

Race report Round 1 in Swisttal 2016 - „1A Slotpiste“

From 8th-10th of April the „LMP Pro Series“ started in the season 2016 with the first race in Swisttal. 29 teams made the inscription but in the end 26 teams were there to compete with more than 70 drivers!

The new season started where we finished last year -with a great relaxed and competitive weekend. New teams had a warm welcome and found themselves in a familiar atmosphere. But much more happened over such a long weekend than we can report here, so we focus on the race results.

The thursday before the race several teams took the chance for an additional practising, already half of the starting grid was there. The conditions were great, everything cleaned up and a fresh glued track.

On friday most of the teams were there with the beginning of the free practise session. Everyone tried to make the most of this day, whether setup work or just to get track knowledge. Due to our new training cards everything went calm and structured.

At 8 p.m. we started with the material handout and technical inspection. Lane 4 was randomly chosen for the qualifying which was started in reverse championship standings of the last year. The fastest lap of 1 minute qualifying time counted for the starting grid.

Qualification results

Pos.	Team	Time
1	RLR	6,741
2	Plastikquäler 1	6,779
3	LRD International 2	6,975
4	LRD International 1	7,005
5	Plastikquäler 2	7,008
6	No Limits	7,020
7	Team Hobby 2000 by D&G	7,030
8	SG Stern - Slotfabrik	7,068
9	No Respect	7,072
10	The A-Team	7,109
11	Jäger Team	7,115
12	LemUa Racing	7,136
13	Slotracing Mülheim	7,160
14	GP-Slotracing	7,171
15	Team Grauzone	7,193
16	Dr. Slot	7,224
17	Slot 4000	7,235
18	Sloefspeed	7,238
19	Gentlemen Drivers	7,239
20	JoHe-Racing	7,242
21	RAM Racing	7,305
22	SRCB P&R	7,312
23	Nighthawks	7,359
24	Slotgear	7,361
25	Carbon Hornets	7,523
26	Need more speed	7,668

The qualification showed what we expected after the free practise: Never before it was so close in the „LMP Pro Series“. There was less than 2/10 of a second between place 4 and 15!! Often just a few 1/1000 of a second decided over a group position, absolutely amazing!

Just a few impressions from the quali:

- „LemUa“ from finland had a great lap and qualiflicated on 12th position for the second-fastest group.
- „The A-Team“ from netherlands reached their goal with a top-ten result.
- LRD und PQ finished with both teams in the fastest group.
- Alex Ortmann from team "RLR" took pole position, followed by Marco Wesseling from "PQ1"

As usual we had trophies for 1-3th place in the race as well as "Man of Speed" and "Best of Show"

It was a great field of LMP cars, overall well built, detailed and several cars were on a top notch level. Really nice to see a technical ambitious series with that much optical quality.

The Best of Show trophy won Fola (Slotfabrik) with his Porsche 919, followed by Ron`s Oreca 03 (Need more Speed) and Frank`s Audi R18 (Carbon Hornets).

The Man of Speed was Alex Ortmann, who defended his ambition over 2 days on the Carrera track with a splendid lap time.



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Position Total	Team	Rounds Penalty	Rounds Total	Position Day 1	Rounds Day 1	Position Day 2	Rounds Day 2	Position Day 3	Rounds Day 3
1	Plastikquäler 1		1758,97	1	627,47	1	609,74	1	521,76
2	RLR		1742,09	2	618,34	2	608,24	2	515,51
3	Plastikquäler 2		1705,48	3	603,90	4	595,52	4	506,06
4	Team Hobby 2000 by D&G	-1,00	1695,08	8	596,61	3	598,93	7	500,54
5	Jäger Team	-1,00	1691,28	7	597,77	5	592,69	5	501,82
6	No Respect		1684,95	6	598,63	9	578,27	3	508,05
7	LRD International 1		1683,66	5	600,74	7	581,83	6	501,09
8	No Limits		1657,17	9	588,66	8	579,65	10	488,86
9	SG Stern - Slotfabrik	-11,00	1656,48	10	588,04	6	588,57	8	490,87
10	LRD International 2		1647,94	4	602,11	14	564,63	13	481,20
11	Slot 4000		1640,25	12	573,33	11	576,55	9	490,37
12	Sloefspeed	-2,00	1635,27	13	572,23	10	577,10	11	487,94
13	LemUa Racing		1627,43	11	581,71	12	572,26	17	473,46
14	The A-Team		1619,66	14	572,20	13	569,20	14	478,26
15	Team Grauzone		1596,76	19	558,70	15	564,17	16	473,89
16	JoHe-Racing	-1,00	1594,97	17	560,27	19	560,24	15	475,46
17	RAM Racing		1589,75	16	561,36	18	561,34	22	467,05
18	Gentlemen Drivers	-1,00	1589,26	15	569,27	21	549,47	18	471,52
19	SRCB P&R		1586,57	23	541,58	16	563,05	12	481,94
20	Slotracing Mülheim	-1,00	1579,59	20	555,36	20	557,58	21	467,65
21	Slotgear		1563,41	25	531,24	17	562,20	19	469,97
22	Nighthawks		1551,58	22	541,92	22	549,46	23	460,20
23	Dr. Slot		1544,75	18	558,94	25	529,34	24	456,47
24	Carbon Hornets		1495,32	26	510,85	24	534,60	25	449,87
25	Need more speed		1487,56	21	543,25	23	546,94	26	397,37
26	GP-Slotracing		1480,67	24	535,97	26	475,16	20	469,54

Teamname Driver



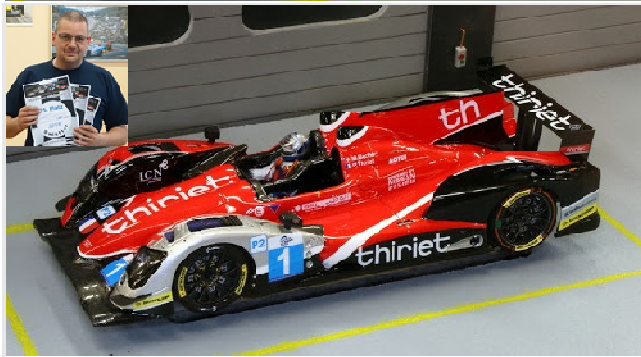
GP-Slotracing

Gregor Peiter

Paul Peiter

Alex Assenmacher

They had a really good quali result with 14th place. In the race the Porsche was a bit diva-like and difficult to drive. Heat 3 finally showed that there is more possible.



Need more speed

Marcel Czibulinski

Ronald Lutz

Dirk Hövelmann

Too nervous in the qualifying they found themselves on the last place. In the race things went better as they fought for a top 20 result. But a few minutes before the end the guide broke and the dream was over.



Carbon Hornets

Frank Hackländer

Michael Kaul

Fred Szyra

The car showed some potential in the practice session, as well as in the Best of Show competition. Sadly in the race the carbon body broke too easy and this resulted in several stops for fixing.



Dr. Slot

Martin Bartelmes
André Bartelmes
Michael Ulbrich
Daniel Waxweiler

Quali and heat 1 were as usual solid and without problems but in the night section they lost a bit performance. They finished on 23th, but sure they will be much stronger, latest in Trier!



Nighthawks

Bob Clark
Matze Herrero

Quali P23, heat 1 P22, heat 2 P22, heat 3 P23...
That is consistent but we know they want more! And they propably show up with a complete new car in Mülheim!



Slotgear

Lars Jacobsen
Per Møller
Søren Thomsen

Quali and Heat 1 were under their expectations but they improved their performance with a 17th place in the night section, which was great. Team chief Lars is already looking forward to Mülheim.



**Slotracing
Mülheim**

Thomas Reich
Bernd Zeptner
Norbert Kelker

For team chief Thomas the track was familiar, his teammates had to learn the track in the free practice session. A good 13th quali result showed the performance and the next race will be a home game for them. They will surely fight in the top 10 there.



SRCB P&R

Pierre Bernard
Robert Massart

The car was brand new and they were searching for grip. But things were going better and better and they made a 12th place in the 3rd heat which was great. Overall a 19th place for them.



**Gentlemen
Drivers**

Aly Trausch
Marc Trausch
Jaques Wrengler

The gentlemen had an exiting race with a great fight, defending their 18th place against SRCB but losing the fight for 17th place against RAM Racing with less than halve a round!



RAM Racing

Richard Kirchmann
Andre Kaczmarek
Matthias Kirchmann

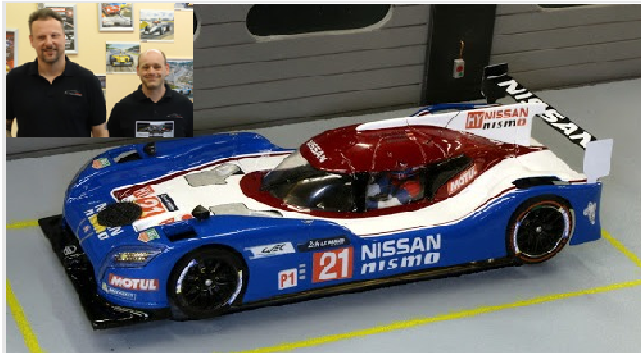
Great performance in their first race, they also had an exiting race fighting against "Gentlemen Drivers" and "JoHe". Finally they lost the 16th place in the 3rd heat against "JoHe".



JoHe-Racing

Hendrik Behrens
Johannes Rhode

The mid field was extremely close and nobody there had a lonely race. There was always a team close behind and close before, So "JoHe" were able to beat "RAM Racing" but had to abandon 15th place to "Grauzone". Nevertheless a good result and they will for sure be much more competitive in Mülheim.



Team Grauzone

Carsten Levertz
Jürgen Konrad

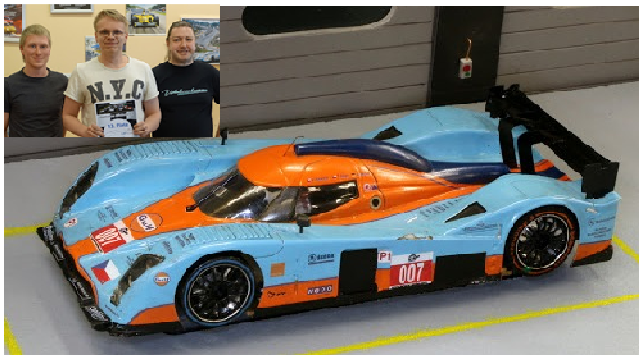
Carsten and Jürgen are not new to the track, but to the "LMP Pro Series". They showed a good potential and stayed calm even as a light issue appeared. Sure good fore more in the next race.



The A-team

Desmond Dekker
Jacco Uylenberg
Kevin Vonk

"The A Team" is new to the "LMP Pro Series" but not to ambitious slotracing, which was experienced mostly in the 1/32 section. They reached their goal of a top 10 result in qualification but not in the race. Nevertheless a great debut with 14th place, but surely they want more in Mülheim.



LemUa Racing

Ville Taalikka
Jussi Kokki
Markus Nukari

New to „LMP Pro Series“, but well known from the past it was great to see the sympathal fins again at the race track. A 13th place showed potential and hopefully we see them again in Mülheim for another improvement!



Sloefspeed

Björn Van Campenhout
Gregory Albrecht
Dirk Baele

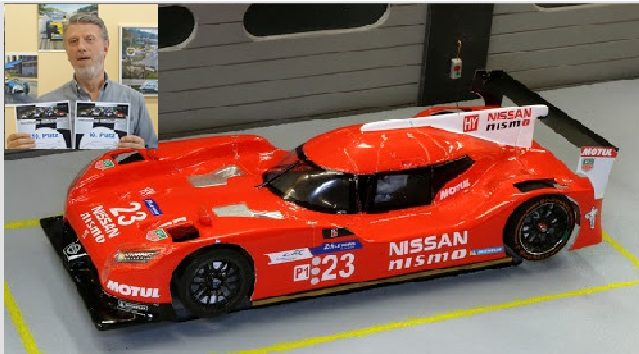
The quali time was not what one had to expect from Sloefspeed. But they never retire so they fought themselves back into the second fastest group and a finish in 12th place. Raymond and his drivers will be more in front in Mülheim for sure!



Slot 4000

Didier Awouters
Jean-Christophe Job

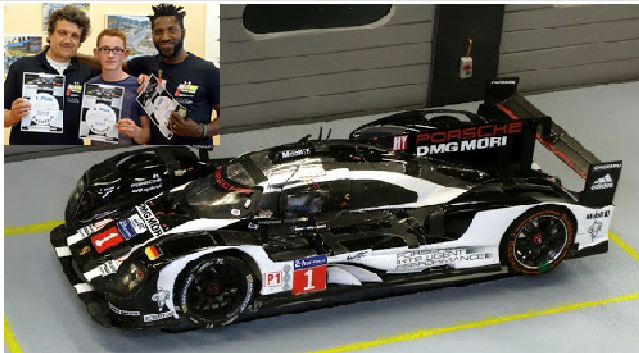
Nearly the same as Sloefspeed the expectations were much higher. But they improved in every heat with a great 9th place in heat 3. They also will be surely more in front in Mülheim.



**LRD
International 2**

Gerd Schumacher
Heinz-Peter Schumacher

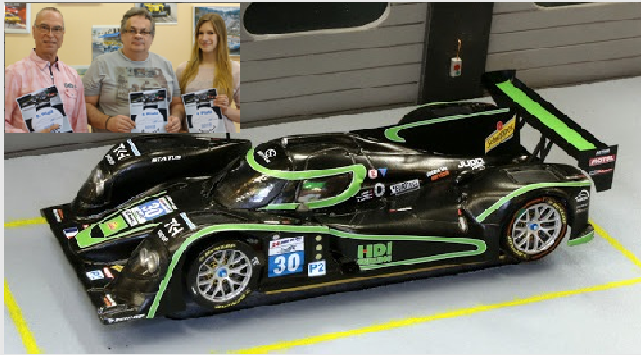
LRD 2 showed a good qualification with P3 but after heat 1 it went down the list because of braid problems they were not able to fix. A 10th overall place was the result.



**SG Stern -
Slotfabrik**

Fola Osu
Stefan Kuhn
Marcel Kuhn

Setup and Speed was good but a penalty of 1 lap for again a too low car in the technical inspection costs the 8th place. Hopefully this can be prevented for Mülheim. Nevertheless a great result!



No Limits

Peter Oberbillig
Janine Oberbillig
Conny Guillaume

Janine, the only girl in the starting field put the Lola of her Dad Peter into the fastest group in qualification. The car worked perfectly but the absolute last pint of speed lacked. A good result with the 8th place for father and daughter!



**LRD
International 1**

Martijn de Kanter
Diet Gerard

They did not have the problems LRD 2 fought with. No big technical problems but some driving faults put them 1 lap behind "No respect" and on 7th place.



No Respect

Roland Moritsch
Friedrich Hauk
Andreas Balsiger

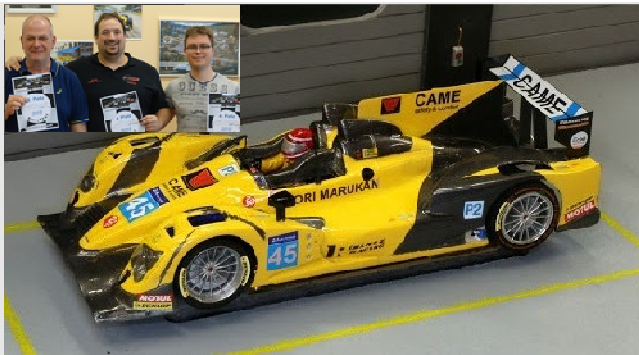
A bit slower than expected in quali they drove into the fastest group in heat 1. A crash in the night section inhibited more as the light had to be repaired. Heat 3 was a great performance with a 3rd place and a 6th overall place. They have seen that hard and ambitious racing can be combined with a familiar and friendly atmosphere.



Jägerteam

Ralph Seif
Yannick Horn
Joachim Welsch

The Toyota was a car with winning potential last year in Swisttal. With old body but new tech they were searching for a bit of grip over the whole race. With a 5th place they kept everything open in the championship.



**Team Hobby
2000 by D&G**

Cédric Gridelet
Didier Ronvaux
Gilles Dohogne

A little fault with the pinion in the material handout slowed down Gilles in the qualification. The repair break at the beginning of the race costs a few lap but then it only goes forward with a 4th overall place as a good result!



Plastikquäler 2

Konstantin Müller
Kai-Ole Stracke

„PQ 2“ showed a good race. They drove less risky and were rewarded with a 3rd overall place. A bit luckily at the end as the guide was broken on the last lane but still driveable, so they needed no repair time for that.

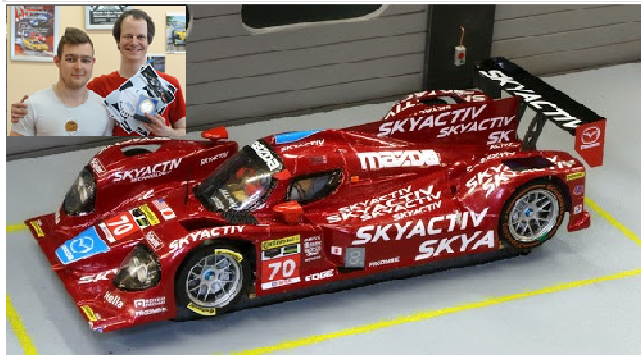


RLR

Peter Juchem

Alexander Ortmann

Alex won the "Man of Speed" and the qualification but for the triple a bit of luck lacked as several little problems were slowing them down every time they reached for the top. Nevertheless a great weekend and a great result for "RLR".



Plastikquäler

Sebastian Nockemann

Marco Wesseling

Christian Schnitzler

Sebastian built a new, nice body and trusted the tech of last year's winning car of Trier. No problems, a fast car and skilled drivers can only finish in a victory and so it did. -well deserved

There was a Liveticker via Facebook which can be seen here:

<https://www.facebook.com/Impproseriesliveticker>

Many pics are stored in our picasa: <https://picasaweb.google.com/101875146379915280378>

We want to thank you all for making this such a great event and hope to see you all again -and propably even some new teams- in Mülheim for a great fight in round 2!

Kind regards,
Joachim, Gerd und Sebastian

