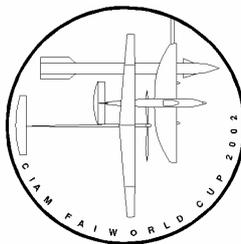


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REPORT ON 2003 FAI FREE FLIGHT WORLD CUP

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2003 marked the introduction of two junior classes into the World Cup, for F1A and F1E. The expansion to cover these new events was accompanied by the largest number of competitions yet in the World Cup for F1A/B/C. The junior events were keenly contested, Istvan Szentpeteri of Hungary finishing just ahead of Matthew Cuthbert of Great Britain in F1A-Junior. Both flyers won the junior category at three competitions each, with Istvan winning by the margin of 2 bonus points. The junior competition results were established as a of the results in the full competition in the class. Istvan's results gave him 19th place in the F1A World Cup.

In the F1E-Junior the victor was Julia Maria Petcu, having placed top in four junior classifications and beating fellow Romanian Adrian Draghici by 2 bonus points over his three wins. Julia, who placed 15th in the overall F1E World Cup, is the daughter of Dan Petcu who won the F1E World Cup in 2001 and 2002.

In the regular classes, Per Findahl won F1A by the narrowest of margins. Per, the World Champion in 2001, had won two competitions and placed second in another – exactly the same best results as those of Jari Valo of Finland. Both had the same bonus points and so the winner was determined by counting the fourth best competition result, in which Per's third place was better than Jari's 14th. Russian flyer Yuriy Titov was only three points behind with good bonus points from placing second in the largest event of the year, the Voros Jenó contest held in Hungary just after the World Championships.

F1B was won by Bernd Silz of Germany ahead of Anatoly Zastavenko (Ukraine) and Alexander Andriukov (USA). These three flyers, and also Ivan Kolic in fourth place, had three wins and the positions were decided by bonus points. The F1C winner was Artem Babenko of Ukraine ahead of British flyer John Cuthbert, who had also been second last year after winning the World Cup in 2001. Artem won three events and beat John on bonus points.

The F1E top four places were taken by Romania, with Marian Popescu winning and Daniel Petcu in second place. Marian had placed second in the World Cup last year and Daniel continues a sequence of high places: during the previous four years he had won the F1E World Cup three times and placed second in the other year.

ORGANISATION

One problem arose with the implementation of the F1E-Junior category. In the competitions during May not all organisers followed the regular approach (as used consistently in F1A) of including all juniors in the results of the major event and producing an additional results list for juniors only. The other organisers treated the junior competition as entirely independent of the main event, which has the particular disadvantage of not allowing the juniors to measure their performance against the senior flyers and possibly restricting them to a very small competition if there are not many junior entries. In F1A there is no difficulty combining results but in F1E scores are expressed as a percentage of the highest time flown in the round and consequently the percentage obtained for a given time may differ between the junior and open events. Following the issue of guidelines, the later events in the year were scored consistently with the juniors included in both open and junior-only competitions and scores calculated appropriately to each event.

There were some cases of concern for competitions not applying high standards of organisation or in following the Sporting Code. One such discrepancy was that Nordic Cup, Canada Cup, Stonehenge Cup, Euro-Fly did not follow the rule for counting extended maximum time.

The results of almost all events were supplied promptly, indeed the results of the 35th Memorial Djordja Zigica was the first competition to provide results on the evening of the event (and these were then included on the World Cup results web site that same evening). A few glitches arose with the extended processing software, with some names temporarily given twice. These have been fixed and final results double checked.

2003 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 and the total number of competitors are not totals of all events but are reduced to take account of any occurrences of a junior in the results of the main event.

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

	F1A	F1A-Junior	F1B	F1C	F1E	F1E-Junior	All						
UKR	14	GER	4	GER	13	UKR	7	ROM	10	ROM	5	UKR	36
GER	13	UKR	4	UKR	13	GER	6	CZE	5	POL	1	GER	33
NED	10	LAT	3	USA	7	USA	5	SVK	5	SVK	1	USA	20
RUS	10	EST	2	AUS	6	AUT	2	POL	4			NED	16
FIN	8	GBR	2	GBR	5	FRA	2	AUT	3			RUS	16
USA	7	SVK	2	NED	5	HUN	2	FRA	2			GBR	13
GBR	6	AUS	1	AUT	4	LTU	2	GER	1			AUT	12
POL	5	HUN	1	RUS	4	RUS	2	HUN	1			AUS	11
SWE	5	LTU	1	FIN	3	AUS	1	ITA	1			FIN	11
YUG	5	NED	1	LTU	3	EST	1	MLD	1			POL	10
FRA	4	POL	1	YUG	3	GBR	1	USA	1			ROM	10
HUN	4	RUS	1	SWE	2	POL	1					FRA	9
SVK	4	SLO	1	SUI	2	SUI	1					SVK	9
AUS	3	SWE	1	CZE	1							HUN	8
AUT	3			FRA	1							YUG	8
EST	3			HUN	1							CZE	7
SLO	3			ISR	1							LTU	7
CAN	2			LAT	1							SWE	7
LAT	2			SLO	1							EST	4
LTU	2											LAT	4
BEL	1											SLO	4
CRO	1											SUI	4
CZE	1											CAN	2
DEN	1											BEL	1
NOR	1											CRO	1
SUI	1											DEN	1
												ISR	1
												ITA	1
												MLD	1
												NOR	1

	F1A	F1A-J	F1B	F1C	F1E	F1E-J
Number of competitions	34	30	33	29	10	10
Total number of entries	1492	240	791	280	322	57
Number of competitors scoring points:						
in 1 event	195	53	123	56	28	3
in 2 events	60	11	33	19	12	3
in 3 events	27	8	16	7	7	0
in 4 events	13	4	8	4	1	2
in 5 events	8	0	6	2	4	0
in 6 events	5	2	3	1	5	1
in 7 events	5	0	5	0	4	0
in 8 events	0	0	3	0	0	0
in 9 events	1	0	2	0	1	1
Total number of competitors scoring World Cup points	314	78	199	89	62	10

Total number of participants in all classes: **3129**

Contests included in the 2003 results for F1A F1B F1C

			numbers flying in:	F1A	F1A-Jun	F1B	F1C
MM	Maxmen	USA	February 14-17	47	3	49	29
BC	Bear Cup	FIN	March 8	27	8	14	3
HL	Holiday on Ice	NOR	March 22-23	61	2	40	6
AC	AFFS Championship	AUS	April 19-20	12	1	14	3
SN	Southern Cross Cup	AUS	April 22-23	10	1	12	0
BL	Baltic Cup	LTU	May 1-2	55	13	17	12
ES	Estonian FF Cup	EST	May 3	41	10	13	8
SV	Srem Cup	YUG	May 10	16	6	6	2
JP	Jihocesky Pohar	CZE	May 23-25	94	17	38	11
PZ	Pusztá Cup	HUN	May 30-June 1	100	14	44	16
PC	Prilep Brand Cup	MKD	June 14-15	12	3	6	0
DZ	Djordja Zigica	YUG	June 21	22	1	5	0
KZ	Cup of Kazan	RUS	June 27-30	60	6	43	16
GL	World Cup Gliwice	POL	June 27-29	24	5	0	0
KH	Kharkiv Cup	UKR	July 4-6	37	10	24	12
SC	Scania Cup	SWE	July 11-13	44	6	26	6
AN	Antonov Cup	UKR	July 11-13	38	12	27	13
HC	Huron Cup	CAN	July 12-13	9	0	3	1
DK	Nordic Cup of Denmark	DEN	July 14	41	4	17	2
VJ	Vörös Jenó Memorial	HUN	August 2-3	143	5	59	23
PT	Poitou	FRA	August 8-9	78	13	30	11
SW	Summer Cup	POL	August 8-10	24	10	9	8
VW	Volkswind	GER	August 29-31	74	16	28	11
IS	Israel Championship	ISR	August 29-30	89	24	14	1
UN	Una Cup	BIH	August 30	11	0	6	3
CC	Canada Cup	CAN	Aug 30 to Sept 1	10	0	9	4
EF	Eifel Pokal	GER	September 4-7	76	16	47	14
AV	Cup of Aviaprom	RUS	September 7-9	57	6	28	12
VH	Taçá von Hafe	POR	September 12-14	6	1	5	0
SH	Stonehenge Cup	GBR	September 20-21	35	4	24	8
CM	Castilla La Mancha	ESP	September 20-21	6	1	7	1
KC	Krka Cup	SLO	October 10-12	45	9	41	9
SR	Sierra Cup	USA	October 17-18	18	0	32	17
EM	Euro-Fly 2003	SUI	November 1-2	70	13	54	18

World Cup 2003 results for class F1A

1	Per Findahl	SWE	144	SC-1	SH-1	DK-2	VJ-3	BC-4	HL-8	SW-9	ES-12	EM-13
2	Jari Valo	FIN	144	HL-1	CM-1	BC-2	EF-14	EM-22				
3	Yuriy Titov	RUS	141	KC-1	VJ-2	KZ-2	IS-10	AV-8				
4	Allard van Wallene	NED	138	DK-1	PT-2	EM-2	SC-4					
5	Bohuslaw Ryz	CZE	138	JP-1	GL-1	VW-3	KC-10					
6	Kimmo Kulmakko	FIN	134	BL-1	KC-2	CM-2	BC-9	ES-11	HL-20			
7	Phil Mitchell	AUS	118	SN-1	AC-2	PT-4	DK-13					
8	Brian van Nest	USA	115	AC-1	SN-2	SR-4	KH-12	MM-13	HL-17			
9	Ivan Treger	SVK	108	DZ-1	VJ-4	GL-4						
10	Sigitas Jakutis	LTU	107	ES-1	PZ-3	BL-6	SC-6	SW-8	EM-12			
11	Robert Sifleet	USA	102	HC-1	CC-3	MM-5						
12	Mikhail Kochkarev	RUS	101	VJ-1	EM-5	AV-6	MM-16	HL-22	KZ-18			
13	Christoph Bachmann	SUI	100	JP-3	PT-3	EM-3	KC-4	VJ-15				
14	Victor Stámov	UKR	95	PZ-2	AV-3	AN-7	MM-21	HL-23	KH-7	VJ-8		
15	Pavel Marachovsky (J)	UKR	94	VH-1	CM-3	KH-12	AN-13					
16	Ivan Bezak	SVK	92	DZ-2	JP-4	VJ-9	PZ-8					
17	Maarten van Dijk	NED	90	MM-2	EF-4	JP-9	DK-7	HL-14	SH-18	SC-22		
18	Andreas Rink	GER	88	PT-1	SC-8	DK-9	EM-11	JP-15	EF-22	VW-24		
19	Istvan Szentpeteri (J)	HUN	88	SV-1	KC-6	VJ-13						
20	Matti Lihtamo	FIN	87	BC-1	ES-7	HL-10	DK-16	BL-20				
21	Vladislav Lazarevich	UKR	85	SW-2	AV-5	HL-5	AN-5	ES-15	BL-21	KH-14		

World Cup 2003 results for class F1A-Junior

1	Istvan Szentpeteri	HUN	152	SV-1	KC-1	VJ-1	SW-4	EF-5	JP-6
2	Matthew Cuthbert	GBR	150	HL-1	DK-1	SH-1	SC-3		
3	Janis Zarins	LAT	144	ES-1	SC-1	VW-2	BC-4	BL-5	EF-8
4	Pavel Marakhovsky	UKR	131	CM-1	VH-1	AN-3	KH-3		
5	Daniel Findahl	SWE	121	SW-2	SH-2	SC-2			
6	Tomasz Drozdowski	POL	119	GL-1	AN-2	VW-4			
7	Eldar Ahmetov	EST	114	BC-1	BL-3	ES-3			
8	Jan Letko	SVK	104	PZ-2	JP-3	GL-3			
9	Brett Mitchell	AUS	100	AC-1	SN-1				
10	Vlad Pryanikov	RUS	91	KH-1	AV-2				
11	Lennart Bajorat	GER	90	EM-2	JP-4	EF-6	VW-8		
12	David Seren	GER	90	EF-3	EM-3	PT-4	VW-5		
13	Jan Samak	SVK	85	JP-1	PZ-3				
14	Oskars Grigals	LAT	84	PZ-1	VW-3	EF-4			
15	Bostjan Bagari	SLO	83	KC-2	JP-5	PZ-6			

World Cup 2003 results for class F1B

1	Bernd Silz	GER	162	EM-1	EF-1	JP-1	SC-1	DK-2	VJ-15	VW-3		
2	Anatoly Zastavenko	UKR	158	PZ-1	KH-1	AV-1	SW-1					
3	Alexander Andriukov	USA	158	VJ-1	SR-1	CC-1	HL-7	MM-14				
4	Ivan Kolic	YUG	154	KC-1	PC-1	CM-1	SV-1	VJ-3	SR-6	PZ-9	DZ-2	
5	Walt Ghio	USA	152	MM-1	HL-1	EM-2	CC-2	SC-3	DK-7	SR-10		
6	Anselmo Zeri	NED	146	PT-1	DK-1	JP-2	SR-3	EF-5	VJ-6	SC-5	EM-17	
7	Russell Peers	GBR	133	SH-1	VH-1	DK-3	BC-4	HL-10				
8	Damjan Zulic	SLO	133	DZ-1	UN-1	KC-3						
9	Pim Ruyter	NED	122	VJ-2	SR-2	EF-3	MM-3	HL-3	PT-7	JP-9	SH-9	EM-17
10	Don Blackam	AUS	122	AC-1	SN-1	VJ-9	MM-21					
11	Laurynas Gircys (J)	LTU	111	BL-1	SW-2	PZ-8	ES-6	HL-18				
12	Sergey Molchanov	UKR	103	AN-2	ES-2	BL-6						
13	Radoje Blagojevic	YUG	103	SV-2	PC-2	KC-5						
14	Serge Tedeschi	FRA	102	VH-2	CM-2	PZ-6	PT-8	EF-9	EM-16	JP-19		
15	Igor Vivchar	UKR	101	EF-2	AV-3	VJ-5	EM-7	SH-5	MM-8	AN-7	KH-9	PZ-18
16	Oleg Kulakovskiy	UKR	100	MM-2	PZ-4	AV-4	KH-5	SR-11	KZ-6			
17	Tapio Linkosalo	FIN	100	ES-1	CC-3	BC-6	DK-8	BL-8				
18	Yrjo Waltonen	FIN	99	KC-2	PZ-3	VW-5	DK-6	BC-7	JP-11	HL-12	MM-24	
19	Andrey Burdov	RUS	99	KZ-1	MM-4	HL-11	AV-2					
20	Richard Blackam	AUS	97	AC-2	SN-3	DK-4	PT-5	MM-9	SC-7	VJ-20		
21	Rolandas Mackus	LTU	94	PZ-2	SW-3	ES-5	VW-11	HL-20				

World Cup 2003 results for class F1C

1	Artem Babenko	UKR	157	PZ-1	AN-1	AV-1	KH-3			
2	John Cuthbert	GBR	152	SC-1	SH-1	DK-1	BC-1	HL-3		
3	Claus Gretter	GER	144	PT-1	ES-1	JP-2	PZ-5	BL-5	EF-5	
4	Gabor Zsengeller	HUN	128	KC-1	SV-1	PZ-4				
5	Alain Roux	FRA	126	EF-1	PT-2	EM-3	PZ-6			
6	Juri Roots	EST	122	BL-2	BC-2	SC-2	ES-3			
7	Andrei Kirilenko	USA	120	HC-1	CC-1	SR-7				
8	Sigurd Seydel	GER	104	JP-1	PZ-3	EM-7				
9	Roy Summersby	AUS	94	EF-3	PT-3	SH-3	SC-3	VW-3		
10	Claus - Peter Wachtler	GER	94	EM-1	VW-2					
11	Gerhard Aringer	AUT	89	HL-1	EF-6	PZ-8				
12	R Archer	USA	88	MM-2	SR-2					
13	Bob Gutai	USA	85	CC-2	SR-4	MM-10				
14	Alexandr Mikhaylenko	RUS	81	VJ-1	KZ-4	AV-6				
15	Reinhard Truppe	AUT	78	KC-3	JP-4	EM-6	VJ-11			
16	Sergey Katyba	UKR	70	KH-2	VJ-4	AN-4				
17	Eugene Verbitsky	UKR	67	SR-1	MM-14					
18	Robertas Kiburtas	LTU	67	ES-2	BL-4					
19	Alexander Molchanov	UKR	57	AV-3	KH-4					
20	Marek Roman	POL	56	JP-3	SW-4					

World Cup 2003 results for class F1E

1	Marian Popescu	ROM	159	TC-1	LP-1	RY-1	RB-3	CS-5	MK-5	RA-8	GV-2	NA-7
2	Daniel Petcu	ROM	148	RA-1	CS-1	NA-2	GV-2	OB-7	RY-7	TC-7		
3	Florin Draghici	ROM	122	OB-1	MK-2	LP-4	GV-7	RB-15	TC-19			
4	Sebastian Ionita	ROM	103	RB-2	LP-3	CS-4	RY-10	NA-12	RA-20			
5	Peter Nosko	SVK	103	RA-2	RY-2	TC-10						
6	Ivan Crha	CZE	101	LP-2	OB-3	RB-4	RY-5	GV-15				
7	Victor Paireli	ROM	95	MK-1	RA-7	CS-6	RB-14					
8	Vojtech Zima	CZE	83	RA-3	TC-4	GV-5	LP-9	MK-10	RB-13			
9	Milan Mravec	SVK	81	RB-1	LP-10	TC-16						
10	Francisek Doupovec	CZE	80	MK-3	RA-4	LP-6						
11	Pierre Chaussebourg	FRA	75	CS-2	NA-3	TC-13						
12	Fritz Mang	AUT	66	GV-4	OB-6	CS-8	LP-11	NA-16	RY-13			
13	Franciszek Kanczok	POL	65	GV-1	NA-14	RY-4						
14	Jan Smeringai	SVK	64	LP-5	TC-6	RB-8	MK-9	RY-8	GV-10	RA-11		
15	Julia Maria Petcu (J)	ROM	63	RA-6	LP-7	CS-7	MK-14	RB-9				
16	Reinhard Wolf	AUT	63	NA-1	RB-16							
17	Edith Mang	AUT	58	RB-5	MK-8	RY-9	OB-10	CS-12	NA-13	LP-17		
18	Adrian Draghici (J)	ROM	54	OB-5	RB-10	GV-10	MK-11	LP-13	TC-15	RA-19		
19	Joszeff Morgala	POL	54	RY-3	NA-6							
20	Peter Kuttler	GER	51	OB-2	RA-17							
21	Jaromir Orel	CZE	49	RY-6	RB-11	MK-13	LP-15	RA-14	GV-13			
22	Stanislaw Kubit	POL	49	MK-6	GV-8	RA-18	NA-19	RY-11				
23	Claudio Bognolo	ITA	49	CS-3	TC-11							
24	Wieslaw Dziuba	POL	48	OB-9	NA-11	MK-12	LP-14	TC-21				

World Cup 2003 results for class F1E-Junior

1	Julia Maria Petcu	ROM	152	LP-1	RA-1	CS-1	RY-1	MK-3	NA-4	TC-5	GV-3	RB-1
2	Adrian Draghici	ROM	150	MK-1	GV-1	OB-1	RB-2	LP-3	TC-3			
3	Mihai Sandu	ROM	117	TC-1	RA-2	LP-4	NA-3					
4	Daniel Bildea	ROM	110	MK-2	OB-2	RB-3	NA-5					
5	Damian Benisz	POL	91	NA-1	RY-2							
6	Patricia Valastiakova	SVK	71	LP-2	RA-3							

Contests included in the 2003 results

			numbers flying in:		F1E	F1E-Junior
RA	Rana International (1)	CZE	May 2		39	6
RB	Rana International (2)	CZE	May 3		32	5
MK	Mikulas Cup of Hungary	HUN	May 9		32	5
LP	Liptov Cup	SVK	May 10		38	8
CS	23. Coppa Sisemol	ITA	May 16-18		29	1
NA	Napoca Cup	ROM	September 5-6		37	9
TC	Turda Cup	ROM	September 10-11		42	11
RY	Rybnik Cup	POL	September 26		25	4
GV	Governor's Cup	POL	September 27		29	5
OB	Oberkotzau International	GER	October 11		19	3