



# Press Release

## Semi-Final 1 Individual Speedway EC in Dougavpils (Latvia)

The first Semi-Final of the Individual Speedway European Championship was held today in Dougavpils (Latvia). Michael Jepsen Jensen was flying to the victory in the semifinal 1 in Dougavpils, finishing on 14 points, the victory was almost secured before his last heat, only needing 1 point to take first place.

More exciting was the result for the next places, before the last 4 heats, 8 riders was in play for the last 4 qualification places. After finishing the last 4 heats it was clear that 4 riders was equal on 11 point, but all riders was through to the ECC. Two riders was also equal on 10 points for reserve place. In first run-off Russian Renat Gafurov took a victory against Josef Franc and securing the reserve place. Final heat was a run off for 2-3-4 and 5 position. Local hero Andzejs Lebedevs took the victory in the run-off, finishing on 11 points after being excluded for causing a crash in heat 14. Patryk Dudek took second place in run-off, after finishing last in heat 6. Third place went also to Poland, Maciej Janowski, finishing fourth in total. Last man in run off Kasts Poudzuks finished 5 in total, after finishing last in his first ride.

The almost 5000 spectators saw a very exciting meeting, with the riders going very wide in the bends some-times and almost riding on the fence. A lot of overtakings during the meeting, made the meeting very hard and tough for the riders. The spectators must have left the meeting with big smiles on their faces, after seeing Andzejs Lebedevs winning the run-off after overtaking both Maciej Janowski and Patryk Dudek after he made a very bad start.

Next Semi-Final round is scheduled on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May in Zarnovica (Slovakia).

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## Individual Speedway European Championship Semi-Final 1

Venue: **Dougavpils (Latvia)**

EMN: **50/1**

FMN: **LMSF**

Date: **17/05**

Pos.	First Name & Family Name	Nat	FMN	Points
1	Michael Jepsen Jensen	DEN	DMU	14
2	Andzejs Lebedevs	LAT	LAMSF	11+3
3	Patryk Dudek	POL	PZM	11+2
4	Maciej Janowski	POL	PZM	11+1
5	Kasts Poudzuks	LAT	LAMSF	11+0
6	Renat Gafurov	RUS	MFR	10+3
7	Josef Franc	CZE	ACCR	10+2
8	Rory Schlein	AUS	ACU	8
9	Dennis Andersson	SWE	SWEMO	7
10	Tero Aarnio	FIM	SML	7
11	Andrey Kudryashov	RUS	MFR	7
12	Max Dilger	GER	DMSB	5
13	Eduard Krcmar	CZE	ACCR	4
14	Sergey Darkin	RUS	MFR	2
15	Ivans Plesakovs	LAT	LAMSF	2
16	Gheorghe Adrian	ROU	FRM	0
17	Stanislav Melnychuk	UKR	FMU	0
18	Vjaceslavs Giruckis	LAT	LAMSF	0