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Ice Gladiators Go East

FIM Ice Speedway Gladiators World Championship

Final 2, Ufa (RUS) 11th & 12th February



With the Moscow round behind them, competitors now move 1500km to the east and to Ufa, the capital of Bashkortostan. An oil producing centre the city has a long tradition of ice speedway and the Stadium Kadirov where the next round will take place is dedicated to one of the city's famous sons. Gabdrakhman 'Gabby' Kadirov who won the first ever FIM World Championship in 1966 and who died in 1993 was one of Russia's most popular track racers and won five more world ice race titles during his career before becoming a respected official and being awarded the FIM Motorcycle Merit Bronze Medal in 1990.

With a maximum temperature of -13° forecast the track could produce some interesting situations but there will be much for the local fans to enjoy. It is the home track of Nikolay Krasnikov and Dmitry Koltakov currently in second and fourth places in the championship and both will be hoping to improve their position in familiar surroundings. Daniil Ivanov will be looking to spoil their party and some close racing should result.

Wild Card for this round will be Stefan Svensson of Sweden a veteran who narrowly missed out in the Qualifying Round last month but whose experience might well upset the form of some of the younger racers. Permanent Wild Card René Stellingwerf, Holland's only representative will be looking to improve on his disappointing performance in Final 1.

After the major motor problems he suffered in Krasnogorsk, Frank Zorn has withdrawn from the Ufa round and returned to his workshop in Austria to carry out repairs. His place here will be taken by his compatriot Martin Leitner, the highest placed non-Russian substitute.



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Riders and Draw:

BALLOT N°	RIDING NUMBER	RIDER	COUNTRY
1	10	Harald Simon	Austria
2	5	Eduard Krysov	Russia
3	13	Mats Järf	Finland
4	6	Sergey Karachintsev	Russia
5	15	René Stellingwerf	The Netherlands
6	16 (Wild Card)	Stefan Svensson	Sweden
7	8	Robert Henderson	Sweden
8	21 (Replace n° 7)	Martin Leitner	Austria
9	4	Dmitry Khomitsevich	Russia
10	2	Daniil Ivanov	Russia
11	9	Grzegorz Knapp	Poland
12	12	Antti Aakko	Finland
13	1	Nikolay Krasnikov	Russia
14	11	Jan Klatovský	Czech Republic
15	14	Max Niedermaier	Germany
16	3	Dmitry Koltakov	Russia
17	Reserve	Vladimir Chapalo	Russia
18	Reserve	Dmitry Bulankin	Russia

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