and DOHC and does not use a gearbox but the clutch is straight on the crank like a Top Fuel Dragster! This proved a golden set-up so far as they are the only V-Twin that ran in the 5 seconds barrier with 2 other Finnish Dragbike Legends as in Jaska Salakari and Samu Kemppainen that entered the Main Event in FIM-Top Fuel Bike.



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FIM-E Junior Dragbike has 12 entries for the Main Event and is sponsored by Eurodragster.com that is the great place for all Dragrace information in Europe and often overseas, I make pitnotes for Eurodragster and provide them with my photo's. It was Hollie King that became 2024 JDB European Champion after 3 rounds with a great points lead over number 2 Richard Willcox. This class is getting more contenders and are the future for Dragbike racing here in Europe and in some occasion go to the USA. From Holland Anouk Burgering became last season number 6 and will try again.



Hollie King did great in the 2024 FIM-E Junior DragBike Cup!

This is it for now, there is lots more to tell but better is to visit the Main Event and enjoy the Great Motorsport Dragracing is, there is nothing better then to see it Live!

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