

## **CZECH MASTERS 2013**

In the middle of June Prague slot racing club AMC Praha 6 hosted the greatest slot car event of the year. Race called Czech Masters has not such a long tradition compared to British Nationals, Gothenburg 1000 or other similar events but this time it was the second consecutive year and race get more and more famous.

There are two classes for the event. Open12 and ES24 have usual rules similar to other European national events. Both classes are single body events with only BPA Lola for Open 12 and RedFox Audi for ES24.

Thanks to last year race that was held in a very competitive but friendly atmosphere as well many international racers came to Prague again. Namely we need to mention Scandinavians Anders Gustavsson, Heiki and Kari Sinisaari, Johan Thorsson, Christer Helgesson, Torgny Norgren, Birger Elfstrom, Henrik Nielsen and last but not least previous world champion Michael Landrud. Belgium was represented by current ISRA chairman Chris Bruyninx and his regular teammate Theo Vanginderhuysen. Latvians came also in pair, namely Kaspars Mudelis and Edijs Zaks. German speaking drivers were Andres Strand, Dieter Bockmann, Robert Fida and the builder of racetrack in Prague Thomas Trantura. Rest of the field were Czech drivers.

The race is also special for the presence of worldwide known race director Kevin Gray who regularly assists in ISRA world events.

The Open 12 qualifying number one was 2008 PR24 world champion Antonín Vojtík followed by Tomáš Marek from SCRC Pardubice and Martin Hojer from Prague. Semifinal top three were Tomáš Marek, Jiří Míček senior, Jiří Karlík and final podium drivers as the winner Tomáš Marek, second overall Chris Bruyninx and third Antonín Vojtík.

ES24 qualification was won by Tomáš Marek. Second was Antonín Vojtík and third Edijs Zaks. After semifinal results were Antonín Vojtík, Tomáš Marek, Martin Hojer and after final Jiří Micek senior came first, Antonín Vojtík second and Jiří Karlík third.

Full results can be found at [www.czechmasters.e-slotcar.cz](http://www.czechmasters.e-slotcar.cz)

From results it is obvious that in both classes the race was very close and leading drivers changed a lot. The most successful foreign driver was this year Chris Bruyninx who took second place in Open12 and participated in ES24 final as well (where he finished 6th).

Some pictures from the event can be found at [http://www.scrc-pardubice.e-slotcar.cz/czech\\_masters\\_2013.html](http://www.scrc-pardubice.e-slotcar.cz/czech_masters_2013.html)

For next year we already know the exact dates. Czech Masters 2014 will be organized in June 2014 between 13th and 15th. The track location is the same again. Good organisation, prepared track, nearby restaurant, good accommodation, large pit space, delicious buffet and many bars full of beer and slivovice near the track make the location unbeatable and unforgettable.

We believe that many more drivers from other countries will participate in next year event. All of you are very warmly welcome !

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