

2025 Season Report: Team Lentjes F3D Pylon Racing

The 2025 season proved to be a historic and highly successful year for **Team Lentjes** (Bram and Wim Lentjes), marked by technical innovation, personal records, and a long-awaited podium finish on the world stage.

Season Highlights

- **Euro & World Cup Modena (Italy):** The season kicked off in May with a field of 60 pilots. Under ideal weather conditions, the team set a new personal record (PR) of **54.48 seconds**. They demonstrated high consistency during the qualification rounds with an average time of 56.95 seconds and ultimately secured a **2nd place** finish in both the rounds and the final.
- **World Championship Rothenburg (Germany):** In July, the team competed against the top 40 pilots in the world. Despite early frustrations with engine failures due to humidity and lean settings, the team adapted their strategy. On the final day, under immense pressure, they flew a phenomenal **56.30 seconds**, their best time of the tournament, to beat the competition and secure the **Bronze medal**. This marked the team's first-ever World Championship podium finish after 12 years for Bram and 36 years for Wim in the F3D class.
- **Dutch Championship Vredepeel (Netherlands):** Continuing their momentum, Team Lentjes took **1st place** at the Dutch Nationals. They achieved their best-ever average time of **55.57 seconds** and pushed their personal record even further down to a blistering **54.18 seconds**.
- **World Cup Qatar:** The team closed the season with a dominant performance, taking **1st place** in both the qualification rounds and the final.

Context and Outlook for 2026

While the team's individual performances were stellar, there was no official Euro/World Cup overall winner's ceremony this year. This was due to a limited FAI calendar featuring only two official competitions, caused by a combination of factors:

- The scheduling of team trials in various countries (which occur in even years).
- Rothenburg hosting the World Championship rather than a standard Cup event.
- Ongoing supply issues with motor manufacturers (Nelson), which impacted the entire F3T (and thus F3D by joint competitions) pilot field.

Looking ahead, the community is optimistic. For **2026**, a much more robust calendar is planned with a higher frequency of races across a diverse range of countries. Team Lentjes is already looking toward further innovation, planning to design a new fuselage (SuperNova) in collaboration with 2x World Champion Robbert van den Bosch to stay competitive at the next World Championship.

2025 Results Summary

Event	Location	Result	Key Achievement
Euro/World Cup	Modena (ITA)	2nd Place	New PR: 54.48s
World Championship	Rothenburg (GER)	3rd Place	First-ever WC Podium
Dutch Championship	Vredepeel (NED)	1st Place	New PR: 54.18s Best Avg: 55.57s
World Cup	Doha (QAT)	1st Place	1st in Rounds & Final