

GRAND PRIX ORIGINALS

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Gulf Oil Dragracing dream debut

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The Gulf Oil - Grand Prix Originals - Top Fuel Bike made a dream debut on the notoriously tricky Kunmadaras track in Hungary when the 1500 horsepower machine (managed by multiple championship winners King Racing) stunned many with an unbelievable 6.57 second run at over 200 mph on only its 3rd ever run on track despite very conservative power settings.

After qualifying on pole, British rider Ian King set low elapsed time and high terminal speed of all bikes in competition on his way to defeating Canadian rider Nate Gagnon and taking the early championship points lead.

The former Soviet Nuclear Bomber airfield track is known to lack the grip required by the more powerful machines so this performance bodes well for the team's next race and UK debut on one of the fastest tracks in Europe, Santa Pod Raceway on the $27^{th} - 30^{th}$ May.



Pictures courtesy of Ivan Sansom

The team is extremely proud to be supported by many leaders in their chosen markets in their quest for an unprecedented sixth European Championship title: -

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2011 Calendar - FIM/UEM European Drag Bike Championships

28th April-1st May: <u>Kunmadaras</u>, Hungary 27th-30th May: <u>FIA Main Event</u>, Santa Pod Raceway, England 10th-12th June: <u>Tierp Motorpark</u>, Sweden 30th June-3rd July: <u>FHRA Nitro Nationals</u>, Alastaro, Finland 5th-7th August: <u>Sunoco Drag Challenge</u>, Gardermoen, Norway 12th-14th August: <u>NitrOlympX</u>, Hockenheim, Germany 8th-11th September: <u>FIA European Finals</u>, Santa Pod Raceway, England

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