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## Kågered's longing.

**12th May:** Swedish Top Fuel Dragster racer **Micke Kågered** has been longing for his 2008 season to start. Micke will kick off 2008 at next weekend's Peak Performance Day and Run What You Brung at Santa Pod Raceway.



"I was in the US twice this winter, mainly to meet suppliers, but I also met and watched my fellow competitor Urs Erbacher run", says Micke. "I admit I envy him and I think he did well. At the same time I know what tremendous work (and budget) lies behind a tour to the US, so for my team it has not an option for a long time. We simply have too many commitments in Europe during the winter as well. That is one of the reasons we can operate this on a professional full time basis."

"I'm looking forward to a fresh start this year with a new combination and fresh parts, last year was a disaster really" says Micke's UK-based head tuner Alan Jackson. "Although the car ran 4.83 at Mantorp, afterwards a mix of faulty parts, the weather and some good old bad luck made sure it was a year to forget for us. This year we would like some good weather so we can get some laps on the car, and learn what it needs to be consistently quick and happy!"

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"With a whole new combination and a lot of new parts we are going to take it easy to start with next week, but hopefully we will make some half and three-quarter passes", says Micke. "The best scenario would be a full pass before the weekend of testing is over. We already been preparing a great deal at our base in Sweden, which will hopefully save us some time servicing the car and help to prevent those failures which can easily occur when working and assembling parts under stress. We have never invested so much in parts and knowledge as we have this winter. There is really not much more we could buy to improve our chances, so I hope for the best and I'm really looking forward to getting out on track at Santa Pod a week from now."

"Team Kågered is carrying a new selection of souvenirs to Santa Pod, so don't miss visiting us in the pits!", says Team Manager Åsa Kinnemar. "Reports from testing and the Main Event will be posted on our web site at [www.kagered-racing.com](http://www.kagered-racing.com), and for full live coverage as always we encourage you to take advantage of the excellent service Eurodragster.com provide (Thanks - Ed)."

**Editor's note:** Racers (both Pro and Sportsman) please note that it's neither too early nor too late to send your FIA Main Event previews. Drop us a line at [news@eurodragster.com](mailto:news@eurodragster.com) and we'll post it here.

## Swift snippets.

**12th May:** The first instalment of our FIA Main Event build-up, our report from last Thursday's **European Championships Press Call**, has now been posted in

