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#### **Christian Merli a convincing winner in Switzerland as well**

Last Sunday, August 21, the Italian Christian Merli won his seventh consecutive victory in category I ("competition vehicles") at the St. Ursanne-Les Rangiers in the Swiss canton of Jura and has virtually secured the second consecutive title of the European champion in mountain motoring. This means that autosport fans will surely see him also at the nearby 28th GHD Q Max Petrol in Ilirska Bistrica, which will be held on the first weekend of September (September 3<sup>rd</sup> - official practice, September 4<sup>th</sup> - competition with two races).

Merli once again reliably beat the Czech Petr Trnka and the German Alexander Hin, who follow him with a significant gap in 2nd and 3rd place also in the overall classification of racers after seven tests this year. Also in category II ("closed vehicles"), the victory was won by an Italian: Manuel Dondi was faster than the Frenchman Nicolas Werver and the Macedonian Igor Stefanovski.

In the general classification, the Montenegrin Vasilije Jakšić reliably defended his lead, who before the continuation of the EHC, which will also end this year in September with races in Il. Bistrica and Buzet (September 17 and 18) in Croatian Istria. The organizers of the 28th GHD Q Max IB 2022 are therefore very pleased in advance with the numerous registrations of racers. On Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 178 of them from 14 countries were counted. The application deadline ends on Wednesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> t.m.

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Results (St. Ursanne - Les Rangiers, 5180 m, order after two runs) - category I ("closed vehicles") 1. Manuel Dondi (Ita, Fiat X 1/9) 4:03.461 (average speed: 154.3 km/h), 2. Nicolas Werver (Fra, Porsche 997 GT3R) 4:05.174, 3. Igor Stefanovski (S. Mak, Hyundai 130, TCR) 4:16.033, 4. Antonio Migliuolo (Ita, Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX) 4:19.856, 5. Domagoj Pereković (Croatia, Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX) 4:20.387, 6. Tomislav Muhvić (Croatia, Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX) 4:28.430 etc., ranked 16 drivers from 9 countries.

Overall classification after 7 races: 1. Vasilije Jakšić (Montenegro, Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX RS) 161, 2. Karl Schlagerl (Avs, VW Golf Rallye) 141, 3. Antonio Migliuolo 134, 4. Igor Stefanovski 123, 5. Tomislav Muhvić 117, 6. Maciej Serafin (Pol, Renault Clio 2.0 16V) 114 points etc., points won by 87 drivers.

Category II (“competition vehicles”): 1. Christian Merli (Ita, Osella FA 30) 3:19.739 (average speed 188 km/h), 2. Petr Trnka (Czech Republic, Norma M20 FC) 3:27.842, 3. Alexander Hin (Germany, Osella

FA 30) 3:32.385, 4. Joseba Iraola Lanzagorta (Spain, Nova NP 01) 3:32.788, 5. Fausto Bormolini (Ita, Reynard 2KL) 3:37.612, 6. Joel Volluz (Switzerland, Osella FA 30) 3:32.788. 38,918 etc., ranked 12 drivers from 9 countries.

Overall classification after 7 races: 1. Christian Merli 175, 2. Petr Trnka 145, 3. Alexander Hin 102, 4. Gonzales C. Fernandez-Capalleja (Špa, Nova NP 03) 73, 5. Sebastien Petit (Fra, Nova NP 01) 65, 6. Javier Villa Garcia (Spa, BRC BR53) 58 points etc., points won by 54 drivers.

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