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### **The Toro Andaluz ends with the Victory of Normen Günzlein (JP/NP)!!! A amazing start in the new season, in fantastic conditions, a great organization and perfect performances on the water.**

Tarifa, often called the European capitol of windsurfing didn't disappoint us at all. What more an you wish for the first event in a new season? Nothing!!! Sure a second double elimination would have been great, sure a bit more stable condition would have made it easier but as windsurfers we're used to life with compromise and what we got here again was just perfect!!! No doubt...

Normen takes home a lot of points for the overall title, that's for sure. He is the one that the guys will be chasing now but as the young German is a pro he will handle the pressure for sure. Competing for many years on the tour, having a lot of experience he will take good care to stay in leading position.

Kevin Mevissen (RRD) on the second place is fully on fire, coming to Spain he had not much freestyle practise on his account, you might say none. His awesome performance on the water infected him again and its clear that we will see him on some other efpt stops as well.

Antxon Otaegui (JP/NP) takes the third place, amazing start for the Spanish rider. Coming from the canaries you can't say that he's a local so it was not easier for him at all to compete here and the third place shows how well Antxon is prepared and motivated to go on tour this year.

The man of the event has to be Steven van Broeckhoven though, almost unknown to European riders he kinda appeared out of nowhere, eliminating big names all over the ladder. The Belgian magazine cant wait to get him close for some interviews and reports how he did but we can tell you straight away: GREAT!!!

The first event of a season is always a good place to see what to expect over the rest of the season. In this case Tarifa was amazing, the well known riders in the event have to watch out for the newcomers and also know now which moves they need to get in first positions. so the next weeks before Podersdorf will be full of practising and preparing for that one, especially as it will be a combination with the PWA.

We sort of had a foretaste of what to expect, Raimondo Gasperini (Starboard), who was practising in Jeri this year started a project to support young talents and he brought some brasilian hotshots as well as Italiian styler to the Andalusian beach. The X-Ray project is fantastic; supporting riders to give them some event experience is just great. Although the brasillians cant become European Champion obviously they still improve their contest sills and push the level massive...

Wow, we had a immense competition fleet and its so hard to mention all riders, 35 riders from 15 nations hit the water leaving impressed spectators behind. Moves like double flaka, ponch, switch chachoo, super high shakas seem to become standard and if a rider is not able to do it at the beginning of the event he practises them between the heats and shows

(or tries to show) it in his next heat. The excitement in this competition was amazing so if you have the chance to visit a event near you, that's definitely something you should do.

As the forecast for the last day was not good the complete (and it was complete) efpt family met at the "café del mar" in tarifa city. A super nice place, stylish as hell so it was just the perfect place to celebrate the start of the tour and the end of the event. The group went crazy all night and could only be stopped by the fact that the police shut down the place in the morning hours. Nevertheless the guys continued in tarifa downtown and surprisingly were all present at the today's super session at one pm. For the last time in this year they showed the crowds on the beach what first class freestyle is all about!!! Smiling faces all over the place showed once again that they're not just amazing competitors but a bunch of good friends who live for this sport, travel the continent and just want to know who will be the best in the end.

Hard to say our "good buys" once again to the friendly people who organize the event and support us with all we need to run the competition. But gypsies as we are we have to go and can only promise to be back next year...

As great and fantastic it was the stories told around the world about tarifa and the region of Andalusia will be just the best. We highly recommend this place to everyone in Europe and around the world. Every windsurfer and kitesurfer who wants to have a good time, great conditions and stay in a place which is fully addicted to water sport will be damn happy to come here!!!

Again we take a bow, say "gracias" and hope it was a good show!!!

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01	<b>Günzlein Normen</b>	GER	G-186	JP/NP
02	<b>Mevisen Kevin</b>	NED	H 79	RRD
03	<b>Otaegui Antxon</b>	ESP	E-169	JP/NP
04	<b>Van Broeckhoven Steven</b>	BEL	B72	F2
05	<b>Roßmeier Michael</b>	AUT	AUT 256	Exocet/the Loft
06	<b>Popretinskiy Egor</b>	RUS	RUS-11	JP/NP
07	<b>de Weerd Remko</b>	NED	H-23	Tabou/Gaastra
07	<b>Paskowski Andre</b>	GER	G-2	Fantic/North Sails
09	<b>da silva danilo menez</b>	BRA	bra 83	Fanatic/North Sails
09	<b>Olandersson Andreas</b>	SWE	S-66	Fanatic/Simmer Style
09	<b>Stråhlén Niklas</b>	SWE	S-4444	RRD/Simmer Style
09	<b>Sumereder Michael</b>	AUT	AUT-9	RRD/North
13	<b>Akgazcyan Nicolas</b>	FRA	F 400	Starboard/Gun Sails
13	<b>Kosmowski Jakub</b>	POL	POL 288	Tabou/Gaastra
13	<b>souza de pedro edvan</b>	BRA	bra 250	
13	<b>Žan Andraž</b>	SLO	SLO 49	RRD/the Loft
17	<b>De Rycker Roeland</b>	BEL	B67	The Loft
17	<b>Dixon Colin</b>	GBR	k 99	Tabou/Gaastra
17	<b>Forstenlechner Lorenz</b>	AUT	Aut-7	F2
17	<b>Janssen Kenny</b>	BEL	B34	
17	<b>Kruse Stefan</b>	GER	G 360	F2
17	<b>Petrisie Ruben/Bang</b>	NED	NB-50	Exocet/the Loft
17	<b>Slabe Tine</b>	SLO	SLO 6	F2/Naish
17	<b>Spadea Nicola</b>	ITA	I 44	Starboard
25	<b>Alvarez Mauricio</b>	AUT	AUT 86	Tabou/Gaastra
25	<b>Caers Jelle</b>	BEL	B 47	F2/the Loft
25	<b>Caers Rolien</b>	BEL	B74	F2
25	<b>Pollet Arthur</b>	FRA	BRA218	

25	<b>scheuble pete</b>	SUI	sui 969	JP/NP
25	<b>Seyss Alexander</b>	AUT	aut-61	Naish/Naish
25	<b>teixeira francisco samuel</b>	BRA	bra 64	Starboard
33	<b>Cervero Rafael</b>	ESP	E-13	The Loft
33	<b>Gasperini Raimondo</b>	ITA	i 157	Starboard
33	<b>Van der Eyken Dieter</b>	BEL	B35	Starboard