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## **King suffers in Sweden**

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The Gulf Oil Dragracing – Grand Prix Originals Top Fuel Bike team suffered a significant setback in their quest for the 2012 European Top Fuel Bike Championship after suffering problems when preparing for their first round elimination run.

Despite concerns about the weather again affecting qualifying at this second Swedish event on the calendar, the forecasts proved wrong when two full days of qualifying on a well prepared track were available to the large number of competitors.



Using their four qualifying runs to experiment with different settings the team gleaned much need data and qualified solidly in second place with a 6.23 secs. @ 220.17 mph.

Ordinarily the team would have been slightly disappointed at not achieving number one position, but after a blistering World record pass by the local STARTA Racing team of veteran Top Fuel Bike rider Peter Svensson this was a satisfactory mark.

First round saw King with lane choice against the impressive team of Nils Lagerlof who had hastily rebuilt the front end of his machine after a hard excursion into the boundary wall in qualifying.

However, disaster struck for the championship leaders when their machine failed to fire up correctly due to a failure of an electrical component, an ignition crank trigger.

The team could only watch on as the number two in the points table took an unopposed bye run into the semi finals.



The team next travel next to their home track of Santa Pod, UK on the 6-9 September for the finals of the European Championship for an exciting season finale with four teams able to assume the Championship title depending on the outcome of the race.

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