



Report from the first race 2015 at the „1a Slotpiste“ in Swisttal

It is two weeks ago that the newborn LMP-Pro-Series started its first season. Over 20 teams signed in to the first race at the fabulous SPA track in Swisttal. Unfortunately not every team was able to start due to illness but nevertheless 20 teams with over 50 drivers started.

All participants made this first race event a pure success. The atmosphere was so great, thanks to all for that premiere!!

Around 7 teams used the thursday for some first testing and preparing.. Marco and Sebastian focussed on the motor pool and did a really great job there. Their own car had to wait.... This work, completed by Sebastians Dad on motor preparation and Joachims wheels preparation was the key to a handout material as equal as possible.

We can say we are well satisfied with the result there.

As expected the raceway was early filled on friday and every team wanted to do as much setup work as possible, or even just get more track experience. It was sometimes a bit hectic but always in the zone.

Handout and warmup also was in time and without problems.

Technical inspection was the only point which has to be improved. Even very experienced teams stumbled over things like ground clearance, weight or similar things.

There will be some changes for the next race with even tougher penalties for such things. But thats already all negative...

Qualification was done on lane 6. The first 12 teams got qualification points to ensure that everybody tries to do a fast lap and prohibit tactical games for the starting grid.

Qualification was a surprise in some ways. PQ2 was not able to do a single fast lap and found itself in the slowest starting group. Also LRD was not bluffing and shot the Porsche 919 only on starting place 10... Not nearly in their aspiration. And the top? Place 2-6 was very close tacted. PQ was able to lead the „best of the rest“, not even their aspiration. The impressive Pole was driven by Hobby 2000 D&G. No one else was able to go their speed!!!

Results Qualification

Position	Team	Time
1	Team Hobby 2000 by D&G	6,945
2	Plastikquäler 1	7,072
3	RLR	7,100
4	SG Stern - Slotfabrik	7,130
5	Sloefspeed	7,133
6	Jäger Team	7,145
7	Need more Speed	7,250
8	Gentleman Drivers	7,277
9	Slotracing Mülheim	7,306
10	LRD International	7,335
11	1A - Slotpiste	7,385
12	SRCB P&R	7,408
13	P3-RT	7,417
14	Rhein-Erft-Racing	7,456
15	Slot 4000	7,486
16	Dr. Slot	7,507
17	Plastikquäler 2	7,540
18	WC Racing	7,547
19	SRCS - Dephi	7,561
20	Nighthawks	7,708



We had two side events, „Best of Show“ and „Man of Speed“, which was battled out at the carrera track. Fola picked up a clear victory for a well built Porsche 919. The „Man of Speed“ was drawn out during the race. Sebastian had put a Group C Porsche with OBG chassis which was beaten over the track for hours and hours. Especially Diet and Marco had great ambitions to get this trophy. At the end, Diet was the fastest man and had the well deserved title „Man of Speed“.

Results Race

Position Total	Team	Rounds Total	Position Day 1	Rounds Day 1	Position Day 2	Rounds Day 2	Position Day 3	Rounds Day 3
1	Plastikquäler 1	2183,36	1	728,81	1	725,35	3	729,20
2	RLR	2160,27	2	717,91	5	713,31	4	729,05
3	Sloefspeed	2148,08	8	694,54	3	716,35	2	737,19
4	Jäger Team	2146,07	11	687,08	2	721,27	1	737,72
5	Plastikquäler 2	2146,02	6	709,60	4	714,47	6	721,95
6	SG Stern - Slotfabrik	2133,98	5	710,49	6	707,55	8	715,94
7	Slot 4000	2119,03	3	713,22	12	684,96	7	720,85
8	LRD International	2113,02	4	710,76	11	688,50	9	713,76
9	Rhein-Erft-Racing	2106,77	7	701,23	7	703,20	11	702,34
10	Gentleman Drivers	2090,80	10	690,57	14	674,81	5	725,42
11	WC Racing	2074,24	13	678,10	10	688,63	10	707,51
12	Dr. Slot	2054,22	16	662,24	9	692,47	12	699,51
13	SRCB P&R	2007,03	9	691,57	13	684,11	17	631,35
14	P ³ -RT	2001,83	17	648,49	15	669,20	13	684,14
15	Nighthawks	1994,82	15	664,92	16	665,32	15	664,58
16	Need more speed	1967,43	18	648,17	19	643,17	14	676,09
17	Team Hobby 2000 by D&G	1914,07	14	666,04	8	694,36	19	553,67
18	SRCS - Dephi	1893,91	19	626,82	17	661,74	18	605,35
19	1A - Slotpiste	1879,00	20	593,29	20	634,54	16	651,17
20	Slotracing Mülheim	1822,88	12	678,28	18	658,12	20	486,48

Position	Teamname	Car	
20	Slotracing Mülheim		<p>Not much training but a well built fast car put them in the top ten after qualification.</p> <p>The race was up and down.</p> <p>The first heat successful with a 12. place but at the beginning of the second heat already fixing the lights. The last heat was dominated by several problems and they spent much time for fixing those. So someone had to have the last place...</p> <p>The second race will be on their home track. One can be sure, its not their goal to repeat this place there...</p>
19	1A - Slotpiste		<p>The team of track owner was already driving 6:9 times one week before the race.</p> <p>But the race itself was not what they expected.</p> <p>Several problems and missing speed, combined with a driver totally new to the track just led to place 19.</p>

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**SRCS -
DEPHI**



New to the SPA track, with a really interesting chassis concept. They did a concentrated job and without a broken guide it would have been a quite better result.

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**Team
Hobby 2000
by D&G**



Together with PQ the favourite for the victory. Very impressive qualification show. Gilles drove the quali time but had to leave after to see his pregnant wife. At the race, the team was quite surprised that their Audi R10 was just sliding and rattling. The car had nothing to do with the qualification car. But even after they decided to forget about the result and work on the car they where not able to get the speed back again. That was a very unlucky race but one can be sure, they are going to a maximum attack at race 2.

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**Need more
speed**



Marcel came without a teammate to Swisttal. Dirk Hövelmann and Marcel Kuhn helped out and did a quite good job. In the last heat, they were able to show their potential and will be for sure improving at Mülheim. Winner of the „production“ trophy.

15 **Nighthawks**



Nice built body but the chassis was almost like „standard“... Was Bob kind of ill? Could that work, everybody knowing how creative he is usually?!

It just did in parts... They drove a really clever race with equal heats around 665 laps but the last bit of speed was missing.

14 **P³R-T**



Perhaps they decided to use the wrong car for the race. The grip was not much and so they had to fight with a sliding car over the entire race. Nevertheless getting better from heat to heat and earning a well done 14th place.

13 **SRCB P&R**



The car was built up just a week before the race. But it was quite fast. A 9th overall result in the night heat was the great proof. Some little problems probably prevented a top ten finish.

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Dr. Slot



Ulpe, Martin and his son Andre, great team!!

The chassis was self constructed with all the knowledge from Trier, supported by Yannick. Good, solid performance with a clear tendency upwards!

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WC Racing



Same chassis as Dr. Slot was used. Also a clear tendency upwards over the three heats and without a broken guide there would have been an even better result.

They just missed the top 10 in their first race at the Spa track, thats a great performance! And to beat their chief Martin could be satisfying anyway :-)

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Gentlemen Drivers



The Gentlemen were supported by „Man of Speed“ Diet.

A great choice as they finished in top 10 with lots of room for improvement for the next races. They showed whats possible in the last heat with 725 laps which means total place 5 for this heat!

Really great job, gentlemen!!!

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**Rhein-Erft-
Racing**



Free practice and qualification not even showed nearly what would be possible in the race.

They managed to get the car proper working just for the race conditions and where able to make it in 9th place, starting from 14th. Really good and I am sure, they will attack the top 6 in Mülheim!

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**LRD
International**



Co-Organizer Gerd probably spent too much time in working on the brandnew Nissan GT-R LM. The Porsche 919 however never worked really well. The team decided to run an experimental chassis with new rubber printed components but they had no backup plan. After heat one it looked like a possible podium but then the rubber parts failed and they had to fight with varying behaviour. In Mülheim, they are going to attack the top with the Nissan!?

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Slot 4000



First time for the belgian team in Swisttal... and what a great premiere!

After starting from 15th place they where on podium course with place 3 overall after heat one! Several little problems pushed them back but nevertheless a great result and for sure a top team even for Mülheim!

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**SG Stern -
Slotfabrik**



Fola decided to enter the free practice on thursday without his race car! But hey, its just additional 1000 km to drive back home and pick up the car :-)

Great racing spirit, not everyone would have done this!

They were rewarded with a beautiful and fast car as well as a top 6 result! Suprisingly Andreas Balsiger substituted Joachim Metzler at the race.

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**Plastikquäler
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It was the first race at Swisttal for the PQ youngsters.

Technically they went for the save choice with the DoSlot My Prototype 3 chassis. The car was fast but Kai-Ole was not able to do a fast qualifying lap. So they had to start from 17th place. But then the train was going to pull: Total 6th after heat one, total 4th after heat 2. It looked like a save podium and maybe 2nd place but then a wire failed and they fell back to 5th. However, what an impressive debut!

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Jäger Team



Joachim as co-organizer had enough to do at the weekend

(including some extra drinks on friday night... :-)) But with Yannick and Ralph at the back office... what should go wrong??

Fast and nice looking car. Only a crashed ball bearing costed maybe a second place. With the overall 1st place in the last heat they showed their potential as a warning to all other top teams for Mülheim!

3 **Sloefspeed**



Raymond built a great-going car for Gregory and Björn. A great driving performance and no misses showed up in a fantastic podium for the belgians. Applause!! 😊😊😊

2 **RLR**



Not even sure if they are going to start they had a fast car over the entire weekend. Nothing more to say, then Well done 2nd place!

1 **Plastikquäler**



They enter every race as the favourite team one has to beat. The car already showed 6:7 laps a few weeks ago but propably it was too much for Sebastian to organize the event, built and coach PQ2 and set up their own car. However, not at least because Hobby 2000 lost the speed, they were able to control the race. But the speed domination of other races was gone, One small problem and RLR, Jäger Team or Sloefspeed would have been there to say „Thank you“. Luckily the problems stayed away and the deserved 1st place was the result!!

The Liver Ticker from the Race Weekend is still online: https://twitter.com/LMP_Pro_Series

Many beautiful pics: <https://picasaweb.google.com/101875146379915280378>

We are looking forward to see you all (and probably some new teams) in Mülheim for the second race!

Kind regards,
Joachim, Gerd und Sebastian

