



The upcoming Dragrace for FIM-E will be exciting after 3 rounds for the European Championship. The first 3 races were held in the United Kingdom at the Main Event and after that 2 at the Tierp Arena in Sweden. Rain and moist weather did do no good for the racers and the organisers to amke it a great event. In several classes there were many Personal best runs made and that says a lot about the progress the racers made over the winter with their awesome dragbikes.

from the start up class that is Junior Dragbike to the King of class as in Top Fuel Dragbikes.

There is an divided class in Top Fuel Bike were the so called Funnybikes and Pro Mod bikes can compete to make the entry more interesting as Top Fuel is an expensive class that is hard on parts.

The Super Twin class was well presented up in the North of Europe at the Tierp Arena with lots of racers from Scandinavia that are hardcore Super Twin racers and had to step up to join the FIM-E Dragbike European Championship.



The FIM- E European Champion in Super Twin from Denmark Marcus Christiansen going strong at the Main Event

The upcoming race at the famous NitrolympX in Germany held on the Hockenheim racetrack will be a one to watch for sure!

The Super Twin Top Fuel class with 10 entries from different nations as in Finland, Denmark, Holland, Germany, Tjechie, Belgium, and Sweden!

The current points leader and FIM-E European Champion is the very talented Marcus Christiansen from Denmark that reigns in Europe with his immaculate Nitro Injected V-Twin!

Speedy's Basement Performance is the team name and together with his father Claus they dominate the last years in Super Twin and did lay down incredible performance over the seasons.

They invested in making the power to weight ratio in very important factor and also created the first ever carbon wheelybar on a Super Twin dragbike in the world to my knowledge.

Their BP5 Super Twin is almost raced like a Pro Stock Bike compared to all other Super Twins.

Marcus his seat position is different to all the other V-Twins and the balance they find is near perfect. Like I stated before their performance is beyond belief as in their PB that is a astouding 6.145@366.85kmh! That is the highest speed recorded in Europe for a Super Twin Top Fuel and is done with a Nitro Injected type V-Twin Harley based engine set-up with pushrods! The top 3 quickest Super Twins are the Super charged V-Twin Nitro engine set-up that are created by Jaska Salakari from Finland with dohc heads and use a lot less CC's than the Nitro Injected engine set-up.

They are the only Super Twin top fuel bikes that run in the "Magic" 5 second zone!







Former FIM-E European Champion Super Twin Top Fuel Racer from Holland Martijn de Haas

The Haas Brothers with Martijn de Haas from Holland is currently at the 5th place in the European Championship and will try to step up at the NitrolympX in Hockenheim upcoming weekend. His personal best he ran last season at the European Finals in United Kingdom at Santa Pod Raceway with a great 6.505@337.87 KMH.

In the 2nd place on the current pointslist for the 2023 FIM-E Championship is Per Bengtsson from Sweden with his "Beast" Super Twin! Per won last year at Mantorp in Sweden during the Nitro Shoot-Out against a 4 Cylinder inline Top Fuel Bike!

To hear and see the beast race is an incredible experience for sure! The extreme loud noise from his own build Parallel Supercharged Nitro Twin will blow you away!

Unfortunately he will not be attending the NitrolympX...But to see another immaculate V-Twin that is capable of incredible performance and the one who went first ever in the 5's is from Finland is Vesa Lipponen with a PB of 5.92@350.65KMH! It will be an Epic race to say at least.



From Finland is the Great Samu Kemppainen attending with his Skull Racing Super Twin. Samu allready ran a 5

second run on a Super charged V-Twin last season during the Main event

at Santa Pod Raceway.
At the upcoming
NitrolympX he will race
his ownNitro Injected
V-Twin and will be hard
to beat!





In Top Fuel Bike there was a mayor issue last week during the 3rd round of the FIM-E European Championship with the then points leader from the United Kingdom Neil Midgley who lost control of his immaculate Top fuel Bike at the top end on the Tierp Racetrack and Neil went off and the Top Fuel Bike hit the sandwall and was wrecked...Fortunately Neil survived the high speed crash and needs to recover from this and will not be racing the rest of this season. All the best for Neil and the Cannon Motorsport Team. That makes the now current points leader and multiple FIM-E Top Fuel Bike Champion from Sweden Rikard Gustafsson on top again.

Rikard himself crashed years back the NitrolympX also on a high speed collision in the shut down area... He knows and his team how this feels and gave all their credibility to Neil and his team.

RG Engineering Racing is the current high speed record holder in Top Fuel Bike!

He and his team are the only one that recorded runs over 400KMH! and to make it even more incredible he managed to run and stunning run of 419.31KMH!!!

His quickest et so far is 5.742 which he ran at the this years Main Event at Santa Pod Raceway during the first round of the FIM-E European Championship.



Master of High Performance during the 2022 NitrolympX from Sweden Rikard Gustafsson! Top Fuel Bike will see 8 entries for the NitrolympX this year with several Turbocharged Funnybikes attending the class to make it a interesting Dragrace!

Most of them are Funnybikes during this 4th round of the FIM-E Top Fuel European Championship! From Warpspeed Racing out of the United Kingdom there is Mark Smith and Stuart Crane with their immaculate self build Turbocharged Methanol Funnybikes.

From Holland whe are presented by Mike Olie on his homebuild Kawasaki Turbocharged Funnybike that allready showed great potential at the Tierp Arena back in June with several PB's and running in the required 6 second zone to make it Official to go in the elimination rounds for the European Championship! From France their is the amazing USA build Funnybike raced by Eric Richard!

Thomas Pettersson on his Suzuki GSX based Turbocharged FunnyBike that is capable of strong performance.







From Holland Mike Olie on his immaculate Kawasaki ZX-14 Turbocharged Methanol Funnybike!

There is alot of say about the Funnybikes racing in Top Fuel Bike as they are not using Nitro as racefuel. As this is a discussion between the racers to form their own Funnybike class in FIM-E for the future. But keep in mind that is a long time going issue as the class needs racers to make it a raceclass and to race a Top fuel Nitro bike makes great effort and budget wise it is different.

Most of the racers their dream is to run a Nitro dragbike as this is the King of all classes.

But the performance is long time proven by the Turbocharged class and to run a 5 second run is still not happend, but the capability is there for sure with the current ECU power and constant high tune performance soft ware that can control the Fuel and Power output to make all that power put to the highly prepped race tracks trough Europe as that is what is needed for sure.

If you looks closely to the Super Street Bike class and their Speeds and ET's it makes you wonder as they only use a street tyre and is run without wheelybar and slick rear tyre!

Turbo technology is strong and to find the perfect set-up is key.

It would be an exciting thing to see the first Funnybike with suspension and the rear slick as there is a tuning world in this case, as you can see in Pro Mod cars that also use suspension with their rear slicks.

The future will tell if this will happen. The weight to power ratio is important with this.

The Top Fuel bikes have a technical rule that looks at the engine capacity to weight ratio.

Nothing can beat the sound of a Super Charged Nitro engine let that be said, and the spectators love the noise and the spectaculair flames the Nitro engines produce during the runs.

It would be great to see the first 5 second side by side Top Fuel Bike vs a Funnybike!

It all depends on the weather and perfect conditions during a race weekend and that makes this great Drag race sport so interesting in my book as these conditions plays such a big role together with the set up for the Dragbikes as in tuning them perfectly to the Racetrack conditions at that specific moment!

If it was easy all could do it, but beleive me it is not!

The software capabilities and datalogging and knowledge makes all the difference for sure.

Experience plays a mayor role to as of most teams are racing over several decades in various race classes.

Let's hope the Race conditions will be perfect for the upcoming NitrolympX at the great Hockenheim Racetrack in Germany!







Pro Stock Bike Racer from France Bertrand Maurice!

In the 2023 FIM-E Pro Stock Bike European Championship the French Connection is ruling the points as in Bertrand Maurice with his beautiful Suzuki Pro Stock Bike with a big points lead of 189 vs the 99 points of the number 2!

Bertrand his PB is 7.176@297.36KMH close to the "Magic" 300KMH that is a sort of holy grail in Pro stock Bike. these Normally Aspirated highly tuned Dragbikes are all about the power to weight ratio as there are different engine combinations vs weight rules. The Suzuki based engines are still dominating here on European soil. Europe Quickest V-Twin based Pro Stck Bike is still in the books by Ulf Ogge from Sweden with an 7.065@303.71KMH.

The class will be attending the 2023 NitrolympX with 9 competitors as there will be 3 racers from France attending the event, same as 2 Racers from Greece that every year come over to race at the NitrolympX. From Germany there is former Super Twin Top Gas European Champion Jorg Lymant with his quick and fast V-Twin Buell Pro Stock bike. He was lat week 1st qualified at the Tierp Arena but changed his Pro stck Bike for another during the eliminations and that is not allowed so he went down the ladder.

A strange occurance that is to my knowledge never seen before, but he takes 2 Pro Stock Buell's to a race! Aswin le Noble from Holland is the current 2nd place holder in points and still has to run a 7 run as his PB is a 8.355@245.43KMH.

Martin Newbury from the United Kingdom is coming over and is allways a strong contender with his Suzuki Pro Stock Bike he has run a 7.053@305.63KMH.

As Martin and his wife Cindy are the current European Champions from last season so he has to defend his title ansd will do so, for sure!

Long time Pro Stock Bike racer from the United Kingdom Martin "The Bish" Bishop will also again over to race at the the famous NitrolympX racetrack in Hockenheim.

Martin his PB is 7.281@294.60KMH he ran back in 2012. He has upgraded his Suzuki Pro Stock Bike with Electronic Fuel Injection as most of them still use Lectron Carbs to add the Fuel into the 4 Inline cylinders. The V-Twin Buell uses also EFI and is an all billet engine concept vs the still OEM engine cases that the Suzuki uses that are 40 years old! There are now billet cases in the NHRA used for the Suzuki's and they are dominating against the Twins again. Will check if there is a racer at the NitrolympX with Billet V&H cases.





And then there is the incredible class calles Super Street Bike I raced myself for many years and was an underestimated class but is not anymore! It is an Official FIM-E class and needed to be for sure.

The extremly high performance these mostly Turbocharged Dragbikes put on the track is amazing.

With only a street tyre to put the power on that is in the range of 750 bhp at the rear wheel!

6 second runs you need to make to be even in the eliminations mostly!

From a technical point of view this class calls the shots in lots of ways, not saying other classes don't but the performance is incredible. well over 200 mph and that without wheelybar!

To call them street bikes is even more amazing as they still can used as a street bike in a certain matter. They are purposed build to go down the track and the front end is racked to make them longer in the back. I love this class and so do many more now these days as the spectators also respect the performance they show during the race events. There is so much to talk about in this class and keeps growing through Europe. Current recordholder is from Hungary Daniel Lences who ran an incredible 6.596@364.79KMH! That is with an 68 inch wheelbase and streettyre without wheelybar!



UK racer Alan Morrison Jr is the current FIM-E pointsleader and speedrecordholder in SSB with a 370.50KMH!

15 Super Street Bike racers will be racing during the 2023 FIM-E NitrolympX 4th Official round from various countries like Greece, Hungary, Sweden, United Kingdom, Denmark, Germany, and Holland.

An International Dragrace for sure and the competition is fierce and the performance is high.

It looks like there will be an 8 elimination ladder, but that will be decided at the Raceday and if so all should be ready to lay down there best performance.

The points are close for the European FIM-E Super Street Bike Championshipn as after 3 rounds the points leader from the United Kingdom showed great potential during the season allready.

264 points for Alan Morrison jr just in front of Daniel Lences with 246 points from Hungary that is the title-holder from last season! Daniel is the quickest Super Street Bike with a jawdropping 6.596@364.79!

At the 3rd place is standing the always quick Swedish racer Mathias Bohlin with 220 points.

A lot will be decided at the NitrolympX for the Final round that will take place as allways during the Santa Pod Euro Finals 7-10 September on the legendary track in the United Kingdom.





From Holland we have own own Margot Schmidt that stepped up this season and teamed up with the team of the current Champion Daniel Lences from Hungary with his two Brothers Raceteam.

Allthough she is not his brother still going strong this season running PB's on a regular basis and layed down a strong run of 7.230@289.54KMH and is the only female Super Street Racer in the class!

So are many more racers that every season invest and go for PB's and make the class grow.

It is an intens class with that High Performance and street tyre without wheelybar.

From Germany there will be a long time competitor in the name of Clemens Walleit with good friend and fellow German racer Ricardo Grauer both attending on their Turbocharged Kawasaki's!

Same as Erich Gruber from Austria that is in his 60's to my knowledge!

The rest of the class is running with Suzuki Hayabusa platform with after market chassis or OEM that allows an inch more wheelbase to the current technical rules.



Margot Schmidt from Holland on her upgraded Super Street Bike making strong progress in 2023!

The Junior Dragbike class is growing each season and is the roots of Dragracing!

Lots of nowadays great racers started when they where very young, not all but lots of many and that is a good thing for the Dragrace sport in the future teach them while they are young!

During the NitrolympX of 2023 there will be 9 competitors from the United Kingdom and 2 from Holland. One day these racers will step up and joining the other classes like 9.50 Bike, then 8.50 and the SSB class. Or they choose to run in Pro Stock Bike, Funnybike, Competition Bike and off all the Nitro Bikes.

Depending on sponsors and the budget they hace to make it to the different countries to compete in the European Championship.

It is great to see these youngsters go down the racetrack and envoying themselfs they are eager to step up and like to go faster every run! There are rules that if they run to fast they can be disqualified for safety reasons offcourse, most of them are fearless and love the speeds they run.

It is offcourse when you think about to see them allready run these speeds and such a young age impressive to say at least. And for them to go to school and tell there friends how they performed is something to brag about offcourse. It is very important to give them this platform so they grow in the sport as they are our future for Dragracing! Come witness them during the 2023 NitrolympX at Hockenheim and you will be amazed by their effort and performance.





The Junior dragbike from the United Kingdom are well presented during the 2023 NitrolympX and the pointsleader is from the UK in the name of Richard Willcox.

The top 3 is from the UkK with our Anouk Burgering from Holland standing at 4th place.

She will give it all to win the 2023 NitrolympX. GeeuwkeSiersema will also be at the NitrolympX again and is a strong competitor. He loves to race his Junior Dragbike and besides his Dragracing he loves to Motocross, which is also agreat base to get optimal control of bikes! Here they are both competing at our local Dutch Dragstrip in Drachten the North of Holland, maybe this was the last ever race on our famous Racetrack and let's hope this will not be the case as the Dutch are well represented through Dragracing in Europe and most of them if not all have there roots at ou Drachten dragrace track. Support you local Racetrack!



Anouk Burgering here at the startline on the Legendary Drachten Ractrack against Geeuwke Siersema!



I like to thank all the racers and families for there effort to Dragrace and make our sport what it is today. Let the NitrolympX be a great event and show all spectators how it is done!

SEE YOU at The Famous NitrOlympX Racetrack in Hockenheim, Germany!





Current FIM-E Points standings after 3 rounds



Top Fuel Bike

	Starting					X		\blacksquare		\mathbb{H}		Points	Points Behind
Pos	Number	Competitor	Nationality	Federation	Make	1	2	3	4	5	Points	Behind	Leader
1	1	Rikard GUSTAFSSON	SWE	SVEMO	Puma Suzuki	73	60	77			210		
2	3	Neil MIDGLEY	GBR	ACU	Puma	98	54	27	98		179	31	31
3	42	Jan Sturla HEGRE	NOR	NMF	Puma		46	49			95	84	115
4	6	Sverre DAHL	NOR	NMF	Top Fuel Bike		46	44			90	5	120
5	2	Rene v. d. BERG	NED	KNMV	Yamaha	28	27	22	90		77	13	133
6	4	Kari RAUTANEN	FIN	SML	Suzuki			67	8		67	10	143
7	817	Thomas PETTERSSON	SWE	SVEMO	Suzuki	21	10	23			54	13	156
8	33	Mikko RAJANIEMI	FIN	SML	Sirpa		27	25			52	2	158
9	34	Eric RICHARD	FRA	FFM	Suzuki	23	22		99		45	7	165
10	19	Mark SMITH	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	44					44	1	166
11	39	Stuart CRANE	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	43					43	1	167
12	20	AI SMITH	GBR	ACU	PBR	30	- 1 °	9			30	13	180
13	23	Mike OLIE	NED	KNMV	Kawasaki		23				23	7	187
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Super Twin Bike

Pos	Starting Number	Competitor	Nationality	Federation	Make	***		3	4	**	Points	Points Behind	Points Behind Leader
1	27	Marcus CHRISTIANSEN	DEN	DMU	BP5 '16	74	53	74	-		201	Demina	Louder
2	66	Per BENGTSSON	SWE	SVEMO	The Beast		54	67			121	80	80
3	26	Vesa LIPPONEN	FIN	SML	Super Twin	29	50	31	100		110	11	91
4	3	Samu KEMPPAINEN	FIN	SML	Nitro V60		52	28		50	80	30	121
5	48	Martijn d. HAAS	NED	KNMV	PRP	26	25	24		80	75	5	126
6	99	Marko LANTTO	FIN	SML	Nitro V60 EFI		24	44			68	7	133
7	68	Chris v. NIMMEN	BEL	FMB-BMB	Harley Davidson	45		10	9	- 6	55	13	146
8	38	John ROLFSTAD	NOR	NMF	Super TwinTop Fuel		10	44		- 0	54	1	147
9	11	Greger JOHANSSON	SWE	SVEMO	Blower Cat		21	21		50	42	12	159
10	62	Roman SIXTA	CZE	ACCR	Nitro V60		27	10			37	5	164
11	59	Harri PIENSALMI	FIN	SML	Viaber S/Twin		10	11	9	**	21	16	180
12	25	Julia WAGNER	NOR	NMF	Super Twin		10	10		20	20	1	181
	36	Svein-Olaf ROLFSTAD	NOR	NMF	RPD Twin Cam Gen II		10	10			20	0	181
0	37	Erling OPHEIM	NOR	NMF	RPD Twin Cam Gen II) j	10	10		00	20	0	181
32	97	Anders HÖRNSTRÖM	SWE	SVEMO	Supertwin top fuel v 60		10	10		92	20	0	181
Ø .	511	Frank AASLUND	NOR	NMF	Super TwinTop Fuel	8 .	10	10	200	9	20	0	181
17	56	Elmeri SALAKARI	FIN	SML	HarsH TopFuel Twin			10			10	10	191
0,	65	Ismo MÄENPÄÄ	FIN	SML	Sonic Tools Super Twin	8 4	9	10	100	8	10	0	191
	70	Juha HINTUKAINEN	SWE	SVEMO	Harley Davidson		10				10	0	191
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Pro Stock Bike

Pos	Starting Number	Competitor	Nationality	Federation	1	1		3		5	Points	Points Behind	Points Behind Leader
1	111	Bertrand MAURICE	FRA	FFM	Suzuki	67	51	71			189		
2	3	Aswin LE NOBLE	NED	KNMV	Suzuki	42	30	27	56		99	90	90
3	1	Martin NEWBURY	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	30		45			75	24	114
4	21	Joerg LYMANT	GER	DMSB	Harley Davidson		53	21	9)	60	74	1	115
5	56	Theodor VIK	NOR	NMF	Suzuki		100	71	100	10	71	3	118
6	69	Timo SAVOLAINEN	FIN	SML	Suzuki		W.	43			43	28	146
7	11	Martin BISHOP	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	28					28	15	161
0,	14	Tim CHRISTENSEN	SWE	SVEMO	Suzuki		0	28	8	60	28	0	161
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Super Street Bike

Pos	Starting Number	Competitor	Nationality	Federation	Make	1	2	3	4	5	Points	Points Behind	Points Behind Leader
1	19	Alan MORRISON JNR	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	125	62	77	9		264		
2	1	Daniel Donat LENCSES	HUN	MAMS	Suzuki	96	51	99			246	18	18
3	844	Mathias BOHLIN	SWE	NMF	Suzuki	71	53	96		0	220	26	44
4	3	Morgens LUND	DEN	DMU	Suzuki	49	46	74			169	51	95
5	17	Ross MORRISON	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	51	26	48	9	-50	125	44	139
6	72	Clemens WALLEIT	GER	DMSB	Kawasaki	23	21	45			89	36	175
7	179	Peter ÖSTLUND	SWE	NMF	Suzuki	25	24	32	S.		81	. 8	183
8	79	Margot SCHMIDT	NED	KNMV	Suzuki	21	10	49			80	1	184
9	2	Jake MECHAELL	GBR	ACU	JKE	75	.00		9	60	75	5	189
10	76	Krisztián JÁSZ	HUN	MAMS	Suzuki	24	23			ĵ	47	28	217
11	8	Mark HOPE	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	46			S.		46	. 1	218
12	26	Dag WAGENIUS	NOR	NMF	Suzuki		10	27	6/		37	9	227
13	29	Wille SKINNERS	NOR	NMF	Kawasaki		10	24			34	3	230
14	51	Steve VENABLES	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	27	20		8		27	7	237
15	972	Ricardo GRAUER	GER	DMSB	Kawasaki		8	26	8		26	1	238
16	817	Robert HÄGGBLOM	SWE	SVEMO	Suzuki		00	23	20	0	23	3	241
17	56	Stephen MEAD	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	22					22	1	242
D 2	82	Peter RUNDSTRÖM	SWE	SVEMO	Kawasaki			22	8	10	22	0	242
19	61	Erich GRUBER	AUT	OAMTC	Kawasaki		W.	21	107 107		21	1	243



Junior Drag Bike Cup

	Starting					將	ı	*		Points	Points Behind
Pos	_	Competitor	Nationality	Federation	Make	1	2	3	Points	Behind	Leader
1	999	Richard WILLCOX	GBR	ACU	Cagiva	81		9	81		
2	17	Alia LESTER	GBR	ACU	Honda	66			66	15	15
3	1	Hollie KING	GBR	ACU	Suzuki	45			45	21	36
4	3	Anouk BURGERING	NED	KNMV	Yamaha	42			42	3	39
5	16	Harry ISAACS	GBR	ACU	Lexmoto	28		**	28	14	53
6	22	Leah MORRISON	GBR	ACU	Sym	27			27	1	54
7	23	Brad MORRISON	GBR	ACU	Gilera	24			24	3	57
8	24	Jaxon KING	GBR	ACU	Kymco	23			23	1	58
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