



# Press Release

## European Individual Grass Track Championship - Final in Britain



*Above #16 James Shanes (ACU) and #2 Christian Huelsorst (DMSB).  
Aside, 2016 European Grass Track  
Champion James Shanes in action  
on his way to victory at Swingfield,  
England.*



The Astra Grass Track Clubs hosting of the 2016 FIME European Individual Grass Track Final was certainly a very competitive event that was staged on a very hot and sunny Autumn day at the ultra-fast Swingfield circuit near Folkestone in the South East of England.

The 3,000 spectators witnessed some very exciting racing with riders not giving a centimetre during the 12 qualifying heats. Once all the points had been totalled, the field of the top 16 point scoring riders was allocated to the three (C, B and A) Finals.



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Podium shot (left to right) 2nd placed Mathieu Tresarrieu, 2016 FIME European Grass Track Champion James Shanes (ACU), and 3rd place Andrew Appleton (ACU)

With two 'last chance' places available for the winner and second place riders (in the B Final), to qualify through to the all-important A Final, racing was again extremely competitive with Josef Franc (ACCR) and 19 years old James Shanes (ACU) finally managing to gain these two important places. This enabled them to join



defending champion Dirk Fabriek (KNMV), Andrew Appleton (ACU), Matt Tresarrieu (FFM) and Jannick de Jong (KNMV) for the 'winner takes all' A Final.

With all six riders keen to make a successful start and first corner, it was Jannick de Jong who fell in the first turn and was excluded from the re-run. At the second attempt, the home fans' favourite - James Shanes - shot from the starting tapes and lead the race to the chequered flag, chased all the way by Frenchman Mathieu Tresarrieu.

Full results on FIM Europe website: <http://www.fim-europe.eu/events/271>

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