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British Pilot wins Aero GP in front of massive crowds in Romania!

British flyer Gerald Cooper out-maneuvred the best pilots in the world to wow a huge beachfront crowd at this weekend's Aero GP in Constanta, Romania.

In a spectacular weekend of air events, Cooper timed his run to perfection and took the coveted Aero GP crown. Another piece of great timing is Gerald's maiden win; it comes just before the series arrives in Britain! Aero GP Blackpool will amaze visitors as multiple plane air racing takes to the air over the famous seaside town on 28-29 June as part of the National Veterans Day celebrations.

Over one hundred thousand people lined the Black Sea resort of Mamaia beach, Constanta, as seven of the world's leading pilots took to the skies to battle it out over three disciplines; air racing, aerobatics and air-to-air combat. Pilots have to contend with very high G-forces whilst racing other planes and the course itself, definitely not a sport for the faint hearted!

Cooper, who has spent years low level bush flying, co-owns an airfield and microlight company in the UK, took overall victory from Zoltan Veres (Hungary) and Peter Podlunsek (Slovenia) who are both well known sportsmen. An elated Cooper said afterwards "It's been great fun racing here at Aero GP in Romania, it's a fabulous resort and area, everyone has been so welcoming. I owe it all to my CAP232 plane and the help of a great trainer!"

Jeff Zaltman, organiser of the Aero GP series, commented "The Romanians have really helped us put on an awesome show with great enthusiasm, including live broadcasting on Romanian TV and support from our sponsor Allianz-Tiriac. With a first British winner it's only fitting the series now moves to Blackpool in three weeks time, I can't wait!"

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Final standings Aero GP Romania

1. Gerald Cooper (UK)
2. Zoltan Veres (Hungary)
3. Peter Podlunsek (Slovenia)



4. Andy Bickmore (UK)
5. Ioan Postolache (Romania)
6. Mark Jefferies (UK)
7. Smokey Young (USA)

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