ig Drescher does the double yet a The track while the sun shone. And the rain came, and came and .. of racing equipment had something to do with this, with even the rear half of the coach being used as luggage space! We made French soil by 5 am on Tuesday, 13th July and then continued across to Germany, arriving in Ulm at around 3

Pe Brits are made of stern stuff, and this was put to the test at the 1993 1/10 European Championships held in Ulm, West Germany. A 36 strong team travelled the 600 miles to Ulm by the Es (Blakey) West Express, with pick-up points at Chesterfield, Tamworth, South Mimms and Thurrock. The timing of these pick-ups left something to be desired, but possibly the stowing away of '3 tons'

The Brits soon had their own ideas for enlarging their pitting area for their vast amount of equipment, visiting the timber yard next door and borrowing (?) sheets of ply to extend the tables. The next hour saw us travelling back into Ulm and locating the Ibis Hotel, which were were to call home for the next five days.

### Wed 14th. Practice Day.

As usual, it was the Brits who were the first to volunteer to help with the maintenance of the



The Trophies - note the water on the



Kevin Moore's Cougar 2000 on pole. Kevin looks cheerful after his FTD in 2wd

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Tired but undaunted, we drove straight to the track to see how the afternoon practice had gone

practice had been cancelled.

mud bath leading to a very

reasonable pitting area

under a large marquee.

Access to the track was via a

track. Overnight rain had transformed the grass into a mud bath. Meanwhile the U.K. Team had nominated David Booth as their Team Manager, whose vast experience of the EFRA scene we knew would stand us in good stead.

Back to the practice session. With the arrival of

### Shock boots were a good idea.





Hey, there's

a dry patch!



Two of the Kyosho boys, Steve Harris and David Bailey.





the new Schumacher Cat 2000 car, everyone was eager to see its performance. The united verdict was that it lived up to Schumacher's expectations, with obvious room for further improvements. However, the Yokomo car was looking in good form, with Tamiya and Kyosho always in the reckoning. In 2wd, the Associated RC10 was definitely on best form.



Qualifying. Thurs 15th July. 2 Wheel Drive.

The first round saw the Cougar 2000 of Kevin Moore taking the lead, followed by Patrick Feschtschenko of Germany. Then came Craig Drescher, Rory Cull, Michael Gaul, Sascha

The very nice pit marquee.

Is it Slash or Rory Cull?



# **2wd Top 20**

Place	Name	Country	Best
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	Moore, Kevin Feschtschenko, Patrick Drescher, Craig Cull, Rory Gaul, Michael Falter, Sascha Sturnham, Ben Helbing, Ralf Naulapaa, Heikkl Lautenbach, Jurgen Harman, Alan Jeschek, Thomas Esteban, Jordi Stafford, Ellis Mitcham, William Steenari, Jukka Michel, Udo Neale, Marc Booth, Jamie Keil, Christian	GB Germany GB Germany Germany GB Germany Finland Germany Spain GB GB Finland Germany Spain GB GB Finland Germany GB GB Finland	Round 14 5.21.6 14 5.22.5 14 5.22.7 14 5.23.0 14 5.23.8 13 5.00.3 13 5.00.7 13 5.01.4 13 5.01.6 13 5.02.2 13 5.02.5 13 5.03.4 13 5.03.9 13 5.03.9 13 5.04.6 13 5.04.6 13 5.05.1 13 5.05.2

4wd Top 20								
Place	Name	Country	Best					
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	Drescher, Craig Falter, Sascha Sturnham, Ben Mitcham, William Moore, Kevin Naulapaa, Heikki Cull, Rory Pearson, James Booth, Jamie Skatulla, Ralf Adrian David Wright, Lee Schmiedeberg, Arne Steenari, Jukka Bonengel, Jurgen Gourmet, Fabian de Carro, Peter Lautenbach, Jurgen Helbing, Ralf Wulfing, Ingo	GB Germany GB GB GB GB GB GB GB Germany GB GB Germany Finland Germany Belgium Sweden Germany Germany Germany Germany	Round 14 5.21.0 13 5.01.2 13 5.02.7 13 5.03.0 13 5.03.1 13 5.03.5 13 5.04.9 13 5.05.4 13 5.05.5 13 5.05.6 13 5.06.2 13 5.06.2 13 5.06.2 13 5.06.8 13 5.07.0 13 5.07.7 13 5.07.9 13 5.08.1 13 5.08.1					





Mike Neale praying for dry weather!

Falter, Ben Sturnham, Ralf Helbing, Heikki Naulapaa, and in tenth place Jurgen Lautenbach, with the Tamiya car of Ellis Stafford, and William Mitcham, Mark Neal and Jamie Booth, all in the top 20. The weather didn't improve, with drizzle persisting, and heavy rain always threatening.

Round 2 saw no changes in the top 20 places, with an ever deteriorating track.

For the start of Round 3 the heavens really opened, with only half of the drivers attempting an appearance. Again the Brits were first out to administer first aid to the track, under the leadership of David Booth, with John Styles and Brian Mitcham leading the work parties, whilst Schumacher's new signing as Team Manager, Phil

Booth, made sure all his drivers were well equipped for the final rounds.

Round 4- A bright start to this round, and with the track benefiting from the hard work put in the previous evening, several drivers put in faster times.

Rounds 5 and 6 saw the track failing to cope with the wear and tear imposed by the car's tyres, so no faster times were recorded.

The top ten qualifiers included four British drivers, five Germans and one driver from Finland. The Yokomo TR32 and TR33 tyres seemed to be the favourites, with Schumacher Green Minis also gripping well.

#### The Finals.

The first leg of the A final saw Kevin Moore in pole position, followed by Patrick Feschtschenko. Into the first corner and the Reedy powered RC10 of Craig Drescher pushed its way straight into first place. Craig looked from the outset to be in top form and unwilling to relinquish his crown, and pulled further away from the rest of the field. After lap 6 Craig's car appeared to mount the corners with two wheels and was awarded a ten second penalty from the EFRA referee, Paul Sma. This decision was met with dissent from the crowd, but undeterred, Craig

Two 'Power Brokers', Oscar and Jurgen exit the pit marquee as best they can!



п	Pos	Name	Time	
ľ	23	Andy Shaw	13 5.07.4	
	24	Jon Tucker	13 5.07.7	
	25	Lee Wright	13 5.08.0	
	30	Matt Needham	13 5.09.3	
ı	36	Steve Haynes	13 5.10.7	
ı	37	Jimbo Pearson	13 5.11.0	
ĺ	44	David Adrian	13 5.12.0	
ľ	47	Neil Mottram	13 5.12.6	
	49	Darren Styles	13 5.13.2	

Jon Leonard

Steve West

13 5.13.8 13 5.14.1 went on to win this leg with the only 14 lapper, and with his ten second penalty in force still managed to hold onto the win! The second A final leg was again dominated by Craig Drescher with the rest of the field trailing, with the same story repeated for the third and final leg with Craig coming home an easy winner, so he retained the crown of European 2WD Champion in fine style. The B final went to William Mitcham and his Cougar 2000 for G.B., the C final was Jurgen Bonengel's of Germany, with the winner of the D final James 'Jimbo' Pearson, Associated RC10, for G.B.

## Saturday 17th. 4WD - Round 1.

Marc Neale

Ellis Stafford

Steve Lawson

Darren Styles

Steve Haynes

Jon Tucker

Jon Leonard

Robert Gammon

Steve West

Dave Bailey

Niel Mottram

Andy Shaw

Steve Harris

Alan Harman

Matt Needham

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Once again bad weather reared its' ugly head with torrential rain, and by this time most teams

British placings after Rd. 4 4wd

**Time** 13 5.10.0 13 5.10.5

13 5.11.0

13 5.12.6

13 5.13.0

13 5.13.4

13 5.13.6

13 5.14.8

13 5.14.9

13 5.18.0

13 5.20.0 13 5.21.0

13 5.21.7

13 5.23.1

were becoming disappointed with the track conditions and (lack of) management.

Bound I was surprisingly dominated by Lee

Round 1 was surprisingly dominated by Lee Wright's Parma powered Tamiya car, which really looked the car to beat. However, halfway through the round yet another rainstorm hit the track and so the round was cancelled.

Rounds 2 and 3 were run in really treacherous conditions, with the Yokomo cars looking the best in the ever thickening mud. At the end of Round 3 and on the final day, the track had once again been repaired, so as we went into Round 4 and with the sun finally shining, every car managed faster times, making the top 10 places as follows: Craig Drescher, Sascha Falter, Ben Sturnham, William Mitcham, Kevin Moore, Heikki Naulapaa, Rory Cull, James Pearson, Jamie Booth, and in tenth place Ralf Skatulla. Things

were looking better, then after10 heats had been run in Round 5, once again down came the heaviest rain seen in this area for many years!! The photo taken through the pit marquee entrance tells the complete story!

This finally spelt the end. After several meetings were held by the EFRA Committee, time was running out, and with planes to be caught by many competitors, it was deemed impossible to conclude the meeting. The final EFRA

decision, announced by the EFRA Secretary John Smith, was that the 4WD Championship would be decided on the best times from Rounds 2, 3, and 4, the result being that our own Craig Drescher was again 4wd European Champion, with seven British drivers in the top 10, with two examples of the new Schumacher Cat 2000 also making the top 10 on their debut.

The final result was pleasing for the Brits, but, as can be seen in the photos, the meeting became a real washout, with the track and the surrounding area becoming a mud bath that bore no relation to a model car racing circuit, the result being that the majority of competitors went home rather disappointed to say the least!



A TO	NAME	COUNTRY	CAR	MOTOR	CELLS	ESC	RADIO	SERVO	FRONT TYRES	REAR TYRES
1	Craig Drescher	UK	Yokomo Works 93	Reedy Mr S	Keil SCRC	Novak 410 HPC	KO Esprit 2	KO 1001	Yokomo TF 32S	Yokomo TR 32S
2	Sascha Falter	Germany	Yokomo Works 93	Reedy Mr S	Keil Pushed SCRC	Novak 410 HPC	MPX	KO 1001	Yokomo TF 330S	Yokomo TR 32S
3	Ben Sturnham	UK	Schumaccher Bosscat	Tanaplan 11 double	Schumacher SCRC	Nosram Dominator	JR Apex	KO 1001	Schumacher Green Minis	Schumacher Green Minis
4	William Mitcham	UK	Schumacher Bosscat	Corally 13 triple	Galeforce SCRC	Nosram Dominator	KO Esprit 2	KO 1001	Schumacher Green Minis	Schumacher Green Minis
5	Kevin Moore	UK	Schumacher Cat 2000	LRP Bee D	LRP SCRC	LRP 25 AMS Mk2	KO Esprit 2	KO 1001	Yokomo TF 310S	Yokomo TR 32M
6	Heikki Naulapaa	Finland	Yokomo Works 93	LRP Bee D	LRP SCRC	LRP 25 AMS Mk2	Sanwa	KO 1001	Losi X Pattern	Yokomo TR 32S
7	Rory Cull	UK	Yokomo Works 93	Reedy Mr S	Yokomo/ Reedy SCRC	Nosram Dominator	KO Esprit 2	KO 1001	Yokomo TF 32S	Yokomo TR 32M
8	James Pearson	UK	Yokomo Works 93	Tanaplan 11 triple	Parma Final Match SCRC	Nosram Dominator	JR Apex	KO 1001	Yokomo TF 32S	Yokomo TR 32S
9	Jamie Booth	UK	Kyosho Lazer ZXR	Corally 13 triple	Orion SCRC	Novak 410 HPC	Futaba FF3	KO 1003	Schumacher Blue Minis	Schumacher Green Minis
10	Ralf Skatulla	Germany	Schumacher Cat 2000	Twister Scorpion 12 triple	CS Boost SCRC	CS Rocket	Kuhnlein EX-1	KO 1001	Schumacher Green Minis	Schumacher Green Minis

	NAME	COUNTRY	CAR	MOTOR	CELLS	ESC	RADIO	SERVO	FRONT TYRES	REAR TYRES	GEAR RATIO
j	Kevin Moore	UK	Schumacher Cougar 2000	LRP Bee D	LRP SCRC	LRP 25 AMS Mk2	KO Esprit 2	KO 1001	Yokomo Cut TR 32S	Schumacher Green Minis	20/95
2	Patrick Feschtshenko	Germany	Losi Pro SE	Evolution 12 double	ME6A NSCRC-SP	GM 2000	MPX EX-1	KO PS 87	Yokomo TF 370	Jammin' Step Pin	11.5:1
3	Craig Drescher	UK	Associated RC10	Reedy Mr S	Keil SCRC	NOvak 410 HPC	KO Esprit 2	Airtronics	Yokomo TF 320	Schumacher Green Minis	
4	Rory Cull	UK	Associated RC10	Reedy Mr S	Reedy SCRC	Nosram Dominaotr	KO Esprit 2	Airtronics	Yokomo TF 320	Schumacher Green Minis	
5	Michael Gaul	Germany	Associated RC10	Reedy Mr S	Keil SCRC	Novak 410 HPC	MPX EX-1	KO 1001	Yokomo TF 330	Yokomo TF 33S	11.8:1
6	Sascha Falter	Germany	Associated RC10	Reedy Mr S	Keil SCRC	Novak 410 HPC	MPX EX-1	KO 1001	Yokomo TF 330	Yokomo TF 33S	11.8:1
7	Ben Sturnham	UK	Schumacher Cougar 2000	Tanaplan 11 double	Schumacher SCRC	Nosram Dominator	MPX EX-1	KO 1001	Schumacher Green Minis	Schumacher Green Minis	17/95
8	Ralf Helbing	Germany	Associated RC10	Evolution 12 triple	RH H/Speed Panasonic	RH Digital 3000	MPX EX-10	KO 1001	Yokomo TF 310	Yokomo TR 32S	11.8:1
9	Heikki Naulapaa	Finland	Losi Pro SE	LRP Bee D	LRP SCRC	LRP 25 AMS Mk2	Sanwa	KO 1001	Yokomo Cut TR 32S	/ Jammin Step Pin	10.3:1
10	Jurgen Lautenbach	Germany	Schumacher Cougar 2000	LRP Bee D	. LRP SCRC	LRP 25 AMS Mk2	MPX EX-1	MPX PS87	Yokomo Cut TR 32S	TR 32S	20/95