

BNL KARTING SERIES EXCITING TILL THE END AT GENK!

The final round of the BNL Karting Series 2009 took place at the International kartingtrack Genk 'Horensbergdam' in the last weekend of August. After an exciting round in Ostricourt (FR) everything was still open for the championship, in some classes the difference after eight finals was only one point! Spectators and drivers expected an exciting end of the BNL Karting Series '09 and true indeed, it was! Apart from winning the title, there was a lot more in the game. Winners of the series could win brand new Rotax engines, Alfano timers, Bell helmets, MIR race overalls and even a Formule Ford test at Zolder!

Micro Max

After a very strong weekend of Gino Wetzels in Ostricourt, he got into a comfortable leading position in the championship. But still there was competition. Kenny Roosens proved in Ostricourt he was quick, very quick. And don't forget Max Timmermans. He had a very good opening round in Genk, couldn't handle the difficult conditions at the unknown circuit in Ostricourt, but found his speed back in Genk again. He won the second final on Saturday, Gino Wetzels couldn't get further than a fifth position. On Sunday everything was different again. Wetzels took pole position and won both finals, he won the title in style!

Mini Max

If problems don't occur for Max Verstappen (like in Ostricourt) it is actually guaranteed he will win the race. This should be a great motivation for other drivers, like Jordi van Moorsel, who is one of the drivers who is able to follow Verstappen in second position. Max Verstappen started the weekend with pole position in front of surprisingly Jordy Bens. Van Moorsel had to start the first final from a fifth position. Max won both finals on Saturday, Jordi van Moorsel and Marijn Kremers finished as respectively second and third. There was more action at the track on Sunday. A great fight in the top positions of the class resulted in a second place for Yannick Hoogaars in the third final! Max Verstappen won 11 out of 12 finals in this series and became BNL champion again!

Max Juniors

The title candidates Joel Affolter and Tristian Viidas arrived in Genk with only one point difference in the championship! But there were more quick drivers in front. Dave Blom who had a very strong season drove directly pole position on Saturday in front of the Belgium driver Vincent Jewell. But the first win went to Affolter, partly as result of a bad start of Dave Blom. In the second heat Affolter won again and made some good progress to win the title. On Sunday a big surprise occurred in the qualifying session; Lorenzo Singh got pole position! But in a chaotic heat Affolter won again in front of Tristan Viidas and Dave Blom. Joel Affolter ended the weekend how a champion is suppose to do; winning the last heat.

Max Seniors

It was a very exciting end of the Senior Max championship. In a very close field, with a lot of different winners it was hard to predict who will win the title. The last heat on Sunday gave a final answer. But first about Roy Curfs, he made his comeback in the BNL Karting Series after driving KF2 last year. He changed from Kombikart to the Tony Kart chassis and took directly pole position and won both finals on Saturday. But this wasn't important for the championship. Christof Huibers finished in a important second position but felt back to 7th position in the second heat. Dylan Lahaye took advance and finished as third behind Henning Eidjord. However Henning Eidjord took pole position on Sunday, Curfs won again. Jordy Koullen finished second and Christof Huibers lost again a lot in the championship with a 9th position. In the last heat it was defiantly over with the title aspirations of Christof Huibers after a crash earlier in the race. However Dylan Lahaye finished in last position, he won the title with five points ahead of Huibers. Henning Eidjord finished the season in third position.

KF3

No big surprised occurred in the small KF3 class in Genk. With no doubt Lukas Machunskas is by far the quickest driver in the field and his title was already almost secured when he arrived in Genk. But still, in the rest of the class enough could happen. William Barsin and Maksi van Meever had to fight for second position while having a new driver this round in the class; Edward Jones. He drove the second time during qualifying but didn't finish in the first heat. He came back in second in the second final were Maksi van Meever didn't finish and lost important points in the championship. On Sunday Lukas Machunskas had to work a little harder for winning the race. In the beginning of the fourth final, Edward Jones was quicker, but couldn't keep the leading position. Machunskas won again and including the BNL Karting Series title. Maksi van Meever managed to finish as second in the championship in front of William Barsin.

KZ2

With again the World's best drivers participating in the top category of the BNL Karting Series, the fight for the title was between the "Pex brothers", with Yard Pex leading the championship. Michael Ryall had a very strong weekend in Ostricourt and improved his champion position with that result, but had to win more in Genk to still make change for the title. Kevin Leijtens was in the race for the title as well, didn't win in these series till now, but scored constantly around the other podium positions. Jorrit Pex opened the weekend with pole position, almost 0,2 seconds ahead of Ryall. Yard Pex had a few problems and didn't get further than a 7th position. Jorrit Pex won both finals on Saturday, Michael Ryall was unlucky with technical problems in the second race and lost his changes for the title. After an outstanding qualifying of Jorrit Pex (0.300 ahead of Leijtens) he won both finals again! Yard Pex finished respectively into fourth and third position on Sunday which wasn't enough to win the title. Jorrit Pex is the new KZ2 BNL Karting Series Champion and won as well a test in a Formula Ford car.

Race organizer Boy Pijls comment:

"We can look back on a successful second BNL Karting Series again. The driver comments were positive and I think we have a solid base to continue this championship in the coming years. We constantly try to improve the series and I am proud of everyone who is involved in these Series. Thanks to all drivers for participating and hopefully see you next year again!"