



The Belgian New Leading Series started this weekend at Karting Genk. The BNL Championship consist of three race weekends with races on Saturday and Sunday, which makes the championship more attractive! It was the third time in a row that there was a race weekend at Karting Genk

On Saturday, the Rotax Micro Max was first released on the circuit.

The pole was owned by Rens van Pelt on the TopKart. The first race was well won by Michelangelo Amendola who crossed the line before Yoni Cauwenbergh. Rens van Pelt was third and scored the fastest lap.

Coming from third place in race two, Rens van Pelt had a strong race which he won convincingly with five seconds ahead of Yoni Cauwenbergh. Cauwenbergh was in a battle with teammate Tuur Stalmans who finished third.

A wet night resulted in a wet track in the morning. The rain tires had to be mounted in the Rotax Mini Max.

Charles de Beeck seemed to feel good in the treacherous conditions and quickly drove to victory ahead of Ries Viverette and Wietske Visser. In race two, Charles de Beeck continues his momentum. The second race was won by the Maddox driver before Giles Magnus and Rowan Grinwis. Lars Olofsen and Rowan Grinwis fought a fierce battle and made just before the finish contact with each other which led to an assignment for Lars Olofsen.

Sam Schippers had a tough Euro Challenge last week, the speed was there and he proved that this weekend again in the Rotax Junior Max. The intrepid driver posted a 57.3 during qualifying and that was enough for pole position. Lennert van Bogaert and Stefano Galen made the top three complete. Sam Schippers retained his lead and finished the race first. Pepijn Steeman was second, Lennert van Bogaert was third. The second race became a disaster for Lennert van Bogaert and Pepijn Steeman while they made contact which each other.

Sam Schippers had a perfect first day of the BNL Karting Series and took victory in race two. Lars Lamborelle accompanied his teammate on place two, Max Timmermans was third.

Again, it began to rain during the last lap of the Junior Max so the Rotax Max Seniors had to drive their first race in on a slippery course. Antoine Barthon took poleposition before Vincent Jewell and Mathias Smith. After some pushes during the first laps, there was a nice leading group which fought a strong battle. Bas de Laat expressed to be the strongest, Bastian Hummel took second. Michael Cool was third

The second race was driven in perfectly dry conditions. Dylan Lahaye just made the transition towards the GKS team of Paul Lemmens, a first success could be scored immediately. In the front, the positions changed but Dylan Lahaye was the strongest before Bastian Hummel who scored nice points for the championship. Vincent Jewell took the last podium place.

No place for the DD2 in de BMC championship and that the reason why, the BNL attracts this class. Mathias Detige proved his speed and drove on the Tony Kart to the pole. Joost de Blok started on the second place, Xen de Ruwe qualified in third. Xen de Ruwe was leading race one when he made a mistake by driving on the slippery white line. Mathias Detige won the first race. Garkaklis Haralds finished in second place for the Xen de Ruwe.

Just before the start of the second race Xen de Ruwe received his new helmet which helped him in his hunt to the first win of the weekend. After 17 laps he crossed the line as first. Mathias Detige confirmed his speed again with a second place before Garkaklis Haralds.

Last weekend, Max Verstappen was celebrating **is** WSK Master Series in the KF2 class. On Saturday he was again super fast by taking the pole in KZ2 shifter karts. Ladies Beitske Visser and Giovanna Boontjes started on second and third place.

After the start of race one, it was Jules Szymkowiak who first came to the bend, coming from a fourth place.

After some laps, Szymkowiak had to retired due to a broken engine.. Also Max Verstappen had a tough opening round and ended up along the track. Max Verstappen showed his class by driving to victory, a very strong performance by the young dutchmen. Beitske Visser scored a second place for Giovanna Boontjes

Max Verstappen started also on pole for the second race and had fast lady Beitske Visser beside him. After an excellent start at P12 Jules Szymkowiak was driving in the top three, chasing Verstappen en Visser. Beitske Visser tried **to held** Szymkowiak behind her but could not avoid that Szymkowiak passed on his Zanardi. Max Verstappen recorded a two on two. Szymkowiak was very clever third for Beitske Visser.

Sunday was a new race day, completely dry conditions made this Easterday a lot more attractive.

Again it was the Micro Max who first started

With pole position in his hands, Rens van Pelt went first around the first lap, and finally won the race. Michelangelo Amendola and Yoni Cauwenbergh were second and third after a fierce battle with Tuur Stalmans for the final podium places.

Michelangelo Amendola devoured Rens van Pelt in the first corner. After several attempts, van Pelt placed his ultimate attack on Amendola and passed him. Michelangelo Amendola was second for Yoni Cauwenbergh.

In the Rotax Mini Max, Charles op de Beeck won the first race coming from pole position. Lars Olofsen and Wietske Visser were second and third. The second race was dominated again by Charles de Beeck. Lars Olofsen and Ries Viverette were in fierce battle for the final podium places. They were respectively second and third. Wietske Visser got a tick in the first corner and was sixth.

In a heavy Rotax Junior field, Sam Schippers continued his good performance by taking the pole for Lars Lamborelle and Hirooka Ryo.

Max Timmermans qualified in fourth position but he made contact and lost his chain. He had to retire the race at the first corner.

Stefano van Galen took the lead in front of Sam Schippers, while Lamborelle crossed the line in third. Sam Schippers realized a perfect weekend ending by winning the final race. Team TKP also scored a fine second place with Lars Lamborelle. Stefano Galen was third. The most remarkable achievement is due to Max Timmermans. The Belgian Formula K Europe driver showed what racing is by starting on P34 and finishing on P4!

In the morning, Dylan Lahaye took pole position in the Rotax Senior Max, Berry Torenvliet did a good job with a second place, Glenn van Parijs scored an excellent third place. Coming from third, van Parijs took the lead after a few laps but couldn't hold it. At the end, Antoine Barthon was race winner for Berry Torenvliet and Bastian Hummel. In the second race, Berry Torenvliet took the win. Bastian Hummel took another podium finish in front of Vincent Jewell.

Who stops Max Verstappen? Nobody apparently because Verstappen trained into pole position. The difference compared to Beitske Visser on Saturday was smaller. Giovanna Boontjes took a third place in qualifying.

Max Verstappen won both races on Sunday. Beitske Visser was twice second. Giovanna

Boontjes passed Jules Szymkowiak in the last round of the last race and so she scored two third places.

Xen de Ruwe drove from pole to victory in the first DD2 race. Garkaklis Haralds finished within one second in second place for Mathias Detige. At the start of the second race Xen de Ruwe lost some places. Some laps later, however, he was leading the race again a little later he crossed the finish line in that position. Garkaklis Haralds had led the race for a couple of laps but could not keep this position and finished second for Mathias Detige who completed the stage.