

F3A FAI EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

AASH - Grandrieu

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Saturday 27 July Day seven of the competition

Once again, the vagaries of the weather meant that the scheduled start time for this Saturday's final flights could not be met, due to rain and a low ceiling.

When the conditions were right to launch the first flight, the weather was the same as the day before, with overcast skies and light winds.

These conditions meant that only two flights were able to take place, an 'unknown' flight and an F-25.



Marc Rubin (SUI) starting his engine. He is one of the last pilots to use a combustion engine.

Note the rain cover on the transmitter. A few light drops of rain fell during these final flights.



The Aresti code of the 'unknown' flight.



Saturday 27 July **At the end of the day**

The final involves ten pilots selected on the basis of their results in the semi-finals.

At around 3.40pm, the championship came to an end.

At the end of the two flights that it was possible to make, the top three remained the same as at the end of the semi-finals.

Final flights				
Name	Country	Score	Ranking	
Lassi Nurila	FIN	1999.31	1	
Gernot Bruckmann	AUT	1989.25	2	
Sandro Matti	SUI	1951.61	3	
Juan Rombaut Segarra	ESP	1932.53	4	
Stéphane Carrier	FRA	1912.63	5	
Andreas Cervi	ITA	1891.34	6	
Christian Niklass	GER	1841.27	7	
Marc Rubin	SUI	1834.88	8	
Antonin Paysant-le-Roux	FRA	1822.62	9	
Mario Del Valle Villa	ESP	1779.05	10	

The final ranking are as follows

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Sandro Matti	SUI	1951.61	3	

Junior classification				
Name	Country	Score	Ranking	
Patrik Krautschneider	CZE	2511.08	1	
Oscar Henry	BEL	2433.88	2	
Andreas Psaltis	CYP	2267.16	3	

Team classification					
Country		Result	Ranking		
Switzerland	SUI	24	1		
Spain	ESP	33	2		
France	FRA	35	3		

The family photo. The ten pilots and the ten jugdes after the last flight of the 2024 European Championship in Grandrieu.









A touch of madness during the last calibration flight.

During the landing approach, Derk Van Der Vecht did a roll in front of the judges.



After the flights and to validate the results, the final inspection session for the models of the three finalists.



... and groups are formed while waiting for the results to be validated and the championship closing ceremony.

Inge Van de Keere, coordinator of the F3A section of the Belgian championship, accompagnied by her husband (back view). On the left, Ardaser Malacioglu, team manager of the Belgian team.







Trophies and medals and a souvenir of a local Belgian beer, 'Super des Fagnes.





On the left, it's time to start the ceremony. Yves Van Gompel invites Gérard Wérion to the microphone. Above, the volunteers without whom such an organisation would not be possible.

Below, the audience.



On the right, before closing the championship, Peter Uhlig will thank the entire organisation the warm welcome and the smooth running of this championship, all the competitors for their spirit of fair play, and the judges and members of the jury.







Pierre Pignot, member of the Jury, presents the winner with his medal and diploma.

Gérard Wérion presents the Joseph Dedobbeleer trophy.









The podium from left to right, Gernot Bruckmann (AUT), Lassi Nurila (FIN), Sandro Matti (SUI).

Left, Lassi Nurila, 2024 European Champion, and his model.





The teams

On the left, France on the third step of the podium.

On the right, Spain in second place.









Dominique Mommer presents the 'Luc Mommer' trophy to the Swiss team.

Dominique Mommer is the nephew of aviator Luc Mommer, in whose honour this trophy was created by the Belgian Air Force in 1972 when the 'Royal Club Luc Mommer' organised and international aerobatics competition.

The entire Swiss team with their models.







The junior podium

on the third step of the podium : Andreas Psaltis (CYP) on the second step : Oscar Henry (BEL) first : Patrick Krautschneider (CZE)

Below, Peter Uhlig presents the HSG Princess Marie of Liechtenstein trophy.







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A very special moment for Gérard and Oscar's mum (not visible in the photo).

Oscar is a member or AASH Grandrieu and also the youngest of the juniors in this championship.

His first year in the Belgian championship and already his first European championship !







... and meanwhile, the marquee is buzzing with activity as the banquet gets ready.

























so many, many thanks to all those who made this super championnship possible !

At each announcement, the ovation from the guests was unanimous.













... and the catering service is still running, helped by the young people of the 'la jeunesse de Grandrieu' movement.





At dessert time, a few dance steps to the tunes of Glenn Miller Abba and many others ...









