



# RACE REPORT 2025

## FIA & FIM-E MAIN EVENT SANTA POD

### EUROPEAN DRAGRACING CHAMPIONSHIP



The 2025 Dragracing kicked off as always at the great and famous Santa Pod Raceway. 23-26 May 2025 it would all start for the new Racesession and many teams came over to Race again and after a long winter they could not wait to compete again. It was good to see all the dedicated raceteams do their beloved thing called Dragracing! New paint schemes new parts updates & upgrades you name it. Some left it the way it ended last season because it worked fine for them.



Slick Tricks Racing with Susanne Callin did qualified 1st during the Main Event at the FIA 1 round



FIA TOP FUEL DRAGSTER with LIAM JONES in his new Bro Joe after 5 years back on Top!





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FIA TOP FUEL Dragster had 4 entries and the teams were struggling to find the good set up for the +10.000HP Dragster on the Santa Pod Racetrack.

It was Liam Jones with his Bro Joe TFD that ended on top as he made the best results Rain ended the fun on raceday and he leads the FIA Championship after 5 years of absence. A male on top in a class that was dominated by female over the last seasons.

Liam Jones has now 73 points. 2nd is India Erbacher the Lady from Swiss that is reigning Champion from 2024 with 66 points and 3rd is Dennis Nilsson from Sweden with 55 points followed by Susan Callin that has 54 points both from Sweden.



It was great to see Dennis Nilsson again back at Santa Pod with his team and he came with an added future that is more used in the USA and that is a closed canopy on his TFD.

Technical issue\ plagued the team and engine failure with small fire occurred during the raceweekend for the team. The Track was hard to read and the weather conditions played a big part for the teams to find a clean set-up to unleash the tremendous amount of energy these Top Fuel Dragsters produce.

India Erbacher had also track problems with here lifting up the rear slicks to loose traction. So all teams wanted to lay down a decent run.

It is a small window they can operate in and with new or different parts for the new season they need time and correct conditions for showing the potential.

Susanne Callin had also traction problems with her Slick Trick Racing TFD.

Overall it did not help as constantly the weather changed and it was a cold track to operate on.

Dragracing is a strange part of Motorsport as it is so Extreme.



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Jonny Lagg with his A-Fuel Dragster did good at the Main event and ended up with the most points after the event called off because of the bad weather conditions.

He is the 2024 FIA TM European Champion and he and his team proved to be on top once again. With a 90 points lead he goes to the next race that will be held at Tierp in Sweden on his home soil.







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The Bellio Family did strong during the qualification and came on top. In the eliminations lost with traction problems and had engine damage. A strong begin of the 2025 season. Tina Hast Nedregard from Norway with her A-Fuel dragster ended up 2nd so far in TM and already shows the potential she has for the 2025 Championship. Tony Bryntesson and Silvio Straus ended up 4th and 5th and need to step up their game in Tierp.



Silvio Strauch from Germany pulled a strong wheely with his real Top Methanol Dragster equipped with Methanol injection and Supercharger! It was good he has a wheelybar otherwise it could have been a different game for sure. It is not often you see these wheely's from this class. For us photographers it is these moments that makes it special to catch it and be there at the right moment in time and lucky to be on the right side of the track for a frontal shot like this. It goes really fast and through the lens it appears even closer so that makes it even more spectacular! The high pitch scream these Top Methanol Supercharged engines produce can really hurt the ear drums not like the heavy roar of a A-Fuel Dragster that uses a Nitro Injected engine set-up and revs not that high. Silvio uses a 470CI V8 and a Spitzer Race Cars chassis. The track showed strong grip but the cold weather did influence the set up for many teams. Also the heavy winds played a part in wheely's like this as it came frontal at the racers. Passing the "Bank" even caused heavy side winds and needs to be considered with the high end speed that the high horsepower dragsters make.



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Triple DUTCH in FIA PRO MODIFIED!



The Dutch FIA Pro Modified temas did great during the Main Event in the first round of the European Championship! Team from Marck Hartevelde was on top and JWR with Joeri as the tuner showed his skills with Marck that did an excellent racing job! The Mean Green Machine as the Plymouth Roadrunner looks like with their Blown V8! Michel Tooren and David Vegter also went on top of their game and that was great to see off-course. The teams so happy after the hard work over the long winter months.







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At the Main Event it was once again the domination force of long time Swedish FIA Pro Stock Car racer Jimmy Alund that came and showed his skills and potential over the raceweekend. Year in and out he is the Force to be dealt with and it is very hard to beat the PSC Master. He keeps his cool but once in a while he is late on the tree and is it because of his age now? Or is he fine with it one could ask, but the performance is outstanding. With the new Summit Paint scheme on his Chevy after long time blue this looked really pretty if you ask me. I was not the only one in this matter. A strong 6.59 in the first round showed the potential once again as the quickest ET so far.



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### FIM-E TOP FUEL BIKE 1st Round at the Main Event on Santa Pod Raceway



Straight out of the big bus from Falkenberg Sweden Team RG Engineering did show they were at their game! An incredible 5.7971@234.93Mph said it all!!! Such an outstanding high performance Rikard Gustafsson laid on the great track surface of the amazing Santa Pod Raceway and it would be hard to beat by all others involved in the TFB Class under the FIM-E sanction, jawdropping so say at least and so close to his PB.

Quicker in ET and lower in terminal speed, means that the first part (1/8) mile is under 4 seconds and a strong 60ft is key! Here they are aiming for many years.

To move that weight in the best way forward and not upwards seems easy but with the extreme power output these monsters produce with their supercharged nitro injected 4 inline Puma engines means absolute correct settings with clutch, tyre pressure, and fuel settings to find the perfect balance on the sticky track. It is this that makes the Dragrace sport very interesting to me, the technical aspect and the perfection it takes to make these runs in combination with the track surface, duration of burnout temperature, and all else that is involved in this great motorsport Dragracing is. With his new Indian Red paint scheme it was different compared to his former Black Knight TFB.

Should we all name him now the Red Knight and run around the TOP FUEL Bike with feathers on our heads? Just kidding but the wolves were howling after this excellent run and the spectators loved it! Thank You Rikard and team for once again showing us what TOP FUEL Bike stands for if all works out, it is from a different world...Worldclass!





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Top Fuel Bike - Qualifying List

#	RACE #	NAME	RT	ET	MPH	SPLIT
1	1	R. GUSTAFSSON	0.4456	5.7971	234.93	
2	39	S. CRANE	0.2050	6.4192	202.34	+0.6221
3	34	E. RICHARD	0.1584	6.5153	218.23	+0.7182
4	74	G. BORG	0.2176	6.5169	210.11	+0.7198
5	49	N. MIDGLEY	0.5573	6.6788	150.12	+0.8817
6	19	M. SMITH	0.0819	6.8154	198.03	+1.0183
7	7	J. LUKES	0.2202	7.1900	136.46	+1.3929
8	9	M. ZIJLSTRA	0.5113	7.3741	173.05	+1.5770
9	14	S. KEMPPAINEN	0.2082	7.4659	155.75	+1.6688
10	817	T. PETTERSSON	1.9975	8.1025	132.46	+2.3054
11	25	P. CROSSLEY	0.3858	9.1054	150.10	+3.3083
12	36	R. VAN DEN BERG	0.3027	9.7253	81.54	+3.9282

Rikard was the only in the magic 5 and Neil Midgley was closing early during his run  
The first half looked strong from Neil for sure and he and his team is also capable of running 5 seconds for sure.  
It was Glenn Borg from Malta that ran a strong PB with his Methanol Turbocharged Suzuki Funnybike and to say they were happy is an understatement! Same as French Dragbike racer Erich Richard from the Team Brothers based in Hungary marked his performance once again with his immaculate Turbocharged Suzuki Hayabusa based Funnybike!



Staurt Crane would later use a dark visor :)



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Marcus Christiansen from Denmark with a 225Mph Wheely through the Finishline!

No words needed for the extreme high performance Speedy's Basement Performance once again laid down the Santa Pod Racetrack during the 2025 Main Event in FIM-STB!  
I mean these Danish wizards came to business once again! Them new exhaust pipes showed allready how to burn the Nitro with their Injected BP5 3050CC V-TWIN!  
Incredible and that is a fact! I mean a wheely at 220Mph who can say that on this globe we live on! The Gods of Speed where chasing down the Santa Pod racetrack!

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Super Twin Bike - Qualifying List

#	RACE #	NAME	RT	ET	MPH	SPLIT
1	27	M. CHRISTIANSEN	0.1901	6.1519	228.90	
2	66	P. BENGTSSON	0.1365	6.3230	196.42	+0.1711
3	62	R. SIXTA	0.2162	6.9186	158.59	+0.7667
4	21	M. BUHLER	0.7698	9.7010	130.19	+3.5491
5	68	C. VAN NIMMEN	0.6101	13.6646	61.52	+7.5127
6	26	V. LIPPONEN	0.4528	27.3923	16.05	+21.2404





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THE BEAST came from Sweden and that is a Parallel Supercharged Nitro Twin raced by Per Bengtsson who is a Dragbike Veteran for sure and came in the 70's with his brother to race at Santa Pod Raceway! Per is 70 years young and still taming this magnificent Beast! It is just beyond belief to see this thunderstorm go down the racetrack and the respect Per and his longtime team deserves after their incredible Dragracing journey. He made a strong 6.3230@196.42Mph and clicked early during that run. Rain came and spoiled all the fun...To be continued at his hometrack in Tierp Arena, Sweden later this year.



ROMAN SIXTA from Czech Republic



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From Swiss came Martin Buhler with his new Super Twin that he last season licensed to race during the Dragrevival and NitrolympX in Hockenheim, Germany.

Martin was a long time Dragbike racer in Super Twin Top Gas to move on to the King of Class as in Nitro Twin aka Super Twin Top Fuel Bike under the FIM-E flag.

He did manage to get qualified with a slow 9.70 but is still on a learning curve and looking for a good set-up for his Super Twin. Juha "Sushi" Hintukainen came to help out straight from the USA where he race himself with his Super Twins.



Chris van Nimmen from Belgium was struggling during the raceweekend with technical problems and could not make a statement like he did last season, he will be back.

From Finland the Prophecy Vesa Lipponen came together with Same Kemppainen with his Supercharged dohc 1700cc V-Twin and as you can remember this is the first ever 5 seconds V-Twin in the World! On the 1/4 Mile For long it was claimed to be impossible but Vesa proved them all wrong. He is still upgrading and did not have the correct parts to amke it happen again, but believe me his Super Twin has tremendous potential and he proved this over and over again. It was a bit sad to see that it did not happen over the weekend...

He did manage to get in the field with another record as in the the lowest ever speed recorded with 16 mph over the ffinishline with a Nitro Twin! So to say he is the man of extreme records is hereby a statement! Dragracing van be a peculiar sport for sure and is proven over and over again to be very hard to predict...

They worked really hard to get it all done, but sometimes it doesn't just go all along and that is Racing too, but they travelled all the way from Finland to ake it even more sour.





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Vesa Lipponen from Suomi did all he could to make a strong run but it did not end well.



Bertrand Maurice in FIM-E Pro Stock Bike came and showed that he wants his Title back to France!



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FIM-E Pro Stock Bike was in the hands of a German that took last season the European Title and the French PSB Racer Betrand Maurice worked hard all winter to take that back. He made a new engine with more cc as in 1855cc and uses a Suzuki platform with a 4 inline engine based on the 1980 design...Still using a roller bearing crank with OEM Suzuki engine cases. He proved himself the quickest during the qualification sessions. So hard worked paid of so far.

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Pro Stock Bike - Qualifying List

#	RACE #	NAME	RT	ET	MPH	SPLIT
1	111	B. MAURICE	0.1113	7.1734	185.07	
2	21	J. LYMANT	0.1328	7.2489	179.92	+0.0755
3	11	M. BISHOP	0.3794	7.7520	172.38	+0.5786
4	68	J. ROUGEMONT	0.3511	7.7640	171.10	+0.5906
5	12	K. WEIKUM	0.2848	8.8966	117.46	+1.7232
6	30	A. HOPE	0.2242	10.2862	84.27	+3.1128

Jorg Lymant from Germany is the defending titleholder from 2024. He managed to stick in the second place as he still is searching with new parts to make a quick set-up and all should be getting better. Martin Bishop came with a new Monster Cilinderhead and EFI he sounded really strong and his new set-up has great potential with a screaming haul to it! Jean Rougemont also was a strong contender with his beautiful black Suzuki and gets quicker and faster. On the other hand another German as in Karl Heinz Weikum did not had the best of weekends and destroyed a ml headgasket during a warm up as it was not the correct bore size as he ordered... Alex Hope with his Bro Joe Pro Stock Suzuki struggled to get a good pass and had a Gremlin in his Dragbike, which was a shame as Alex is a great PSB Racer and he will prove that when his PSB will run smooth in the upcoming round. During eliminations in round 1 and that was the only one raced due to the bad weather Jorg Lymant went trough after beating KH Weikum a German battle won by a German... The French racer Jerome Rougemont defeated The Bish on a great Holeshot! A 7.90 vs 7.68! and Identical speed on the finishline...I gueshe Bish needed more faith. Finally Alex Hope proved that there was still hope and laid down a strong 7.66@169.81Mph vs 7.24@180.64Mph from the French Rocket Bertrand Maurice that was to strong with his new 8V V&H 1855cc Lectron feeded Suzuki based powerplant.





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The Bish as in Martin Bishop with is new engine set-up sounded powerfull and sweet!



Jorg Lyman with his Pro Stock Buell is the only Twin in the Suzuki dominating FIM-E PSB Class



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FIM-E Super Street Bike is a great class as mentioned before with very skilled racers from different countries as this class is getting more populair each Dragracing season. They came from Greece to race at Santa Pod Raceway during the first round of the 2025 Dragbike FIM-E SSB European Championship with laying down strong runs and loved the excellent track Santa Pod Raceway is known for. The Trackcrew with longtime trackprep specialist Ian Marshall and his technicians once again showed their excellent skills over the weekend with the weather going up & down...



JKE Raceworks FIM-E Super Street Bike Racer Jake Mechaell showed his high performance with a 6.74@220



Dani Lences from Team Brothers qualified 2nd with a 0.0076 Margin!





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#	RACE #	NAME	RT	ET	MPH	SPLIT
1	2	J. MECHAELL	0.0486	6.7459	220.37	
2	68	D. DONAT LENCES	0.1185	6.7535	224.41	+0.0076
3	1	A. MORRISON JNR	0.1527	6.7831	218.06	+0.0372
4	14	L. FARRUGIA	0.1564	6.8237	220.04	+0.0778
5	597	R. MORRISON	0.1573	6.8807	211.81	+0.1348
6	15	M. LUND	0.0673	6.9970	207.20	+0.2511
7	43	I. MARTZAKLIS	0.2298	7.0262	207.89	+0.2803
8	48	R. ZORZI	0.0462	7.0482	208.99	+0.3023
9	7	K. GIANNOPOULOS	0.1268	7.0657	198.11	+0.3198
10	42	I. LAMPROPOULOS	0.1500	7.1797	210.10	+0.4338
11	79	M. SCHMIDT	0.4794	7.2113	199.03	+0.4654
12	216	C. REED	0.2015	7.3641	200.76	+0.6182
13	972	R. GRAUER	0.1618	7.3874	192.05	+0.6415
14	19	M. HALLETT	0.1567	7.4431	195.55	+0.6972
15	606	B. HEAD	0.1146	7.4929	189.79	+0.7470
16	31	D. DE'ATH	0.1820	7.5945	193.07	+0.8486
17	17	D. COCKERILL	0.0605	7.6047	171.75	+0.8588
18	110	J. SHOOK	0.1108	7.6134	184.36	+0.8675
19	72	C. WALLEIT	0.2241	7.6216	166.07	+0.8757
20	46	N. CHRYSANTHOPOULOS	0.5220	7.7941	183.62	+1.0482
21	61	E. GRUBER	0.0741	8.2182	177.09	+1.4723

All the way from Italy it was Rudi Zorzi who came and raced his turbo hayabusa hard down the Santa pod quartermile in a fearless matter as it showed after his full pass he did not back off when he tilted his ssb to the left and that resulted he hit the wall pretty hard in the shut-down area! With luck he stayed on his ssb and to his racing skills but it was a awkward moment to witness for sure, It was sparkling to say at least!

His exhaustpipe was dragging on the surface and created fireworks.

Luke Farrugia also showed his skills with Simon Giordmania as his tuner with strong et's The Morrison Family was there with Ross & Alan both compete hard in FIM-SSB.

The Greek racers were on their game and really loved the UK racetrack and there was even a Triumph competing as a first in FIM-E SSB in UK as far as I know.

The German Kawasaki boys and Austrian Erich Gruber is almost 70 and still racing hard!

It shows that it is a sport for all ages as long you feel up to it.

The only lady in the class as in Margot Schmidt was down in the low 7's again and still fine tuning here Turbocharged Hayabusa and racing with Team Brothers from Hungary.

From Denmark Mogens Lund aka "Moose" was back in the 6's and that was good to see.



Che Spectacolo! A scary moment for ItalianFIM-E SSB Racer Rudi Zorzi sliding towards the wall!



Alan Morrison Jnr is the 2024 FIM-E SSB European Champion and was on his game!





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FIM-E Junior Dragbike was at the Main Event 2025 on Santa Pod Raceway for their Cup season. With 12 entries it was a good filled racing field. They use an index to arce up to. Different et's to run make it a selection of ages and types of dragbikes. They are if all goes to plan the future of Dragbike Racing and learn young to step up later to other classes. To see these youngsters go down the racetrack is impressive for them and some of them all-ready run pretty high speeds and over 80Mph! It does not look so fast as the other classes run much higher speed but for their age it is impressive for sure. After 4 qualifying rounds it was Hollie King once again back on top with only 0.0093 from her index! Leah Morrison clocked the highest speed with 83.64Mph! One fast lady! They love it these youngsters and grow up in a Dragracing atmosphere and have stuff to tell about on their school! The future will tell who will become the next Champion in Dragbike racing in Europe or some even go over to the USA to compete.

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Junior Drag Bike - Qualifying List

#	RACE #	NAME	INDEX	RT	ET	MPH	+/-
1	1	H. KING	9.20	0.1751	9.2093	70.30	+0.0093
2	16	H. ISAACS	9.80	0.1821	9.8120	66.22	+0.0120
3	27	M. SMALLMAN	8.20	0.1796	8.2506	81.53	+0.0506
4	22	D. BUTT	8.60	0.0873	8.6665	77.36	+0.0665
5	17	A. LESTER	9.40	0.1247	9.4771	69.28	+0.0771
6	4	L. MORRISON	8.00	0.1107	8.0789	83.64	+0.0789
7	26	S. POLLEN	8.97	0.1294	9.1346	72.77	+0.1646
8	8	B. MORRISON	9.65	0.3054	9.8596	66.09	+0.2096
9	36	A. BURGERING	13.49	0.3055	13.7330	52.47	+0.2430
10	75	L. BRAUNE	8.00	0.1386	8.3171	82.43	+0.3171
11	3	J. KING	13.76	0.1946	14.1006	42.77	+0.3406
12	2	R. WILCOX	9.80	-0.1489	10.3904	53.28	+0.5904

Eliminations 1 : S.Pollen (W) L.Morrison (L) Eliminations 2 : S.Pollen (W) R.Wilcox (L)  
H.Isaacs (W) J.King (L) A.Lester (W) H.Isaacs (L)  
A.Lester (W) B.Morrison (L) D.Butt (W) L.Braune (L)  
D.Butt (W) A.Burgering (L) After that the weather decided to end  
L.Braune (W) M.Smallman (L) further rounds of eliminations and the  
R.Wilcox (W) H.King (L) Race was cancelled.



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That was the 2025 Main Event for FIA & FIM-E with the weather palying a big part over the racedays as it can be. Dragracing is a Motorsport that can not be run with a wet tracksurface. small drops can ruin it and there are moments you would think why do they not run now... It can rain in the shutdown area and it can be dry on the 1/4 racing surface that is fully prep-ped with traction applied also by the famous gluebird. The Santa Pod crew did a great job as allways and it is with respect that these hardworking crew are on their game over all these exhaustings days. It is a dedication to be ready every second and it can be windy and cold all day long without shelter they have to be up there. The shutdown area is a different part of the race and lots of many peopple do not realize how fast they come down the end of the racetrack! Anyway the sport is growing and there were influencers at Santa Pod Raceway to make it go viral on the information highway as allmost all are glued to their smartphones. A new generation as they say but the constant information can be good promotion for Dragracing with famous persons showing the great Motorsport Dragracing is! I Like to thank Santa Pod Raceway once again for the hospitality and the awesome Racetrack. Next event will be at the Tierp Arena in Sweden for the 2nd round of the European Dragracing Championship in FIA & FIM-E 7-10 August. 2025 Events : <https://eurodragster.net/events> For all results from the Main Event : <https://santapodresults.com/2025/Main%20Event/?sfnsn=mo>



The Great SHOWTIME Fuel Funny Car at Full Force during the Main Event 2025!



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Slick Tricks Racing at their game with Susanne Callin drifting to the left after right cylinders went out...!



Stuart Crane from Warpspeed Racing had an Oilspil in burnout box, lucky it did not happen on track!