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European Individual Grass Track Semi Final 1 - Swingfield (England)

Spectators and fans were promised thrilling and exciting racing at Swingfield (England) over the weekend and that's exactly what they got.

Despite an overcast and drizzly day, the spectators who braved the weather were treated to excellent racing at the FIM Europe Individual Grass Track 1st Semi Final event.

The eighteen competitors quickly adapted to the slick conditions, which produced some very fast and furious racing.

As the meeting progressed, the track conditions improved, and it became extremely difficult to forecast who would be the eventual winner.

With nine qualifying places (+ one reserve) being available to progress onto the European Final at Staphorst (Netherlands) in July, it was Dutchman Theo Pijper who won the 'A' Final and climbed onto the number 1 step on the winners rostrum. 2nd place went to Germany's previous multi European champion - Stephan Katt, with 3rd place going to England's Paul Cooper.

The 2nd Semi Final will be held at Bielefeld in North Germany on the 7th June.

Full results on FIM Europe website: <http://www.fim-europe.eu/site/index.php?eid=29>



Paul Cooper (left) winner Theo Pijper (centre) and Stephan Katt (right)
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