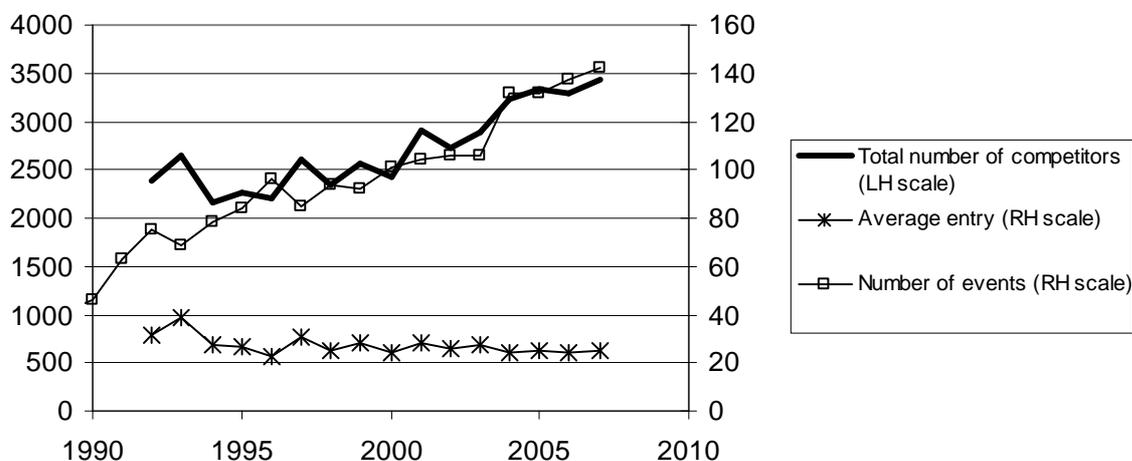


REPORT ON 2007 FAI FREE FLIGHT WORLD CUP

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2007 saw the introduction of two new classes in the Free Flight World Cup. The F1B category was extended to have a Junior classification and a new category was introduced for F1Q (electric models). The numbers of competitions in the main class in 2007 were identical to the numbers in 2006, which had been the largest ever, but with additional participation of Juniors in F1A at 3 more events and also 33 events in which Juniors flew in the new category of F1B Juniors. There were 5 competitions for F1Q, 4 e being alongside established competitions and one new event, but very few entries in each competition.

In the course of adding the new junior event to the statistics, it was found that under the method used previously a few junior competitors had been counted twice in the deriving the total number of participants. The total number of participants in 2007 was the greatest ever both under the old procedure and also by the exact count, which gives 3425. The historical growth of the exact number of competitors is shown in the following plot. Also shown is the number of events (counting F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q, and F1E, not including junior classifications) and also the average entry in each event over these classes. It is seen that the total number of competitors almost exactly follows the number of events, while the average entry in each event has declined very slightly as new, smaller events have been added.



The F1A World Cup was retained by the 2006 winner, Roland Koglot from Slovenia. His score was aided by bonus points from wins at the large Puszta Cup and Poitou contests, retaining a single point advantage over Mikhail Kosonozhkin (Russia) who finished strongly with wins in the last two competitions of the season (Krka Cup and Euro Fly). Third place went to Per Findahl, who recorded “only” one win this year. F1A Junior was won by Janis Zarins of Latvia, the runner up in 2006, with a clear margin over Martin Meislalu (Estonia) and Tamas Horvath (Hungary) in second and third place.

F1B was also won by the runner-up in 2006, Ivan Kolic from Serbia. Igor Vivchar (Ukraine) was second and the 2006 winner Bernd Silz was third. The top three flyers in the new Junior category of F1B all scored 150 points. The winner was Oskar Findahl (Sweden) with victories in 5 competitions, ahead of second and third place flyers with three wins each. The greater number of entries in the events he had won gave the silver position to Oleksandr Kulakovsy (Ukraine) over Mariana Savov of Bulgaria.

The 2006 runner-up also won F1C, Reinhard Truppe from Austria with 8 wins and finishing in points positions at another 8 events. Although they shared the same number of points, Truppe’s number of wins beat Eugene Verbitsky (Ukraine) into second place. In third place was Gabor Zsengeller of Hungary.

The first World Cup for F1Q was won by Frank Pollard (USA) with wins at both of the competitions in USA. Second place went to Teppo Sarpila of Finland, the only other competitor to score points at two competitions. Trevor Grey (GBR) and Andreas Lindner (GER) tied in third place with single wins.

The top three places in F1E were decided by bonus points between three flyers each with best results of two wins and a second place. Marian Popescu (Romania) took the honours in front of Ivan Treger (Slovakia) and Fritz Mang (Austria). F1E Junior was won by Dominika Drmluva (Slovakia), second place Monkia Sowa (Poland) and third place Jakub Drmla (Slovakia).

ORGANISATION

Most 2007 results were returned very quickly by email but a few were significantly slower than desirable. With so many competitions on the calendar it is essential to receive results promptly so that competitors can see the latest position at any time. Salzland Cup, Huron Cup and Aviaprom Cup had by far the slowest results, obtained only after repeated reminders and in two cases via third party help.

This year it was notable that three planned competitions were not held. Holiday on Ice in Norway was cancelled because of high winds and a very slippery surface on the frozen lake. The Favli competition in Italy was cancelled. Von Hafe Cup in Portugal was not held because no entries had been received.

There were still some competitions which failed to provide FAI licence numbers for each competitor. When this is done it greatly aids recognition of a competitor given that spelling of names often varies between competitions – and also confirms that the organisers have checked the licences. There was a more serious licence problem involving Volodymyr Sychov, who had flown in F1C under an FAI licence issued by Slovenia, but which was considered by the FAI to have been issued prematurely since Sychov did not meet residency rules. The results were retained during the year in case of a correction by reverting to a licence from Ukraine, but no such revision was made and his results were then deleted.

As usual there were a few problems of names of competitors in different events not being recognised as one person or of junior status not being recorded, which is easily corrected when notified by the competitor.

There has been a letter to the FAI noting that some events were not run according to the Sporting Code. In general the control of observation of the code is delegated to the FAI Jury at the event. There has often been feedback from competitors when there has been a problem, sometimes not mentioned in the Jury report, resulting in a request to the organisers to improve that aspect for the following year. In some cases it seems that a more objective Jury report would be useful. Jury reports have been received for the large majority of the events (a total of 48, all available on the FF World Cup web site and linked to the contest results) and these have described the deviations from the standard Sporting Code. The following list shows the items reported as deviations from the Sporting Code and some other incidents in F1A,B,C,Q:

Philippe Lepage	FRA	First flight 210 sec, first flyoff 420 sec Continual pressure applied to the timekeepers and contest director by the helper of competitor Kolic
Bear Cup	FIN	No jury report, results show 5 rounds flown
Matfors VT	SWE	Timekeeping made by competitors. Only one timekeeper/contestant in F1A flyoff
AFFS Champs	AUS	Competitors to time others
Southern Cross	AUS	Competitors timed for each other. Check timing by CD.
Istanbul Cup	TUR	240 sec. flight time for F1A in the 1st round
Embalse	ARG	No jury report, results showed 5 rounds flown in F1A and F1C
Srem Cup	SRB	210 sec maximum in last round
Stonehenge Cup	GBR	Competition was advertised to have only 5 rounds. In the event F1A had to be further curtailed to 3 rounds as a result of the bad weather.
Swedish Cup	SWE	Competitors were timing each other, Timing check was randomly preformed by the contest organisation. In fly-off organiser named the timekeepers 5 rounds flown
Nordic Cup	DEN	Competitors were timing each other, Timing check was randomly preformed on the starting line by the contest organisation. 5 rounds flown
Puszta Cup	HUN	Round 7 maximum 240 sec
Djorde Zidic	SRB	No jury report, results show 5 rounds flown
Black Sea Cup	UKR	5 rounds for F1A, B and C
Antonov Cup	UKR	F1A,B,C 5 rounds instead 7 ones, round 1 - 2 min 30 sec, rounds 2,3,4,5 - 2 min because of gusty wind and rain conditions
Black Cup	POL	5 rounds flown
US Nationals Electric	USA	Flew with a 15-second motor run flown in rounds. The National's contest director required a 25-second motor run and non-round flying. Consequently, one flier who followed these rules was disqualified. Issues with the Nationals organizers regarding two sets of F1Q rules. Competitors timing each other.

Negev Open	ISR	F1B round 2 maximum 300 sec
Sierra Cup	USA	A time your pole mates contest (fly one and time one) with no controversy noted, including F1C engine timing.
Euro Fly	SUI	The rules had to be slightly changed due to the local weather and environment conditions. The farmland had to be protected as far as possible. (5 rounds flown)

It is noted that the two most common features are flying competitions to 5 rounds instead of 7 and using competitors to time one another instead of providing a full staff of official timekeepers. Both are acceptable solutions to the specific problems of sites and providing timekeepers, but the intended plans should be announced in advance. This has been the case for almost all the instances recorded above. Apart from these direct deviations from the Sporting Code, a large part of successful event on the field results from a helpful attitude by the organiser, sensible decisions and effective communications with the competitor – difficult to measure apart from competitive experience of the specific events. The deviation not recorded is in checking FAI licences, but the results list shows contests which did include licence numbers with their results as requested.

In F1E the only deviations recorded were four events noted that a 5 min working time was used, which is common at F1E events and California Cup was flown to 8 flights instead of 5 (by prior announcement, done to compensate for the small height of the hill).

There were no World Cup protests this year, but there have been some complaints after competitions about pressure applied to the timekeepers by particular people.

2007 STATISTICS

Note about the inclusion of juniors in these statistics: The individual events F1A, F1A-Junior, etc show the numbers relevant to that event. The column headed ALL is the total of number of competitors in the full events (F1A B C E Q) which takes account of the fact that juniors have also been included in the results of the full event.

Number of competitors per country, only those scoring points in 2 or more events:

	F1A		F1A-Junior		F1B		F1B-Junior		F1C		F1Q		F1E		F1E-Junior		All
HUN	11	EST	3	GER	10	LTU	2	GER	7	FIN	1	ROU	8	FRA	3	GER	33
GER	10	HUN	3	UKR	10	BIH	1	HUN	5	USA	1	ITA	6	HUN	3	UKR	23
SVK	10	LAT	3	USA	10	BUL	1	UKR	5			CZE	5	POL	3	HUN	22
NED	8	SLO	3	RUS	6	GER	1	GBR	4			AUT	4	SVK	3	USA	21
FIN	7	UKR	3	NED	5	LAT	1	RUS	4			POL	4	AUT	1	SVK	19
RUS	7	BIH	2	CRO	4	POL	1	USA	4			SVK	4	CZE	1	POL	17
UKR	7	SVK	2	SWE	4	SWE	1	AUT	2			FRA	3	GER	1	RUS	17
EST	6	SRB	2	BIH	3	UKR	1	BIH	2			GER	3	ROU	1	FRA	16
FRA	6	BUL	1	CZE	3	SRB	1	BUL	2							NED	14
SLO	6	FRA	1	FIN	3			LTU	2							AUT	13
SWE	6	GER	1	GBR	3			AUS	1							CZE	13
POL	5	NED	1	HUN	3			CRO	1							FIN	12
USA	5	POL	1	LTU	3			CZE	1							ITA	10
AUT	4	RUS	1	TUR	3			EST	1							ROU	10
BIH	4	USA	1	AUS	2			FIN	1							SWE	10
CRO	4			AUT	2			FRA	1							BIH	9
ARG	3			FRA	2			ITA	1							CRO	9
BUL	3			ITA	2			JPN	1							EST	9
CZE	3			POL	2			LAT	1							GBR	9
LTU	3			SUI	2			NED	1							LTU	9
TUR	3			SRB	2			POL	1							SLO	9
SRB	3			BUL	1			SLO	1							BUL	8
AUS	2			CAN	1			SRB	1							SRB	8
GBR	2			EST	1											LAT	7
ISR	2			GEO	1											TUR	6

LAT	2			LAT	1											AUS	5
SUI	2			SLO	1											SUI	4
CAN	1															ARG	3
DEN	1															CAN	2
ITA	1															ISR	2
LUX	1															DEN	1
MKD	1															GEO	1
NOR	1															LUX	1
ROU	1															MKD	1
ESP	1															NOR	1
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	F1A	F1A-J	F1B	F1B-J	F1C	F1Q	F1E	F1E-J	
Number of competitions	41	36	41	32	38	5	17	16	
Total number of entries	1558	247	881	88	414	14	560	140	
Number of competitors scoring points:									
in 1 event	234	54	124	21	59	4	41	8	
in 2 events	81	15	41	4	28	2	22	4	
in 3 events	25	5	20	1	11	0	12	3	
in 4 events	17	5	12	3	4	0	7	4	
in 5 events	8	2	6	1	3	0	2	1	
in 6 events	7	0	4	1	2	0	2	1	
in 7 events	1	1	3	0	0	0	5	3	
in 8 events	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	
in 9 events	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	
in 10 events	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	
in 11 events	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
in 12 events	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
in 13 events	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
in 14 events	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
in 15 events	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
in 16 events	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Total number of competitors scoring									
World Cup points	376	82	215	31	110	6	97	24	

Total number of participants in all classes: **3425**

Contests included in the F1A F1B F1C F1Q results

				F1A	F1A-J	F1B	F1B-J	F1C	F1Q	licence report
MM	Maxmen	USA	February 16-19	41	4	49	0	24	2	
PL	Philippe Lepage	FRA	February 24	0	0	21	2	0	0	Y
BC	Bear Cup	FIN	March 3	56	11	19	3	5	0	
ME	Matfors VT	SWE	March 24-25	22	1	9	1	0	0	Y
AC	AFFS Champs	AUS	April 6-9	8	0	16	1	3	0	Y
SC	Southern Cross Cup	AUS	April 10-11	7	0	10	1	2	0	Y
LC	City Cup of Lucenec	SVK	April 14	51	10	11	0	14	0	
IC	Istanbul Cup	TUR	April 21-22	15	0	13	0	5	0	Y
EM	Argentina	ARG	April 27-30	17	0	16	0	4	0	
BL	Baltic Cup	LTU	April 28	50	11	25	5	14	0	Y
ES	Estonian FF Cup	EST	April 29-30	44	9	21	5	9	0	Y
SM	24th Srem Cup	SRB	May 11-13	32	7	11	0	11	0	
SH	Stonehenge Cup	GBR	May 12-13	20	1	15	1	5	2	
SE	Swedish Cup	SWE	May 17-20	40	7	21	3	6	0	Y
VS	Jihocesky Pohar	CZE	May 18-20	65	15	24	2	16	0	Y
DK	Nordic Cup-Denmark	DEN	May 19-20	29	3	14	2	5	0	Y

				F1A	F1A-J	F1B	F1B-J	F1C	F1Q	licence
SF	Sofia Cup	BUL	May 24-26	17	1	11	1	10	0	Y
ID	Idea Cup - Belarus	BLR	May 25-27	27	9	16	3	7	0	Y
PZ	23rd Puszt Cup	HUN	June 2-3	85	12	38	3	21	1	Y
PB	Prilep - Brand Cup	MKD	June 9-10	15	3	12	3	3	0	Y
DZ	Djordje Zigic	SRB	June 16	15	1	10	0	4	0	
BS	Black Sea Cup	UKR	June 21-24	89	10	64	3	41	0	Y
AN	Antonov Cup	UKR	July 6-9	20	3	10	2	11	0	Y
BK	17th Black Cup	POL	July 8	19	7	0	0	0	0	Y
HC	Huron Cup	CAN	July 14-15	6	1	5	0	3	0	
VJ	Voros Jenő Memorial	HUN	July 14	69	12	21	3	11	0	
VK	Mem Vilima Kmocha	CRO	July 21-22	43	9	14	2	11	0	
UQ	US Nationals Electric	USA	July 31	0	0	0	0	0	7	
PT	Poitou	FRA	August 2-4	76	3	35	2	14	0	
SL	Cupa Salonta	ROU	August 10-12	39	7	6	0	4	0	
IK	Mem Izet Kurtalic	BIH	August 12	23	6	22	3	5	0	Y
SW	Summer Cup	POL	August 18-19	35	14	13	5	13	0	Y
IS	Negev Open	ISR	August 24-25	62	14	21	2	4	0	Y
SZ	4th Salzland Cup	GER	August 24-26	62	5	34	1	13	2	Y
EF	38th Eifel Pokal	GER	Aug 30 - Sept 2	82	14	62	9	12	0	
SA	Siscia Cup	CRO	Sept 7-9	30	5	21	2	11	0	
AV	Aviaprom Cup	RUS	Sept 13-16	41	4	35	3	18	0	Y
CC	Canada Cup	CAN	Sept 15-16	7	0	2	0	2	0	
BU	Bulgaria Cup	BUL	Sept 20-22	23	4	13	3	11	0	Y
SR	Sierra Cup	USA	October 13-14	26	1	30	2	19	0	
AL	Anatolian FF Cup	TUR	October 13-14	14	1	10	1	0	0	
KC	Krka Cup	SLO	October 19-21	64	13	23	2	21	0	Y
EU	Eurofly	SUI	October 27-28	72	9	56	7	22	0	

World Cup 2007 F1Q

1	Frank Pollard	USA	101	UQ-1	MM-1
2	Teppo Sarpila	FIN	75	PZ-1	UQ-4
3	Trevor Grey	GBR	50	SH-1	
3	Andreas Lindner	GER	50	SZ-1	
5	Richard A Ivers	USA	41	UQ-2	

World Cup 2006 F1A

1	Roland Koglot	SLO	158	PZ-1	PT-1	SA-1	DZ-1	IC-1	EU-3	KC-4	SF-4	IK-6	SW-7	SM-16	VK-2
2	Mikhail Kosonozhkin	RUS	157	KC-1	EU-1	ME-1	IC-1	SZ-15	EF-17						
3	Per Findahl	SWE	134	DK-1	KC-2	SH-2	VK-3	AL-3	BL-5	ES-6	ME-6	BS-16	BC-22		
4	Bohuslav Ryz	CZE	128	VK-1	PZ-2	SZ-3	DZ-3	BK-4	VS-9						
5	Mikael Holmbom	SWE	128	SE-1	AL-1	BC-4	ME-10								
6	Yaron Kraus	ISR	125	BS-1	IS-1	EF-10									
7	Phil Mitchell	AUS	123	AC-1	SC-1	BS-6	PT-8								
8	Attila Szekelyhidi	HUN	120	SL-1	AL-2	PZ-4	LC-18	VJ-24							
9	Milos Bordjoski	SRB	111	SM-2	PB-2	SF-3	VJ-6	LC-6	IK-5	SA-9	KC-24	PZ-17	BU-4	DZ-4	
10	Gottfried Bachmann	SUI	109	SR-2	CC-2	EF-4	PZ-16	VK-16							
11	Leif Nielsen	DEN	105	EU-2	DK-2	SZ-6	SE-9								
12	Victor Stamov	UKR	103	MM-1	SR-3	BS-9	IC-8	KC-20	AN-9						
13	Radoje Blagojevic	SRB	102	SM-1	SL-4	PB-4	PZ-8	SF-7	VJ-16						
14	Ivan Bezak	SVK	101	VJ-2	SW-3	LC-4	DZ-6	VS-10	PZ-13						
15	Damjan Zulic	SLO	96	SF-1	VK-4	PB-5	SM-9	BU-8							
16	Nikolay Y Nikolov	BUL	95	SC-2	PB-3	AC-4	SF-9	SM-13							
17	Anders Persson	SWE	94	BS-2	BC-3	ME-7	DK-14								
18	Attila Notaros	HUN	94	VJ-1	SL-2										
19	Ivan Treger	SVK	92	LC-1	VJ-5	DZ-8	PZ-23								
20	Sergei Protopopov (J)	UKR	91	AN-1	ID-2										

World Cup 2007 F1A-Junior

1	Janis Zarins	LAT	155	BC-1	PZ-1	SE-1	ES-1	EF-2	EU-3	BL-5
2	Martin Meisalu	EST	132	DK-1	BL-2	BC-2	ES-4	SE-4		
3	Tamas Horvath	HUN	131	DZ-1	SA-1	PZ-3	VJ-6	SM-3		
4	Denis Sinskiy	RUS	127	BS-1	AV-1	ID-3				
5	Tarik Jusufbasic	BIH	123	IK-1	SA-2	KC-3				
6	Jozef Rogovsky	SVK	115	PZ-2	LC-2	VS-3	BK-3			
7	Martin Bohus	SVK	104	SW-1	LC-3	KC-5	VS-8			
8	Sergei Protopopov	UKR	101	ID-1	AN-1					
9	Willi Herwig	GER	100	VS-2	EF-3	EU-4	SZ-3			
10	Nikolay Bardarov	BUL	100	SF-1	AL-1	BU-1				

World Cup 2007 F1B

1	Ivan Kolic	SRB	159	BS-1	IK-1	BU-1	DZ-1	IC-2	PB-2	PL-2	ES-3	EU-6	BL-5
				SA-5	PT-18	SM-3	SF-3						
2	Igor Vivchar	UKR	152	IC-1	SM-1	AN-1	AV-2	IS-9	ID-8	EF-13	PZ-12	BS-3	
3	Bernd Silz	GER	147	PT-1	KC-1	VS-2	VK-3	PZ-4	EU-8	SZ-9	VJ-7		
4	Michael Woolner	GBR	144	PL-1	BC-1	SH-2	BL-2	EU-3	EF-7	BS-19			
5	Vladislav Urban	CZE	134	LC-1	VK-1	KC-3	PZ-6	VS-5	DZ-5	EF-16			
6	Anatoli Ribchenkov	GEO	129	ID-1	AL-1	AV-4	IC-7						
7	Oleg Kulakovskiy	UKR	127	EF-1	EU-2	ID-4	BS-24						
8	Vinko Tomljanovic	CRO	124	SA-1	VJ-2	BU-3	IK-6	LC-5	VK-6				
9	Ladislav Horak	CAN	124	HC-1	CC-1	MM-5							
10	Radoje Blagojevic	SRB	122	SF-1	SL-2	VJ-3	PB-3	DZ-3	KC-5	SA-11	PZ-13		
11	Oskar Findahl (J)	SWE	122	SH-1	DK-2	ME-3	VJ-8	SE-9					
12	Vladimir Vivchar	UKR	118	MM-1	PZ-2	EF-9	IS-6						
13	Valentin Savov	BUL	111	PB-1	SF-2	IC-5	SM-5	BU-5					
14	Jozsef Krasznai	HUN	103	PZ-1	SL-1								
15	Philipp Seifert (J)	GER	101	SC-1	SZ-3	AC-7	EF-12						
16	Pim Ruyter	NED	100	SZ-1	PT-4	SE-7	DK-7	SR-11	MM-17				
17	Hans Schoder	SUI	100	EU-1	SE-4	PT-8							
18	Milan Novy	CZE	98	VS-1	KC-4	SZ-7	PZ-16						
19	Anselmo Zeri	NED	97	PT-2	EF-3	DK-6	SZ-8	PL-4					
20	Russell Peers	GBR	93	BS-2	BC-4	SH-5	ES-9						

World Cup 2007 F1C

1	Reinhard Truppe	AUT	159	EU-1	VS-1	EF-1	SW-1	SF-1	IK-1	SA-1	PZ-2	IC-1	KC-3	PT-3
				SM-3	BS-5	LC-5	VJ-3	VK-5						
2	Eugene Verbitsky	UKR	159	MM-1	SR-1	AN-1	IC-1	PZ-8	BS-2					
3	Gabor Zsengeller	HUN	154	LC-1	VK-1	DZ-1	VJ-2	SL-2	EU-8	KC-11	PZ-4	SM-2	SA-3	
4	Damjan Zulic	SLO	144	SM-1	BU-1	PB-2	IC-1	SF-2						
5	Artem Babenko	UKR	138	PZ-1	AV-2	AN-2	ID-3	MM-4	SR-10					
6	Viktor Semenyaga	UKR	133	ID-1	BL-2	DZ-2								
7	John Cuthbert	GBR	131	DK-1	ES-1	SH-3	BL-4							
8	Dario Jermol	CRO	129	SA-1	KC-2	IK-2								
9	Balazs Bauer	HUN	122	VJ-1	SL-1	LC-5								
10	Claus-Peter Wachtler	GER	113	EU-2	BS-3	VS-3	SZ-5							
11	Alan Jack	GBR	109	SC-1	AC-2	PT-7								
12	Juri Roots	EST	102	SE-2	BL-3	BC-3	EU-5	EF-6						
13	Peter Watson	GBR	102	PT-1	SH-1									
14	Jerzy Wlodarczyk	POL	96	KC-1	SW-2									
15	Franco Gradi	ITA	94	VS-2	LC-3	KC-5	PZ-10							
16	Kaarle Kuukka	FIN	93	BL-1	EU-7	SZ-6								
17	Claus Gretter	GER	90	DK-2	SE-3	BL-6	SZ-7	EU-9						
18	Arunas Grasys	LTU	87	LC-2	ES-4	BL-7								
19	Pieter De Boer	NED	84	SZ-3	DK-3	PZ-6	SA-6							
20	Roy Summersby	AUS	82	AC-1	BS-4									

