

# Round 3 Update

## Pruemper claims first big win in Poland



Round 3 of the Much More backed Euro Touring Series travelled to Warsaw capital city of Poland last weekend (March 6-8th) for what was the country's first international r/c touring car event. Attracting 121 entries including big names from each of the main factory teams, the star of the meeting was to be a new name, 15-year-old Yannic Pruemper of Germany.

Racing against the likes of Tamiya's Marc Rheinard, Jilles Groskamp & Hupo Honigl, Xray's Teemu Leino & Paul Lemeuix, the US Champion making the long trip from America to Warsaw for the weekend, and Hot Bodies Andy Moore, the youngster firmly established himself as a potential future World Champion.



Setting the pace in practice he then snatched the TQ honours in the final qualifier before going on to win the opening two Legs of the Modified A Main from current World Champion Rheinard to claim his first international race victory. In the third leg it was defending ETS Champion Jilles Groskamp who took the win after former European Championship Top Qualifier Steven Weiss rolled his Xray out of the lead on the last lap. This result secured second overall for Groskamp with Rheinard taking third for an all Tamiya podium.

After claiming, what many believe is sure to be the first of many international successes for the youngster, Pruemper was quick to acknowledge his mentor Toni Rheinard. The brother of two time World Champion Marc, Toni has been working closely with the emerging talent over the past few months coaching his fellow countryman and preparing his Speed Passion powered TRF416 WE. Toni, a former German National Champion, praised his protege saying, "Yannic did a fantastic job. He had super pressure starting from his first TQ but then to keep it all together when Jilles and Marc were on his bumper was amazing."



### Modified Overall Result

1. Yannic Pruemper (D) - Tamiya/Speed Passion
2. Jilles Groskamp (NL) - Tamiya/Speed Passion
3. Marc Rheinard (D) - Tamiya/Speed Passion
4. Teemu Leino (FIN) - Xray/Orion
5. Andy Moore (GB) - Hot Bodies/Orion
6. Steven Weiss (D) - Xray/LRP
7. Hubert Honigl (AUT) - Tamiya/LRP
8. Paul Lemeuix (USA) - Xray/Trinity
9. Bart Wubben (NL) - Xray/LRP
10. Michal Bok (CZ) - Xray/Speed Passion





# Niemann does the business in Pro Stock



Meik Niemann has been an ETS podium finisher before but in Warsaw the SMI Motorsport driver claimed his first Pro Stock victory with a dominant performance at the controls of his Xray. The front running German driver claimed the TQ honours from fellow countryman Daniel Wohlgemuth who took three of the five qualifiers with his Tamiya. However Niemann, who won the other two heats, set a faster time to claim the number one grid position. Taking an easy win in the first A Main, Niemann made extra work for himself in Leg 2 making a number of mistakes but he held on to cross the line first just ahead of Wohlgemuth and take his first major victory. Overall Wohlgemuth took second while Hot Bodies driver, and winner of the Hungarian ETS round, Balint Rajki completed the podium.

## Pro Stock Overall Result

1. Meik Niemann (D) - Xray
2. Daniel Wohlgemuth (D) - Tamiya
3. Balint Rajki (HU) - Hot Bodies
4. Dai Sakaguchi (D) - Tamiya
5. Oliver Nätke (D) - Tamiya
6. Zdenko Kunák (SLO) - Xray
7. Jakub Plechac (CZ) - Hot Bodies
8. Dominik Reschke (D) - Corally
9. Jan Gehrig (D) - Xray
10. Jerome Meile (CH) - Xray



# Postcards from Warsaw



**Start them young** - World Champion Marc Rheinard meets budding future World Champion four-year-old Maciek Kajko who was the youngest of the 121 competitors in competing in Warsaw.



**One to watch** - Michał Orłowski won the local Tamiya TT01 category to make a big impression on all the top drivers who have tipped the youngest as one to watch for the future.



**Meet your heroes** - For the many of the local racers this was their first chance to see the best r/c racers in the world in action. Here ETS Champion Jilles Groskamp signs a car for one of the young Tamiya Cup drivers.





## Dutch show true ETS Spirit



Since its inception the Euro Touring Series has always encouraged friendship among the racers from the various countries that come and compete in each event. In Warsaw Caghan Turna became the first ever Turkish driver to take part in the series and in the true spirit of the ETS our great friends from the Netherlands took him under their wing. After a troubled practice for Caghan, the entire Dutch team stayed on late at the track to fully rebuild the Turkish driver's car. Race director Scotty Ernst assist the efforts by opening the track to Dutch Modified driver Bart Wubben so he could test the car and ensure all was working for Caghan.

## Niko's inspiring vision



The ETS was the first visit international r/c meeting to visit Poland giving a major boost to the future of the sport in the country. Attracting some of the best drivers in the world to Warsaw showcased r/c racing to an entirely new audience including none other than the Mayor of this capital city. Seeing first hand the

great recreational value r/c racing offers and the many local kids supported by their families that enjoy the racing, the Mayor has pledged to support future events in Warsaw. The event also attracted plenty of media attention making this a very successful event for the sport but all this didn't happen by accident. It was as a result of the vision of one man, Niko Triandafilidis. Embracing youth in the sport, which was clearly on display with drivers as young as four years of age racing alongside World Champions, Niko's vision and hard work is an inspiration. Giving kids these opportunities is sure to have a positive long term effect on the future of the r/c racing domestically in Poland.

## Series goes outdoors at Apeldoorn in Netherlands



With the opening three rounds of the Much More backed Euro Touring Series having been run indoors on carpet, the next date on the 2008/2009 calendar will take competitors outdoors and on to asphalt as the beautiful track of Auto Modelbouw Club Apeldoorn in the Netherlands plays host to Round 4 on May 29-31.

For defending ETS Champion Jilles Groskamp, Apeldoorn will be his home race and he will be determined to show his rivals the way on home turf. Further information on the track can be found at the host club's website [www.amcaracing.nl](http://www.amcaracing.nl) while drivers wishing to enter can do so at [www.rcRaceControl.com](http://www.rcRaceControl.com)



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