

Race Report Round 1 in Swisttal 2017 - "1A Slotpiste"

From 24th - 26th of March the LMP Pro Series started its 3rd season of high level modelcar slotracing with LMP cars. And it was again a race weekend full of great and high detailed built cars, close fights over all groups - slotracing at its best one could say!
And the spirit attracts to many teams which condone a long travel just to be part of this and enjoy the race weekend. Many thanks especially to you!

As usual there was an extra practice day which was used by several teams. Also some teams used the Bel LMS race in Swisttal two weeks before for practice.

New for this year are our live webcams, which transport the action and standings directly to the living room of all those interested people, who were not able to take part or come over.
Second is the new handout wheels DoSlot 47 Shore, greatly prepared on DoSlot rims, which made the variance we always had with the Procomp wheels a lot smaller.

On Friday the free practice session was used by all teams to fintune their setup and prepare for the race. A negative side was the technical inspection, because many teams had more or less small issues, such as for example ground clearance. Especially teams with much experience of many years should be easily able to avoid this. For the next race we will try to improve this.

Qualification result

Pos.	Team	Time
1	Plastikquäler 1	6,967
2	LRD International 1	6,981
3	Plastikquäler 2	6,990
4	RLR	7,027
5	No Respect	7,033
6	LemUa Racing	7,088
7	Jäger Team	7,094
8	Team Hobby 2000 by D&G	7,105
9	The A-Team	7,107
10	No Limits	7,153
11	Team Grauzone	7,204
12	GP-Slotracing	7,214
13	Sloefspeed	7,217
14	Hobby 2000 Junior	7,222
15	SRCB	7,236
16	SG Stern - Slotfabrik	7,248
17	Mac Racing by Joker	7,289
18	Slotgear	7,317
19	Slotracing Mülheim	7,327
20	Stryker Racing Team	7,372
21	Dr. Slot	7,378
22	HoBS Racing Team	7,387
23	Flat Brass	7,569

This was one of the toughest qualifications we ever had and the complete field was as close together like never before.

Almost traditional is the qualification surprise. This time, this "trophy" goes to "LemUa", who fired themselves on P6 and into the fastest group. Well done, Ville! :-)

"LRD" also showed ambitions as Gerd pushed the new TS050 between the two "PQ" teams on P2. And finally Sebastian took the qualification crown for "PQ1".

Again the best of show was made with paper ballots, which were counted officially on sunday during the price giving ceremony. "LRD" recieved the trophy for the first Toyota TS050 in 1/24 ever!






Best of Show

LRD International
Swisttal 2017



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Position Total	Team	Laps Penalty	Laps Total	Position Day 1	Laps Day 1	Position Day 2	Laps Day 2	Position Day 3	Laps Day 3
1	Plastikquäler 1	-1,00	2141,20	1	710,94	2	711,54	1	719,72
2	Plastikquäler 2		2120,92	2	705,57	1	711,62	5	703,73
3	RLR		2108,51	7	689,84	3	703,33	2	715,34
4	Jäger Team		2102,74	4	697,54	4	697,36	4	707,84
5	Team Hobby 2000 by D&G	-1,00	2100,88	5	695,33	5	696,32	3	710,23
6	No Respect	-1,00	2091,49	6	693,71	6	695,45	6	703,33
7	No Limits		2058,87	10	683,24	7	682,52	7	693,11
8	GP-Slotracing		2050,06	8	685,34	10	674,51	8	690,21
9	Hobby 2000 Junior		2047,00	9	685,06	13	672,11	9	689,83
10	Sloefspeed	-1,00	2041,11	12	680,51	8	678,11	11	683,49
11	SRCB		2040,74	13	680,25	11	673,29	10	687,20
12	Slotgear		2027,02	14	678,77	16	666,07	12	682,18
13	Mac Racing by Joker		2023,13	15	674,92	12	672,56	14	675,65
14	Team Grauzone		2023,01	16	673,77	9	675,80	16	673,44
15	LemUa Racing		2011,88	17	670,32	15	668,38	17	673,18
16	The A-Team		2009,36	11	680,61	14	671,12	19	657,63
17	SG Stern - Slotfabrik	-2,00	1997,30	18	663,20	18	658,92	13	677,18
18	Slotracing Mülheim		1983,13	21	647,45	17	660,49	15	675,19
19	Dr. Slot		1966,81	19	658,91	19	642,43	18	665,47
20	LRD International 1	-1,00	1921,72	3	699,33	23	573,45	21	649,94
21	HoBS Racing Team		1895,20	20	650,18	22	592,33	20	652,69
22	Flat Brass		1863,79	23	625,85	21	615,61	22	622,33

	Teamname	Driver
	Stryker Racing	<p>Bert van Dam Gabriel Inäbnit</p> <p>“Stryker Racing” was there for the first time and built up an Audi R18 with a new master form. The goal was not to finish in last position, but unfortunately technical problems on sunday prevented that. But Bert and Gabriel did not lose their humour. P23 for them.</p>
	Flat Brass	<p>Martin Leo Gruber Günther Schlosser Franky Himler</p> <p>It was also the first time for "Flat Brass", who started with a nicely built Rebellion R-One. They also had to learn the track, so they reached their own goal for the first race with Place 22 and having fun.</p>
	HoBS Racing Team	<p>Matze Herrero Axel Karl Connie Soika</p> <p>Matze is there from the beginning of the LMP Pro Series but for the first time as team chief. They had to choose between two almost equal fast Alpines with different chassis. They made a really good job, but unfortunately a broken wire prevented a better as Place 21.</p>



**LRD
International 1**

Gerd Schumacher

Matijn de Kanter

Diet Gerard

Swisttal 2017 should have been a clearance for “LRD”, but it was a desaster. Place 2 in qualification, Place 3 after the first day heat, but in the night section with more grip an a hotter motor, a construction issue of the motor mount occurred, which finally costed a good race result. Place 20 for them.



Dr. Slot

Martin Bartelmes

André Bartelmes

Daniel Waxweiler

Michael Ulbrich

The complete Trier gang changed to Rebellion/ Oreca 05 for this season. The car was a smooth runner with a good chassis, so “Dr. Slot” made it without big problems to Place 19.



**Slotracing
Mülheim**

Thomas Reich

Norbert Kelker

Thomas already showed up with a great performance of his Lola on the official practice day. But during the race the last bit of speed was missing. In every heat they added 10 laps and on sunday they were able to go constantly under 7 seconds. Place 18.



SG Stern - Slotfabrik

Fola Osu

Stefan Kuhn

Marcel Kuhn

Last year “Slotfabrik” showed a great performance in Swisttal, so their expectation was high for this race. In the first heat they had bad luck with a screw in the slot. On Sunday the performance was better with a 13th overall place. Place 17 for them.



The A-team

Desmond Dekker

Kevin Vonk

Kevin and Desmond still have not reached their own goal of a top ten finish until now. The basis is there, without question and Place 9 in qualification proved that, but the race with their new Lola did not run like that. Place 16.



LemUa Racing

Jussi Kokki

Ville Ruola

Markus Nukari

After the qualification surprise they also showed a good performance in the first heat, but unfortunately the car was hard to handle at the limit. Without bigger problems and a constant performance they placed themselves in the mid of the field. Place 15 for them.



Team Grauzone

Carsten Levertz
Sebastian Gassner
Jürgen Konrad

The Nissan of "Team Grauzone" already showed potential in the free practice. They were satisfied with their 11th place in qualification. In the night they finished with an overall Place 9 due to a great performance. Place 14.



MAC-Racing by Joker

Marcel Czibulinski
Chris Urban

Marcel had big problems before the race, because the first co-driver had to pass, because of health problems, the second co-driver had to work spontaneously. So Chris was mediated to him. They made a good job without any problems and a good Place 13 as result.



Slotgear

Lars Jacobsen
Per Møller
Søren Thomsen

Mülheim 2016 already showed the potential of "Slotgear". A good planned, clever race strategy and good driver performance showed up in a Place 12 for them.



SRCB

Jean-Christophe Job
Robert Massart

During the whole race "SRCB" fought a hard fight with "Sloefspeed". They were able to build up a small gap in the night, but lost it all in the sunday heat. At the end it was less than a half round between both teams - great slotracing! Place 11.



Sloefspeed

Dirk Baele
Gregory Albrecht
Björn Van Campenhout

"Sloefspeed" changed to a nicely built Lola for this year. Gregory made the body and Raymond as usual for the technique. Great fight with "SRCB" and reached the top-ten with Place 10.



Hobby 2000 Junior

Thomas Cypers
Martin Salpetier

First time in the LMP Pro Series for "Hobby 2000 Junior". But both drivers are well experienced from the Bel-LMS races. They built their beautiful Porsche 919 alone and in the race they showed a great performance with a well deserved Place 9.



GP-Slotracing

Gregor Peiter

Paul Peiter

Father and son prepared intensive for this season. After the free practice they decided to take the slightly slower, but more drivable car and it was the right decision. Great weekend for them with Place 8.



No Limits

Peter Oberbillig

Janine Oberbillig

Harmut Bohn

Father and daughter team "No Limits" was completed by Hartmut Bohn for the first time, who had to drive left handed due to a hand injury. A beautiful Porsche 919 with good performance and a great Place 7 as result.



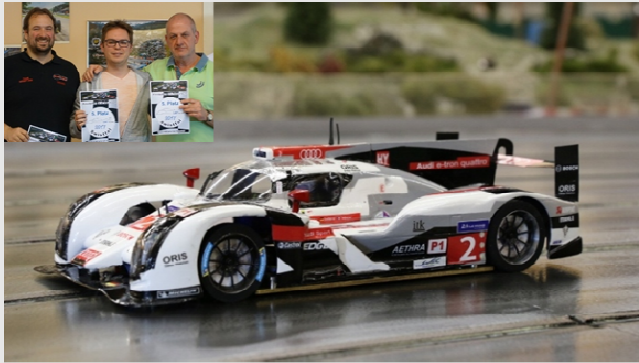
No Respect

Roland Moritsch

Friedrich Hauk

Tobias Münchberger

As usual Roland keeps everything about technique his secret. But the new chassis unfortunately did not bring the progress they hoped for. So they decided to start with established material, which is proven fast, but there is room for improvement in the cars optical appearance. Tobias was a real enhancement for the team. Place 6 for them.



**Team
Hobby 2000 by
D&G**

Cédric Gridelet
Didier Ronvaux
Gilles Dohogne

Due to the rules "Hobby 2000", as a top 6 finisher of 2016, had to bring a LMP1 car for this season. They built a beautiful and fast Audi R18, with sensational lap-times in the free practice. In the race they went better in every heat, with a Place 3 in the last heat and an overall Place 5.



Jäger Team

Ralph Seif
Yannick Horn
Joachim Welsch

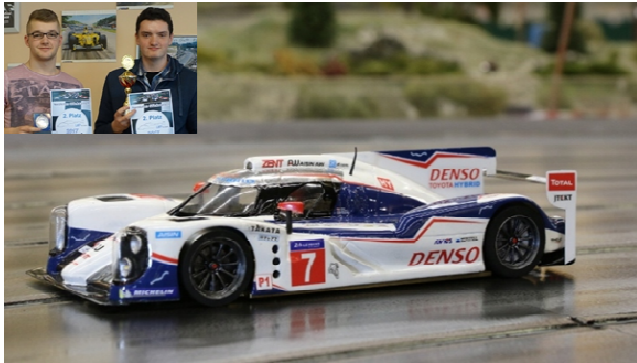
"Jäger Team" also changed from Toyota to Rebellion this year. Early this year the cars were ready for training and with top prepared material they entered Swisttal. Great overall performance, great result with Place 4.



RLR

Alexander Ortmann
Peter Juchem
Nick de Wachter

"RLR" had high expectations, because last year they were on eye height with "PQ1". But this time, the last bit was missing. A motor change brought improvement, but in the end they were not able to close the gap and had to be satisfied with Place 3.



Plastikquäler 2

Konstantin Müller

Kai-Ole Stracke

Both PQ teams entered the season with brandnew Toyota TS040 2014. In heat 1 and 2 Konstantin and Kai-Ole showed that they want to win the race. But on sunday they were not able to stand the pressure, a crash at the beginning killed the braids and the dream of the first victory was over. Nevertheless a great result and sooner or later they will enter the first place. Place 2 for them.



Plastikquäler 1

Sebastian Nockemann

Christian Schnitzler

With a small delay the first rollout was done on thursday. Nevertheless Sebastian was suspiciously little working on the cars. It seemed he knew what to do. The rough speed of Christian and the routine of Sebastian led to a well deserved victory!

As usual there is a liveticker which can even be seen now:

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

Many pictures are canned in the facbook group or in our google photo album here:

<https://goo.gl/photos/mSWSuLwA6opeQ4ot7>

We are looking forward to see you all and hopefully even some more in Mülheim to the second race from 01-03 of september.

Kind regards,
Joachim, Gerd and Sebastian



