



# FIM-E 5th Round EUROPEAN FINALS RACEREPORT



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**FIM-E TOP FUEL BIKE EUROPEAN CHAMPION 2024 RIKARD GUSTAFSSON - SWEDEN**



**SANTA POD Raceway Euro Finals FIM-E 5th round 2024 by Mike Kraaij (C)**



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**ROSS MORRISON FIM-E SUPER STREET BIKE**

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The 5th Race and Final of the European Dragracing Championship was traditionally held at the Great Santa Pod Raceway in the United Kingdom. Lots of entry's in different classes from sportsmen to the Pro classes were present. It started on thursday, but there were test & tune sessions allready on wednesday. Impressive numbers allready been run by various teams and that made it a thing to look forward to. New set ups were tested as the teams allways looking for better performance. The Dragrace sport is allways developing and technoligy wise it is getting more electronics and better quality parts to produce more kw and torque. The whole point is to go quicker and quicker in the Pro Class. As there is no such thing as a 0 second pass, where is the limit? 1/1000 of a second can be the difference of winning! incrementials so small you can't even blink and it is done. That makes this sport so vary interesting, the dedication to push the limit every time. If you are involved in this sport as I do then you understand what it means to the racers and the team they have with them. Can it be a "Pro" sport in the future like F1? That is hard to tell, broadcasting and promoting is key and a celebrity like DJ Carl Cox is great to have involved in Dragracing and can make a difference. Back to order as in FIM-E there were allready known Champions for the European Dragbike Trophy at the start of this event as there points were enough. But not for all classes so that made it exciting for the teams and gave also stress to make it happen. With Dragracing you never know...



FIM-E Super Street Bike Racer Alan Morrison from UK is the back to back European Champion!



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In FIM-E Super Street Bike it was Alan Morrison who made it a back to back Championship! Well done to all involved for this epic achievement! Protek Racing as crew chief with former SSB Racer Rick Stubbins for the tune up and Bradley O' Conner as technical and electrical wizard showed it's potential. As runner Up it became Jake Mechaell who won also the last 2 races! The NitrolympX and The European Finals and that is also very impressive with a huge entry field as Super Street has.



Jake Mechaell with is own build JKE Turbocharged Methanol Suzuki Hayabusa SSB. JKE Raceworks at the winner circle and did became Runner-Up in the 2024 Championship! And that without running the 2 races in Sweden at the TIERP Arena!

Team Brothers from Hungary with Dutch and also French teammates tried everything they could to keep up, but this did not completely worked out for them. Daniel Donat Lences became third with just 2 points behind Jake Mechaell... In fourth place it was Dutch native Margot Schmidt ended up 4th. After all the hard work this was kind of a bitter pill for them, but they have said they will be back stronger next season. Bear in mind that the other teams also go for the full Championship rounds and that makes it even more difficult to stay on top. This class is High Performance and small parts can make a big difference in performance. The potential is there but it all needs to fall in place to make it happen. Is it luck that decides the outcome or knowledge? Dragracing is a strange kind of Motorsport with lots of upsets an kind of unpredictable.



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Dani Donat Lences from Team Brothers tried all he could but in the end became 3rd with a 2 points margin

FIM EUROPE Super Street Bike					
Pos	Starting Number	Competitor	Nationality	Federation	Make
1	21	Jake MECHAELL	GBR	ACU	JKE
2	1	Alan MORRISON JNR	GBR	ACU	Suzuki
3	2	Daniel Donat LENCSSES	HUN	MAMS	Suzuki
4	15	Morgens LUND	DEN	DMU	Suzuki
5	17	Ross MORRISON	GBR	ACU	Suzuki
6	79	Margot SCHMIDT	NED	KNMV	Suzuki
7	7	Kostas GIANNOPOULOS	GBR	ACU	Suzuki
8	606	Brad HEAD	GBR	ACU	Suzuki
9	61	Erich GRUBER	AUT	OAMTC	Kawasaki
10	72	Clemens WALLEIT	GER	DMSB	Kawasaki
11	972	Ricardo GRAUER	GER	DMSB	Kawasaki
12	57	Jonny HINES	GBR	ACU	Suzuki
13	74	Erik JENNES	NED	KNMV	Suzuki

The result from the 5th round at Santa Pod Raceway of the European Finals in the United Kingdom It was an all Suzuki Hayabusa domination in the top 8.  
Mogens Lund from Denmark did great and is still running on racefuel instead of methanol.  
Margot Schmidt from Holland ended up 4th and is the only female in the class at the European Finals.



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## Super Street Bike

Pos	Starting Number	Competitor	Nationality	Federation	Make	Rounds					Points	Points Behind	Points Behind Leader
						1	2	3	4	5			
1	1	Alan MORRISON JNR	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	29	79	120	80	95	403		
2	21	Jake MECHAELL	GBR	ACU	JKE	74			125	120	319	84	84
3	2	Daniel Donat LENCSSES	HUN	MAMS	Suzuki	10	81	97	48	81	317	2	86
4	79	Margot SCHMIDT	NED	KNMV	Suzuki	24	91	51	73	48	287	30	116
5	17	Ross MORRISON	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	48	51	75	27	50	251	36	152
6	15	Morgens LUND	DEN	DMU	Suzuki	44	36	33	50	73	236	15	167
7	76	Krisztián JÁSZ	HUN	MAMS	Suzuki	26		77	95		198	38	205
8	844	Mathias BOHLIN	SWE	NMF	Suzuki		121	27			148	50	255
9	61	Erich GRUBER	AUT	OAMTC	Kawasaki	21	27	46	10	25	129	19	274
10	606	Brad HEAD	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	10	25	44	10	26	115	14	288
11	72	Clemens WALLEIT	GER	DMSB	Kawasaki		26	25	21	24	96	19	307
12	972	Ricardo GRAUER	GER	DMSB	Kawasaki	10	48		10	23	91	5	312
13	57	Jonny HINES	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	10	23	22	10	22	87	4	316
14	7	Kostas GIANNOPOULOS	GBR	ACU	Suzuki				25	47	72	15	331
15	26	Dag WAGENIUS	NOR	NMF	Suzuki		44	21			65	7	338
16	14	Chris REED	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	62					62	3	341
17	40	Savvas TILSIZOGLU	GRE	AMOTOE	Suzuki				55		55	7	348
18	86	Christos AGAPIDUS	GRE	AMOTOE	Suzuki				51		51	4	352
19	29	Wille SKINNERS	NOR	NMF	Kawasaki		21	23			44	7	359
20	48	Rudi ZORZI	ITA	FMI	Suzuki		22		10		32	12	371
21	74	Erik JENNES	NED	KNMV	Suzuki				10	21	31	1	372
22	44	Spyros TSIOURIS	GRE	AMOTOE	Suzuki				29		29	2	374
23	43	Giannis MARTZAKLIS	GRE	AMOTOE	Suzuki				26		26	3	377
24	41	Aggelos SEMERTZIDIS	GRE	AMOTOE	Suzuki				24		24	2	379
25	42	Ioannis LAMPROPOULOS	GRE	AMOTOE	Suzuki				23		23	1	380
26	46	Michail TZIRATOUDIS	GRE	AMOTOE	Suzuki				22		22	1	381
27	23	Stanislav POŽIVENEC	SVK	SMF	Suzuki				10		10	12	393
	45	Eleni REVELTZI	GRE	AMOTOE	Suzuki				10		10	0	393
	50	Evangellos KARAMATZAKIS	GRE	AMOTOE	Suzuki				10		10	0	393

Total points after 5 rounds in the FIM-E SSB European Championship2024  
Great Britain is on Top again



Ross Morrison testing a new clutch set-up with his FIM-E SSB at the Euro Finals!



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FIM-E TOP FUEL BIKE was dominated by RG Engineering from Sweden with Multiple European TFB Champion Rikard Gustafsson from Falkenberg. This class is a combination of Nitro Dragbikes and Methanol Turbocharged Dragbikes all based on Japanese 4 -inline engine set-up's. with one exception of a 3 cyl Triumph based engine. From different countries Dragracers compete in this class. On the entry list for the 5th and Final round of the FIM-E European Championship there were 10 attenders with 5 Funnybikes as they are called running in TFB. The potential is strong, but to beat a Supercharged Nitro Top Fuel Bike is almost impossible. But there are exceptions like that what happened in Hockenheim during the 37th NitrolympX. A win is a win as they say. In Dragracing many strange things can happen and the outcome is many times not what they predicted...



Kung Rikard as they call him is the overall points leader by the European Dragbikes. A Dominating force that reigns for years in the Dragbike scene and the only Dragbike that went over 250MPH multiple times on European soil.

FIM EUROPE Top Fuel Bike						
Pos	Starting Number	Competitor	Nationality	Federation	Make	Points
1	1	Rikard GUSTAFSSON	SWE	SVEMO	Puma Suzuki	100
2	34	Eric RICHARD	FRA	FFM	Suzuki	45
3	7	Jiri LUKES	CZE	ACU	PBR	42
4	39	Stuart CRANE	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	32
5	3	Neil MIDGLEY	GBR	ACU	Puma	30
6	19	Mark SMITH	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	28
	23	Mike OLIE	NED	KNMV	Kawasaki	28
8	36	Rene v. d. BERG	NED	KNMV	Yamaha	24
9	817	Thomas PETTERSSON	SWE	SVEMO	Suzuki	21
10	25	Phil CROSSLEY	GBR	ACU	Puma	10



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The French FunnyBike Racer Eric Richard who races under the TEAM Brothers flag from Hungary became runner up at the European Finals with his Suzuki Hayabusa based platform. His performance over the weekend was outstanding and impressive to say so. He managed to run a 6.306@358.14 kmh during the 5th Qualifying round! That is an PB for him and shows that he was on form during the Final weekend of the FIM-E European Dragracing Championship! Well done Eric and Team Brothers.



Eric Richard from France with his Hayabusa based Turbocharged Funnybike at the Euro Finals

From Holland it was Rene van den Berg who became runner-up in the TOP FUEL BIKE European Championship from the 5 rounds of Racing in Europe. Mike Olie also from Holland did great at the Finals with his Kawasaki ZX-14 based Methanol Turbocharged Funnybike in FIM-E TOP FUEL BIKE. In the 4th Qualifying (E) round he ran another PB with a great 6.483@333.26Kmh! He was very happy with his new personal best! Mark Smith from Warpspeed Racing in the UK also did a great PB during the Q3 E round with a awesome 6.467@342.52Kmh! He uses a Suzuki GSX1400 platform also with a Methanol Turbocharged set-up. It is great to see these Funnybikes trying to chase down the Nitro Supercharged engine set-up's. But I think it is time for a FIM-E FunnyBike Class! It is not really fair to compete against the Supercharged Nitro 4 inline domination as this is shown once again this season once again. To put in perspective in Pro Stock Bike they already moan about a few pounds difference in weight. The Power Nitro with a Supercharger produces is way above the Funnybikes can.



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Dutch TOP FUEL BIKE Racer Mike Olie with his immaculate Kawasaki ZX Funnybike!



Mark Smith with his WarpSpeed Funnybike in Top Fuel Bike during the Euro Finals at Santa Pod Raceway



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FIM-E PRO STOCK BIKE was kind of allready decided but still it was the outcome as predicted. From Germany it was once again Jorg Lymant who did what he planned to do and did it with grace. He won the Euro Finals and the FIM-E Pro Stock Bike European Championship 2024! He did it with a V-Twin Buell and that is great as over decades mainly the class is dominated by Suzuki 4-Inline engine platform based upon the 1980 GS(X) Engine. The all billet V-Twin founded by G2 has Fuel Injection as most of the Suzuki still uses the Carburetor Lectron set-up.



Jorg Lymant from Germany was the Force to beat at the Euro Finals and took the win and Championship!

The team from Germany worked hard after the 37th NitrolympX and had a lot of engine repair to do on their V-Twins. To let these 2600cc Twins revs this high to produce the amount of horsepower for winning races and running low 7 seconds run in Europe in FIM-E takes a toll on the engines. The cranks have a hard life so do the valve train and springs. They had to deal with former FIM-E Europe PSB Champion from France Bertrand Maurice with his quick and fast Suzuki breathing down his neck. But the German stayed cool and showed his class during the weekend with crewchief Michael and his team by his side. It was also great to see Alex Hope back on his Pro Stock Bike! The Hope family is a well known Race Family as father Chris used to race himself in Pro Stock Bike for many years when his sons were still young boys. Later they raced themselves in Pro Stock and Super Street Bike. Alex managed to become runner-up at the Euro Finals! That is great and well done to the Hope Racing Family! Like I stated There is still Hope!



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Bertrand Maurice from France on his Suzuki FIM-E Pro Stock Bike worked hard for his Championship but had to let it go to Germany this season.

SUPER TWIN BIKE is a NITRO based Dragbike class and used to be called SUPER TWIN TOP FUEL! I think it is confusing for fans to know these use Nitro... TOP FUEL TWIN is then a better name for this class or NITRO TWIN but that is my opinion on this matter. This class is special as a Twin on Nitro makes the earth shake! There is nothing like it and if they have a blown version it is even more impressive! Not special as performance because Speedy showed the true potential of a Nitro Injected V-Twin as they can go really fast and quick, but they also need cc's to fill and make the kw. For Superchargers in use with Nitro there are different rules in engine capacity up to 2000cc blown and 3200 Nitro Injected. (used to be 1700cc) to my knowledge. As the Championship was already decided by Marcus Christiansen who also dominated again this season and is back to back to back European STB Champion! Incredible what the father and son combination out of Denmark are showing the Dragbike scene! Basement Performance is where it all happens! From a cellar in Denmark father Claus is always working and thinking how to go quicker and faster. There Super Twin is one of a kind in the world of Super Twins they are doing it completely different than all others and the very skilled Dragbike racer Marcus racing the Super Twin like a Pro Stock Bike with their set-up! Even the burnout is special with a Super Street Bike style rubbing tyre heating procedure...! You have to witness it to understand it.



## Pro Stock Bike

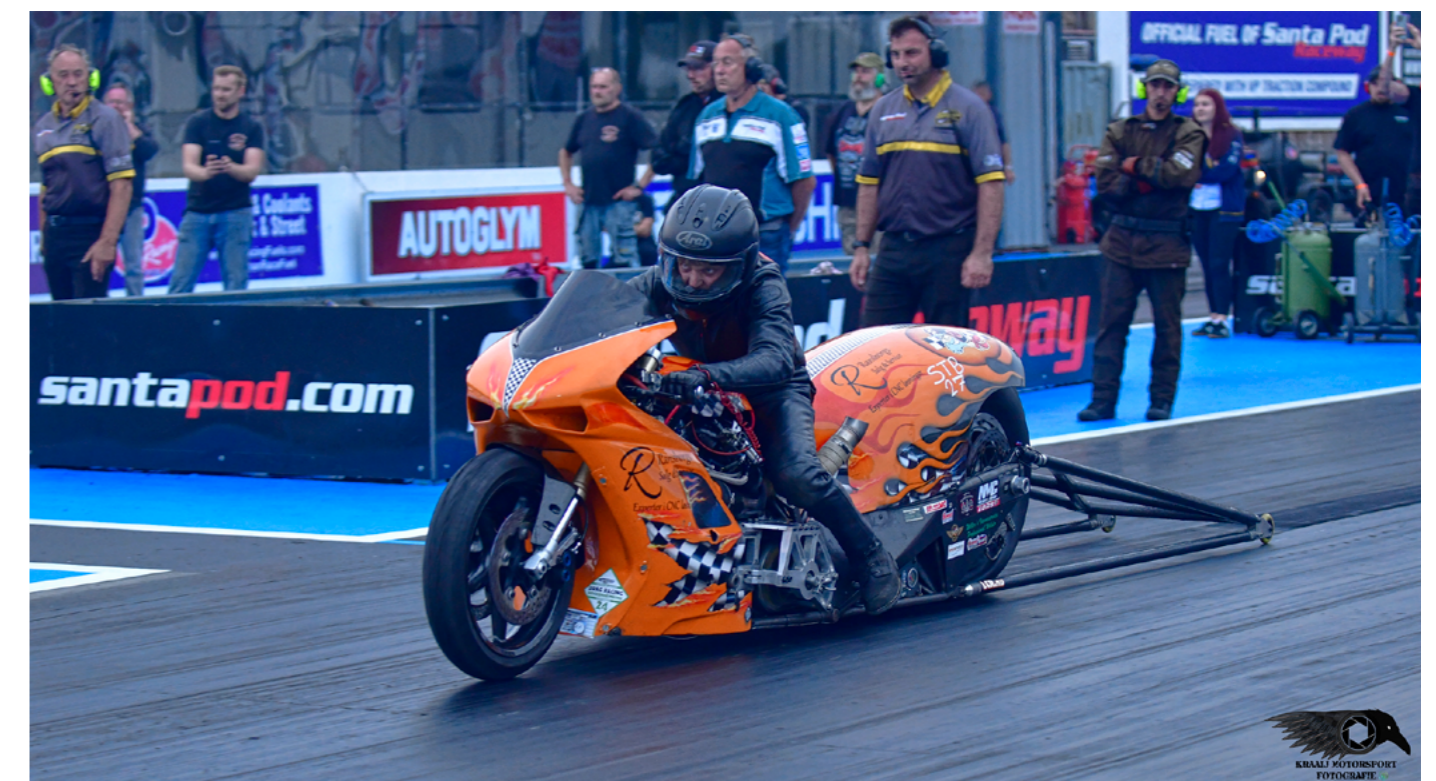
Pos	Starting Number	Competitor	Nationality	Federation	Make						Points	Points Behind	Points Behind Leader
						1	2	3	4	5			
1	21	Joerg LYMANT	GER	DMSB	Buell	67	72	91	93	73	396		
2	111	Bertrand MAURICE	FRA	FFM	Suzuki	46	93	73	54	28	294	102	102
3	40	Dimitrios PETRIDIS	GRE	AMOTOE	Suzuki		54		68		122	172	274
4	69	Timo SAVOLAINEN	FIN	SML	Suzuki		45	51			96	26	300
5	68	Jerome ROUGEMONT	FRA	FFM	Suzuki	26	24		21	13	84	12	312
6	11	Martin BISHOP	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	22			24	25	71	13	325
7	42	Charalampos BOUSINIS	GRE	AMOTOE	Suzuki		29		26		55	16	341
8	30	Alex HOPE	GBR	ACU	Suzuki					45	45	10	351
	56	Theodor VIK	NOR	NMF	Suzuki		21	24			45	0	351
10	34	Pavlos SIDIROPOULOS	GRE	AMOTOE	Suzuki				44		44	1	352
11	91	Janne KOSKINEN	FIN	SML	Suzuki			26			26	18	370
12	12	Karl-Heinz WEIKUM	GER	DMSB	Suzuki				24		24	2	372
13	3	Martin NEWBURY	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	10					10	14	386



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Pos	Starting Number	Competitor	Nationality	Federation	Make	Points
1	21	Joerg LYMANT	GER	DMSB	Buell	73
2	30	Alex HOPE	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	45
3	111	Bertrand MAURICE	FRA	FFM	Suzuki	28
4	11	Martin BISHOP	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	25
5	68	Jerome ROUGEMONT	FRA	FFM	Suzuki	13

Results from the 5th round and Overall Championship in FIM-E Pro Stock Bike



Marcus Christiansen from Denmark is the dominating force in the Super Twin Nitro class! It is just incredible how he and his father keep up on top in this amazing Dragbike class. Basement Performance it is called... This is one special basement based in Denmark!



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## Super Twin Bike

Pos	Starting Number	Competitor	Nationality	Federation	Make						Points	Points Behind	Points Behind Leader
1	27	Marcus CHRISTIANSEN	DEN	DMU	BP5 '16	70	101	100	96	71	368		
2	66	Per BENGTTSSON	SWE	SVEMO	The Beast		72	77	48	53	250	118	118
3	68	Chris v. NIMMEN	BEL	FMB-BMB	Harley Davidson	45	30	11	67	24	166	84	202
4	62	Roman SIXTA	CZE	ACCR	Nitro V60	22	45	22	48		137	29	231
5	37	Erling OPHEIM	NOR	NMF	RPD Twin Cam Gen II		22	48			70	67	298
6	38	John ROLFSTAD	NOR	NMF	Super TwinTop Fuel		23	46			69	1	299
7	36	Svein-Olaf ROLFSTAD	NOR	NMF	RPD Twin Cam Gen II		44	23			67	2	301
8	30	Marc v.d. BOER	BEL	FMB-BMB		10	10	21	25		66	1	302
9	99	Marko LANTTO	FIN	SML	Nitro V60 EFI	25	10	22			57	9	311
10	11	Greger JOHANSSON	SWE	SVEMO	Blower Cat		27	10			37	20	331
11	97	Anders HÖRNSTRÖM	SWE	SVEMO	Supertwin top fuel v 60			10	23		33	4	335
12	13	Samu KEMPPAINEN	FIN	SML	Nitro V60			27			27	6	341
13	14	Christian JÄGER	GER	DMSB	PRP				23		23	4	345
14	63	Teemu KETTULA	FIN	SML	Gruff Super Twin		10	10			20	3	348
	511	Frank AASLUND	NOR	NMF	Super TwinTop Fuel		10	10			20	0	348
16	65	Ismo MÄENPÄÄ	FIN	SML	Sonic Tools Super Twin		12				12	8	356
17	55	Tony ANDERSSON	SWE	SVEMO				10			10	2	358
	82	Anders JENSEN	DEN	DMU	Jensen Special			10			10	0	358

The Super Twin Nitro class after 5 rounds during the 2024 season.



## Super Twin Bike

Pos	Starting Number	Competitor	Nationality	Federation	Make	Points
1	27	Marcus CHRISTIANSEN	DEN	DMU	BP5 '16	71
2	66	Per BENGTTSSON	SWE	SVEMO	The Beast	53
3	30	Marc v.d. BOER	BEL	FMB-BMB		25
4	68	Chris v. NIMMEN	BEL	FMB-BMB	Harley Davidson	24



It was Per Bengtsson from Sweden that became a double Runner-up with "The Beast"!



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From Belgium it was Chris van Nimmen who became 3th in the FIM-E Nitro Super Twin Class!



Marc van den Boer from Belgium on his self build Nitro Super Twin told that the Euro Finals was his last race in Super Twin and after 35 years of Dragracing said that it was enough.

I like to thank Marc and Jimmy for their dedication over all these years.

Great people and true racers and they will be missed by many!

They still will be involved in Dragracing by building and tuning.



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Junior Dragbike was in the 2024 season held at 3 events in Europe. Twice in the United Kingdom and one time in Germany at the NitrolympX in Hockenheim. Hollie King dominated in the class and took a great points lead on nr 2 Richard Willcox. Jaxon King ended up 3rd so the Kings reigned the class in the 2024 season! These Junior can be one day become the new generation in Top Fuel Bike or Super Twin Bike or in Pro Stock Bike or the populair non wheelybar class Super Street Bike!

This wraps up the 2024 FIM-E Dragbike season over 5 rounds and 3 in Junior Dragbike Cup. All classes showed great potential for the future and many personal best were run at the 2024 season in different classes. To see all these racers at the tracks giving it all for those few seconds down the racetrack.

It is for many hard to understand what it all involves to be dedicated to this type of Motor-sport. Some will never understand and that is fine. once you got the "Dragrace virus" it is like never leaves you. To go down the track on a Bike is hard to explain, and needed to be done by one it it self I believe.

The Thrill, The Adreniline, The Rush, and then the Victory after a run in elimination. To top it of a event win and after that a National Event season title win! One day a European Champion win! It is all there for the dedicated, but it will not come easy. Only true racers know this and to dominate in a class is something else.

These classes have all there specific rules and lots of racers started in beginners classes and ended up in the so called Pro Classes. That is how it should be. Lot of times the new generation will be racing the Old generation.

To see a Dragbike Legend like Per Bengtson coming over again after 13 years of absence from Santa Pod Raceway and again showing his skills as a 70 years old Dragbike racer that started his journey in 1979 at Santa Pod is just imcredible!

This man is incredible and to run on his self build Parallel Nitro Twin called The Beast is only more impressive! Well done Per and team to become Runner-Up in 2024 in FIM-E Super Twin Bike!



## Junior Drag Bike Cup

Pos	Starting Number	Competitor	Nationality	Federation	Make				Points	Points Behind	Points Behind Leader
1	2	Hollie KING	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	83	63	84	230		
2	3	Richard WILLCOX	GBR	ACU	Cagiva	45	85	23	153	77	77
3	24	Jaxon KING	GBR	ACU	Kymco	21	47	61	129	24	101
4	1	Leah MORRISON	GBR	ACU	Sym	66	22	26	114	15	116
5	8	Brad MORRISON	GBR	ACU	Gilera	24	46	22	92	22	138
6	36	Anouk BURGERING	NED	KNMV	Yamaha	22	24	45	91	1	139
7	25	Geeuwke SIERSEMA	NED	KNMV	Junior Drag Bike			21	21	70	209



## Junior Drag Bike Cup

Hollie King dominated in JDB Cup!

Pos	Starting Number	Competitor	Nationality	Federation	Make	Points
1	2	Hollie KING	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	84
2	24	Jaxon KING	GBR	ACU	Kymco	61
3	36	Anouk BURGERING	NED	KNMV	Yamaha	45
4	1	Leah MORRISON	GBR	ACU	Sym	26
5	3	Richard WILLCOX	GBR	ACU	Cagiva	23
6	8	Brad MORRISON	GBR	ACU	Gilera	22



Dragbike Legend from Sweden Per Bengtson on his Parallel Twin "The Beast" and 70 years old!

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