

2013 Austrian Nationals 1:8 1st leg in Sollenau

Julian Schober wins 1/8 his first race win ever



On weekend 20th to 21st of April first of six legs for the 2013 1:8 & 1:10 IC Austrian championship started at good weather at Sollenau track. With very low - only 38 entries - in both classes together it was not a very good start for the season. A very long and hard winter with nearly no possibilities for practice and testing could be one of the reasons. Because of nearly no practice before the event also the Grip level was very low and tire wear was very high!

In 1:8 class Manuel Gremlica was the man for the fastest lap time, followed by Mikie Klausner and Herfried Pucher. After big driving errors in the first qualifyer Manual Gremlica managed absolute best time in the 5 minutes heat without refueling in second round of qualifying where also Herfried Pucher managed his best run – also without refueling. Mikie Klausner was the only who could fight for the fastest lap times with Manuel Gremlica, but he had in his first both heats bad luck with

traffic after refueling. In the 3rd qualifier he changed his tactic and was running more economical to save fuel but in the outlap he run out of fuel. In Semi-Final B Herfried Pucher and Nejc Mihelic have been starting from the front, but on Nejc Mihelic cars both rear wheels axles have been broken on his Montonica after a crash at the beginning of the long full power corner. At the 3 minute mark the engine of Herfried Pucher flamed out on the straight (broken conrod) – so now young Julian Schober in his fourth 1:8 race was in the lead and won easily this Semi final. In Semi-Final A Manuel Gremlica and Mikie Klausner have been fighting for the lead the whole final – Advantage of Manuel was 1 less fuel stop and try to run with one set of tires – Mike Klausner was overall doing faster lap times but a flame out at tire exchange pit stop at 8 minute mark costs him around 2 laps. At 19 minutes marks everybody could see that Manuel was running out of tyres – but his lead was still o.k. but his pitman Michael Wopfner decided to make a safety fuel & tyre stop where Mike Klausner managed to close the gap and overtake Manuel in the last lap of the race to win the Semi A. In the 45 minute final there was again a fight between Manuel Gremlica and Mikie Klausner for the lead, but Mikie Klausner got more and more problems with his engine – starting with flame outs at low RPM, followed by noisy running of main bearing and final damage of his engine 10 to 5 minutes before end of race. So Manuel Gremlica had a absolute easy lead but 3 minutes before the end of race his clutch came of the engine – and now constant driving Julian Schober was in the lead and won this race, in front of Manuel Gremlica. Julian Schober was very happy – 3 races before he decided to run 1:8 instead of 1:10 – and now his first personal win in RC sport ever!

Austrian Nationals 2013 Top10 Sollenau 1:8							
Pos	S/J	S#	Name	Lap	Time	Car	Engine
1		18	SCHOBER Julian	170	45:13.431	MUGEN	NOVAROSSSI
2		8	GREMLICA Manuel	161	41:54.662	SERPENT	NOVAROSSSI
3		9	LEO Alphons	158	45:02.212	MUGEN	NOVAROSSSI
4		34	BAUMANN Andreas	155	45:08.306	XRAY	ORCAN
5	Jug	25	STANGL Oliver	155	45:14.770	MUGEN	NOVAROSSSI
6		1	KLAUSNER Michael	145	40:19.985	MUGEN	NOVAROSSSI
7		21	STÖFFLER Dietmar	140	38:57.508	SERPENT	NOVAROSSSI
8	Sen	30	HIMLER Franz	132	45:11.552	MUGEN	SIRIO
9		11	VÖLKER Christian	61	17:53.356	XRAY	NOVAROSSSI
10	Sen	7	GRANDINGER Peter	3	8:16.083	XRAY	NOVAROSSSI

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