

Andrew Moore took TQ with this Trinity

EFRA European Pro-10 Championships

The 1999 Pro 10 European Championships were held at Walsum in Germany on the first weekend in July. The track is similar in design to the Oberhauser circuit just down the road, where previous European Championships had been held, but slightly smaller and with the drivers' rostrum situated on the main straight. The weather was quite hot with temperatures in the low to mid thirties, so it is likely that certain times of the day the track would be slower.

With only 57 drivers entered, this poor turn for this event contrasted sharply with full entry of the Touring Car Euros two weeks earlier. Having two major On Road Championships so close together is not an entirely wise move and one of them is bound to suffer. With the World Championships in 2000 something is going to have to give.

Nobody has ever won the Pro-10 European Championship title twice, let alone successfully defend the title, but could Britain's David Spashett do it? David had to contend with his Trinity team mate, Andrew Moore, who'd won the first two rounds of the British Series as well as the German drivers, Markus Möbers (Corally) and Marek Kaminski (Associated), who were on home ground. Practise also showed that Holland's new rising star, Jillies Groskamp, was going very quickly with his Corally. Oscar Jansen was also looking quick with his Associated, as was Finland's Sakke Ahoniemi, fresh from his second place finish at the Touring Car Euros.

Most drivers were running twelve turn motors or thirteens which had been advanced a bit more than usual. Those with lead thumbs and/or duration problems ended up running fourteens. In the final leg of 'B' Final Germany's Kai Oliver Gutttschau, who'd already won the 'B' final, apparently put in an eight turn so that he could do the fastest lap. This he did with a stunning 14.85 second lap and still managed to win the final.

Qualifying

After the round of controlled practise, it was straight into qualifying proper. First to show his hand was Jillies Groskamp in heat three with a

20 lapper.

Andrew Moore also managed 20 laps but was slightly slower. The last heat saw Markus Möbers and David Spashett going head to head, where they both just beat Jillies time by 8/10ths and we had a tie for TQ. With qualifying over for the day, it was off to an excellent banquet and to discuss things further.

Round two saw David put in the only 20 lapper of the round and although it wasn't quicker than the round one times, it did give him TQ on count back. Round three saw David, Markus and Jillies put in 20 lap runs, but they weren't fast enough to affect the order. The fourth round saw Markus move to the top of the timing sheets as a result of having put in a better second best time than David. Andrew improved his time in round five, Marek Kaminski had finally got it together to post a 20 lapper, as had Oscar Jansen. The final round saw a superb battle for pole position as Jillies Groskamp was first to set a new TQ time, this was then bettered by Andrew Moore, leaving it all down to Markus and David in the final heat. But they misjudged the pace slightly and wound up fractionally slower than Andrew, giving a Trinity 1-2 at the top of the time sheets, followed by the Corally's of Jillies, Markus and Sakke Ahoniemi.

Also in the 'A' Final were: Marek, Oscar, Chris Ashton, Reto König and Marcus Jurk.

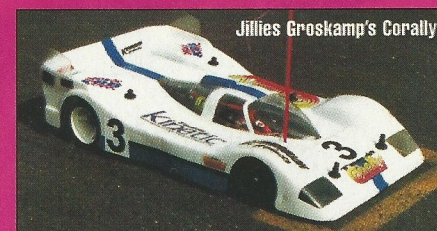
The Corally of Markus Möbers

Finals

The first leg of the 'A' final saw David Spashett get off the line better than Andrew Moore and he took the lead. Andrew's car looked a little loose as he was picked off by the rest of the field. Andrew retired his car after only two laps, rather than risk damaging it, due to a tyre problem. A couple of incidents in the opening laps

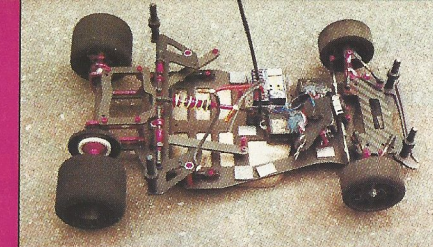
Marcus Jurk's Associated

David Spashett claims another one



Jillies Groskamp's Corally

Guess who got a bucket of water over them?

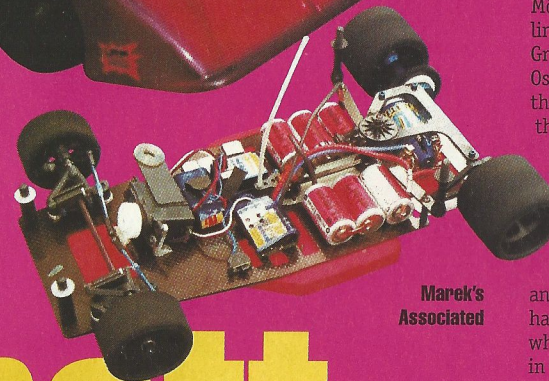


David 'the boss' Spashett made it another win for Trinity

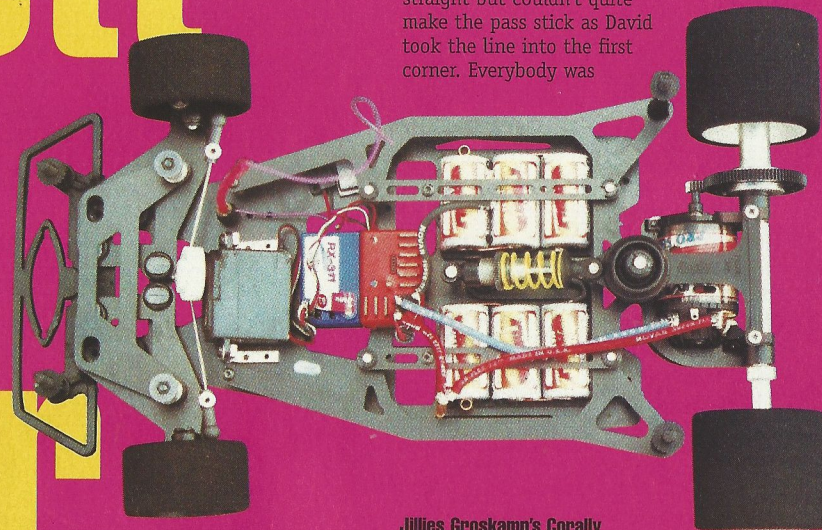
had seen a hard charging Oscar Jansen emerge in third place with Sakke Ahoniemi and Markus Möbers in close attendance. David was controlling the pace from the front, but Jillies Groskamp was trying his best to find a way past. Oscar and Sakke touched which allowed Marcus through to third and then Oscar paced slowed in the closing stages which cost him further places.

On the last lap Jillies thought he saw an opportunity to get past David on the low-side coming off the banked section, but he got on the throttle a bit little too hard and spun it onto the grass, handing David a clear win. A slow marshal saw Markus go by and hold off Jillies to the line, however Markus had already finished, so it was a relieved Jillies who took second place from Markus with Sakke in fourth.

Andrew made a better start to the second leg, leading from David, Markus and Jillies. Markus managed to get alongside David going onto the straight but couldn't quite make the pass stick as David took the line into the first corner. Everybody was



Marek's Associated



Jillies Groskamp's Corally

holding station, waiting for the car in front to slip up. Markus was able to go down the inside of David at the second corner and Jillies also took advantage of David being slowed, by going around the outside heading towards the next corner. Jillies just clipped Markus going into the next corner, spinning him round, David said thank you very much and went between the pair of them. Markus, in his haste to get going again, really stood on the throttle and managed to hit David as he went past and this saw David end up on the grass. The end result was a win for Andy, with Jillies emerging from the confusion with second place from Sakke, Markus and Oscar, with David finishing a distant seventh.

So onto the final leg with Andrew, David and Jillies all in with a chance of winning, there was no shortage of tension. Once again there was a clean start and the entire field were circulating in qualifying order, with Andrew comfortably leading while David had to fend off the chasing pack. It was all very close, but there wasn't any changes in position until Sakke clipped the kerb at the end of the straight, which cost him three paces. The final lap saw a disaster for Andrew as he went round the race control corner at the end of the straight for the last time, he clipped the right hand kerb on the exit and flipped his car onto its roof. David avoided Andy's upside-down car and reeled off the rest of the lap to take the win, ahead of Jillies, Marek Kaminski, Markus and a disappointed Andy who was fifth. Andy's mistake had handed the 1999 EFRA Pro-10 title to David Spashett, with Jillies taking a fine second with Andy in third and Markus fourth. **RCI**

The Rest

11.	Kai Oliver Gutttschau	D
16.	David Marmand	F
21.	Tony Vredenburg	NL
24.	Graham Creasey	GB
25.	Soren Boy Holst	DK
31.	Marcus Epstein	GB
36.	Neil Mead	GB
41.	Josef Siegl	D
48.	Mike Haswell	GB
51.	Mark Peters	D
52.	Arjan Plessius	GB
56.	Michal Zahora	SVK

Driver	Team	Car	Nicads	Motor	Speed Controller	Front Tyres	Rear Tyres	Radio	Servo	Gearing	Body	Qualify	Final
Andrew Moore GB	Trinity, TRC, LRP, KO	Trinity Switchblade	Trinity 2000	Trinity D3.5 12dbl	LRP Quantum	TRC Magenta	TRC Grey Corally Gold	KO Vantage	KO 912	39.5	Protoform Peugeot 905	1	3 10,1,5
David Spashett GB	Trinity, TRC, LRP, KO Intronic	Trinity Switchblade	Trinity 2000	Trinity D3.5 12dbl	LRP Quantum	TRC Magenta	TRC Grey Corally Gold	KO Vantage	KO 912	39.5	Protoform Peugeot 905	2	1 1,7,1
Jillies Groskamp NL	Corally	Corally C10X	Corally VRS 2000	Corally 13 dbl	Novak Cyclone	Corally Gold Stars(S)	Corally Gold	Sanwa Super Exzes	KO 1014	37	Protoform Nissan P35	3	2 2,2,2
Markus Möbers D	Corally, LRP, Momo Carson	Corally C10X	Corally VRS 2000	Corally 12 Triple	LRP Quantum	Corally Gold Stars(S)	Corally Gold	Sanwa M8	Sanwa ERGXS	34	Protoform Peugeot 905	4	4 3,4,4
Sakke Ahoniemi Fin	Coraly, LRP Robitronics	Corally C10X	Corally VRS 2000	Corally 12 Triple	LRP Quantum	Corally Gold Stars(S)	Corally Gold	Sanwa M8	KO 2001	35	Protoform Peugeot 905	5	5 4,3,7
Marek Kaminski D	LRP, Assoc., KO, TRC HPI	Assoc. 10LS	LRP 2000	LRP Axon 13 Triple	LRP Quantum	TRC Purple	TRC Grey	KO Mars	KO 2004	37	Protoform Nissan P35	6	6 5,6,3
Oscar Jansen NL	Orion, HPI, KO, LRP Jaco, Corally, Keil	Assoc. 10LS	Orion 2000	Orion 13 dbl	LRP Quantum	Corally Purple	Corally Gold	KO Vanage	KO 1006	36.8	Protoform Nissan P35	7	7 7,5,6
Chris Ashton GB	Corally, Orion, GM	Corally C10X	Corally VRS 2000	Corally 13 dbl	GM V12	Corally Gold Star(H)	Corally Gold	KO Vantage	KO 2015	40	Andys Nissan	8	9 8,10,8
Reto König CH	LRP, Assoc., KO, HPI Protoform	Assoc. 10LS	LRP 2000	LRP Axon 13 Triple	LRP Quantum	TRC Purple	TRC Grey	KO Mars EX1	KO 2001	37	Protoform Nissan P35	9	8 6,9,9
Marcus Jurk D	Keil, MBS, Reedy Assoc.	Assoc. 10LS	Keil 2000	Reedy 13 dbl	Novak Cyclone	Jaco Purple	Jaco Grey	KO Mars EX1	Futaba 9402	41.9	Protoform Nissan P35	10	10 9,8,10