

The First ETAN Junior and Youth European Championship Switzerland

2012



Thursday Checked washed and cleaned the car. Jill & I packed our bags then collected Wiktor Rogala and his Dad Krystian Rogala. The four of us set off for Sandgate, Folkestone for an early night.

Friday morning 4am, we all woke up and caught the early morning ferry, still dark, winter is clearly here.

We had breakfast just as it was starting to get light. The Port of Dunkirk was now fast approaching.

We drove from Dunkirk into Belgium down to Luxembourg for fuel and a lunch break.

Next was France, in and out of Germany, France and finally Switzerland. The last stretch was via a



car train through the mountains. We arrived late in the evening and met up with Alex Falkenberg, he was waiting for us having taken a flight the previous day. Pierre-Alain Zeiter had met him at the station and looked after him until we arrived.





Saturday morning we all had breakfast together. There were juniors and their parents and friends from England, Belgium, Russia and Switzerland.



After Registration and the official opening, there were two seminars, one with Bob Jones and the other with Eddy Wolput.





Next and after a formal start, were the first rounds of the competition.



All students were keen and enjoyed themselves. It was Alex and Wiktor's first time at such an event.





The Championship was a wonderful showcase for the juniors to shine in their performances; their appreciation and understanding belied their years and experience.



Sunday after breakfast were more events followed by the finals. At the close of the competition, medals were awarded to the best and thanks was given to all, competitors and organisers alike for a successful and enjoyable Championship.



It snowed heavily over night and during the day and that in itself helped to make the weekend complete.



Monday after breakfast we headed for the Dunkirk / Dover Ferry and then home. Overall we covered 1400miles.



Next time, and in 2014, it will be in Saint Petersburg, Russia

