



CUBIC CAPACITY 12000
HORSE POWER 800
SURFACE SPEED 150



Italian Grand Prix: June 23rd

The Italian Grand Prix was run on Lake Como on June 23rd at Tremezzo. 17 skiers took part and once again the race was won by Bruno Cassa of Italy. Robin Manwaring fell early on when dicing for the lead and lost the fin off his ski; however, somehow he managed for ski on for 18 of the 19 laps without mishap until he fell again and lost his helmet and had to retire. Chris Harsant finished 2nd ahead of Jeff Price and Cliff Featherstone.

Results:

1st. B. Cassa (Italy). 1hr.3mins.7.8secs. 2nd. C. Harsant (GB) 1hr.3mins.52.8secs.
3rd. J. Price (GB) 1hr.4mins.25.2secs. 4th. C. Featherstone (GB) 1hr.6mins.30.6secs.
8th. J. Harvey (GB) 2 laps behind.

Spanish Grand Prix: June 30th

Benidorm was the venue for the Spanish Grand Prix on June 30th and there were 18 starters. The race was again dominated by Italian skiers and was won by Guido Cassin with Bruno Cassa second. David Hutchinson finished third after having had engine trouble and after him came the rest of the British contingent, Robin Manwaring, Cliff Featherstone, Chris Harsant, Jeff Price and Paul Berriman.

Austrian Grand Prix: July 14th

The Austrian Grand Prix was run on the River Danube at Grein near Linz on July 14th. Bruno Cassa of Italy was extremely fortunate to win the race when David Hutchinson who had opened up a considerable lead ran out of petrol with only half a mile to go to the finish. Jeff Price finished three minutes behind Cassa in second place just ahead of Robin Manwaring.

European Grand Prix, Holland: September 22nd

The final of the European Championship was held at Hoorn near Amsterdam on September 22nd. Unfortunately for the Dutch Water Ski Federation the local club withdrew their support at the last minute and the race had to be organised by the Federation officials who were short staffed. The race was run in extremely rough conditions and when it finally got under way the 23 starters were soon strung out over the course. From the start Rudi Bertels of Belgium led from David Hutchinson, Cliff Featherstone, Chris Harsant, Billy Rixon and Bruno Cassa. Billy Rixon went to the front after two laps and opened up a considerable lead over the other skiers and Allan Hargreaves was the only skier who managed to stay on the same lap as Billy until he broke down with only 6 of the 25 laps to go. David Hutchinson skied consistently well and finished second with Jackie Bettonville of Holland third. However, Jackie was penalised for not raising his yellow flag when the skier was in the water and was dropped to 7th place. This put Robin Manwaring into 3rd place with Cliff Featherstone in 4th and Chris Harsant 5th. Paul Berriman finished 8th and John Harvey 11th.

European Grand Prix Results. 80 km.

1st. Billy Rixon (GB) 1hr 26mins.37secs. (26 laps).
2nd. David Hutchinson (GB) 1hr 27mins.17.6secs. (25 laps)
3rd. Robin Manwaring (GB) 1hr 27mins.32.6secs. (24 laps)
4th. Cliff Featherstone (GB) 1hr 28mins.20.9secs. (24 laps)
5th. Chris Harsant (GB) 1hr 28mins.39.7secs. (23 laps)
8th. Paul Berriman (GB) 1hr 29mins.4.2secs. (22 laps)
11th. John Harvey (GB) 1hr 27mins.37.4secs. (16 laps)

European Championship Final Positions

1st.	Bruno Cassa (Italy)	114 points	2nd.	Guido Cassin (Italy)	88 points
3rd	Robin Manwaring (GB)	84 points			
equal	Chris Harsant (GB)	84 points	5th.	Jeff Price (GB)	78 points
6th.	Cliff Featherstone (GB)	76 points	7th.	David Hutchinson (GB)	62 points
8th.	Paul Berriman (GB)	54 points			

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