



2024 FIA 5th Round Preview

European Dragracing Championship

Santa Pod Raceway 5-8 Sep



After the 4th round in Hockenheim during the 37th NitrolympX in Germany teams are heading up to the United Kingdom for the European Finals.

In the FIA there will be 5 TOP FUEL DRAGSTER teams to battle for high grounds and are keen to show their skills and performance at the last race of the 2024 season.



SlickTricks Racing with Swedish Racer Susanne Callin will be ready for the European Finals!

Susanne Callin from Sweden is 2nd in pointstanding for the European TFD Championship with the Slick Tricks Racing.

From Malta Duncan Micallef is leading the Championship after 4 rounds and showed the great Potential from his Dragster.

In 3rd it is India Erbacher who did great at the 37th NitrolympX and won the event.

Tommi Haapanen from Finland will also be at the European Finals!

And Linn Floysvik from Norway who took her license at the NitrolympX.

If the weather is good and the track holds up and the teams are on their game it could be a record breaking event like it was many times before at the great Santa Pod Raceway.

FIA EUROPEAN DRAG RACING CHAMPIONSHIP		2024 FIA EUROPEAN DRAG RACING CHAMPIONSHIP					FIA		
		TOP FUEL							
Rank	Race Number	Driver	Country	1st RD	2nd RD	3rd RD	4th RD	5th RD	Total
1	111	Duncan MICALLEF	Malta	61	63	46	57		227
2	2	Susanne CALLIN	Sweden	44	45	62	41		192
3	11	India ERBACHER	Switzerland	64	0	0	104		168
4	77	Antti HORTO	Finland	0	81	0	0		81
5	304	Dennis NILSSON	Sweden	0	0	0	55		55
6	330	Linn FLØYSVIK	Norway	0	0	0	38		38



2024 FIA 5th Round Preview
European Dragracing Championship
Santa Pod Raceway 5-8 Sep



2024 FIA 5th Round Preview
European Dragracing Championship
Santa Pod Raceway 5-8 Sep



Female standoff at Santa Pod Raceway during the Finals, Can it be repeated this upcoming event!
 Swiss vs Sweden India Erbacher vs Susanne Callin! Let The Air Burn!



Linn Floysvik from Norway will be Racing with her Top Fuel Dragster at the Finals!

TOP METHANOL will see only 3 competitors at the European Finals 5-8 Sep at Santa Pod. Pointsleader Jonny Lagg from Sweden with his NGK A Fuel Dragster without Supercharger and using Nitro Injection is on top with 308 points. Just before Tony Bryntesson also from Sweden who is 2nd with 270 points and another A Fuel Dragster sponsored by BILSPORT a swedish motorsport magazine. And Sandro Bellio from Belgium the former FIA European Champion decided to come over to take the event win after engine failure at the 37th NitrolympX that withdraw them from the event early, and that was a shame for such a hard working team that did great during qualifying. You could say that is Motorsport, but still it is a hard pill to swallow. They have the engine repaired again and will come to show their great potential. And as remco would say a stunning performance! Best luck for the teams who took the effort to make it great European Finals.



Sandro Bellio here at the 37th NitrolympX going strong!

The high rpm Screwcharger Methanol injected 521 CI V8 from Danny's Racing Team from Belgium with their outstanding Chevrolet Monte Carlo with the engine in front of them in their Funny Car set - up. Top Methanol Funny car as it is known but the class is because of the diversity now called TOP METHANOL which is confusing as the two class leaders are using Nitro Methaan as Fuel and not Methanol. This can also be seen in other classes that is mixed with different engine set-ups. In the end you need racers to make a class function and there are not enough competitors in Europe to fulfill this task, therefore it is combined.



2024 FIA 5th Round Preview
European Dragracing Championship
Santa Pod Raceway 5-8 Sep



2024 FIA 5th Round Preview
European Dragracing Championship
Santa Pod Raceway 5-8 Sep



Tony Bryntesson from Sweden with his BILSPORT A Fuel Hadman Dragster at the 37 th NitrolympX in Hockenheim, Germany.

In FIA PRO MODIFIED it is allways a tight competitive field every season with lots of many Racers from different countries.

22 entries are on the list for the European Finals!

As far as Jean Dulamon goes after his crash during the 37th NitrolympX I do assume he will not be racing at the finals.

The Norwegian Stian Rusanen from Hammer Motorsport did great this season with pb's and he did run hirst first 5 second pass in Pro Modified, wich is kind of mandatory these days to be on the top of this class

His Guatemala Express in the form of a 1941 Willys is a great looking Pro Mod and strong competitor with his Supercharged Methanol 521 V8.



The immaculate Guatemala Express from Norway going strong at the 2024 NitrolympX!



Jonny Lagg from Sweden in his A Fuel NGK Dragster with a 433CI Nitro Injected V8 is points leader



Andres Arnover from Estonia with his Turbocharged Ford Mustang GT-500 Pro Mod



2024 FIA 5th Round Preview
European Dragracing Championship
Santa Pod Raceway 5-8 Sep



2024 FIA 5th Round Preview
European Dragracing Championship
Santa Pod Raceway 5-8 Sep



From Holland David Vegter is still the points leader in FIA Pro Modified but it is the Estonian that is breathing in his neck with only a 11 points lead...

This will be an epic and important European Final in Pro Modified for sure!

Close behind David are 2 Turbocharged Pro Mods and David is using a Supercharged V8 on methanol in his Chevrolet Camaro.

Jere Rantaniemi from Finland is 3rd with his Turbocharged Chevrolet Camaro and won the Tierp Internationals in Sweden and that was a bit of an upset for sure.

This European Finals will be an exciting Dragrace in Pro Modified I Promise!

Tears and Joy it will be all there, who will take the crown for the 2024 FIA European Pro Mod Championship? Will it be Holland or Estonia?

Who ever thought that Estonia will be on top of the Pro Modified class!

It is great to see all this different countries competing in this very popular Dragracing class.

And then there are the BIG Motor Nitrous Oxide Pro Mods that are able to take the victory! I mean 903CI V8's!!! that is huge and to fill these bucket pistons you need lots of juice!

The diversity from Supercharging, Turbocharging, and Nitrous feeding powerplants makes this such a interesting Dragrace class.

Speeds around and over 400kmh and deep in the 5's on the 1/4 mile with a doorslammer! Each year they go quicker and faster as the technology is allways growing.



David Vegter from Holland in his immaculate Supercharged Chevrolet Camaro at the NitrolympX.



Peter Kunc from Sweden in his 903CI Chevrolet 69 Camaro with Nitrous Oxide!
 Look at that header fury!



Pro Dutch Racing from Holland with Michel Tooren in his brand new Chevrolet Camaro Pro Modified

You could type so much about this class and the racers. Many are racing over decades and started in Super Gas or Pro ET and later climbed up in a higher performance class as the need for speed allways is knocking on the racer mind. The is no substitute for this and is there a limit? You can not run zero, but where is the limit? The technical rules can play a big part in this as safety is a real consideration for all race classes. The faster the go the more risk they take. Fingers crossed that the European Finals will be a safe Dragrace without any accidents and many records to be broken, again It will be Epic!



2024 FIA 5th Round Preview
European Dragracing Championship
Santa Pod Raceway 5-8 Sep



In FIA Pro Stock the Championship is already decided by Multiple FIA Pro Stock Champion in the name of Jimmy Alund from Sweden. He is such a dominating force in this class. He is also the ET recordholder with a great 6.485@344.61KMH. That makes him also the Speed recordholder. For the 2nd place as known as runner up there is Robin Noren also from Sweden. Michael Malmgrem is 3rd and has a difference of 72 points. It will be an all Swedish class during the European Finals as this class almost all are from Sweden. Richard Sundblom from Finland decided not to travel to the UK.



Photo by Mike Kraaij (C)

The Force in PRO STOCK CAR is the Swedish Master and Recordholder in FIA Pro Stock Jimmy Alund with his immaculate Summit Racing 500CI Chevrolet Camaro



Michael Malmgrem with his 499CI Pontiac GXP in FIA Pro Stock Car at the 37th NitrolympX



2024 FIA 5th Round Preview
European Dragracing Championship
Santa Pod Raceway 5-8 Sep



To top it off there will be also Nitro Funny Cars at the European Finals! This class is not an Official FIA class that compete in the 2024 European Championship. But it is the most spectacular class for many as the 500CI Supercharged Nitro Injected are used in a Funny car set-up and the Racer is behind the engine, as that means the estimated 11.000HP are in front of him and the clutch next to his legs as these monsters have no transmission that can hold this insane amount of torque and Horsepower or now these days mentioned as KW's! The amount of energy these Supercharged Nitro V8 produce is seen and felt to be believed! There is nothing like Nitro and with a Supercharger and injecting makes it the most powerful set-up in crank driven Dragracing. If they go, there is nothing like it and side by side a full 1000ft pass is just beyond believe.



Photo by Mike Kraaij

Steve Ashdown with his amazing Undertaker DODGE CHARGER NITRO FUNNYCAR!

So this sums it up so far and are all welcome to witness this great spectacle at the great Santa Pod Raceway in the United Kingdom from 5-8 September 2024. Bring the lotion and a positive attitude to the Racetrack and a good chair as it will be long days of great Dragracing on the Bank or you choose to sit on the Grandstand. Go walk in the pit area and ask for information or autograph from the Dragracers. Enjoy the weekend with family and friends and be a witness of this great event and you all ways have a alibi!

This preview is made and writing by Mike Kraaij
Photographer/Editor/Media/Pitnotereporter
Kraaijmotorsportfotografie (C) & DHRA Dragracing Holland www.dhra.nl (C)
All rights reserved. Copyright protected. www.santapod.com