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# KARTCOM NEWS #63

## LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL?

In 2021, the Covid-19 pandemic continues to take its toll on Europe and the world, disrupting karting competition to an uneven degree. Positive signals are coming from countries that have implemented early and widespread vaccination despite uncertainties about the effectiveness and consequences of injecting new substances. Israel, the United States and the United Kingdom seem to be on the right track, while most European countries are lagging behind.

As far as kart racing is concerned, inequalities are evident due to the very different policies chosen by governments. To date, France is one of the few countries where it is impossible to organise any karting events. However, French nationals are able to practice their passion in neighbouring countries. Belgium, Spain and Italy seem to be living almost normally in terms of sport. The WSK Promotion events have saved the start of the season for international drivers and teams. Not only did the WSK Champions Cup and the WSK Super Master Series take place, but the grids reached record numbers of participants. However the country is not at its best in terms of infection. The infection-control protocol has been reinforced and prudence has resumed since the first event.

The FIA's awarding of the tyre supply to a single manufacturer, Bridgestone,

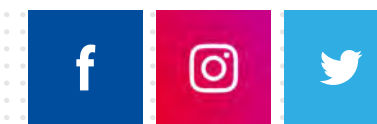
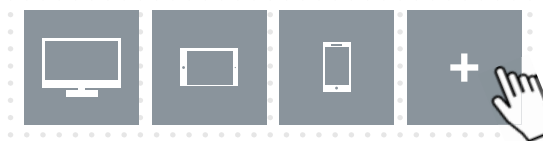
for all categories of FIA Karting events taking place on the European continent came as a surprise after many years of sharing between two or three suppliers. It is hoped that the Japanese giant will live up to its reputation, even though kart racing may soon disappear from its activities.

The launch of the FIA Karting season in mid-May, preceded by the Champions of the Future series, will tell us a little more about what is to come in the 2021 sporting year. Although the first two FIA Karting events have been postponed, coronavirus is not necessarily the cause. The DKM, which is probably the most precautionary championship in terms of health, is also getting ready to start again at the beginning of May. In France, we will have to wait until the summer for the first national events.

The WSK meetings have therefore

welcomed a large number of participants in pleasant weather on the Italian peninsula. The rejuvenation continues with the success of the youngest drivers in the OK and OK-Junior categories. The Kart Republic chassis continues to convince and is now in the lead of the manufacturers, in number and in performance. The KZ/KZ2 category is seeing the return of large teams such as the CRG factory team and the rise in power of Kart Republic through the official KR Motorsport team. The racing promises to be as intense as ever with the presence of the discipline's top names.

No one can say whether the pandemic will be definitively overcome in the coming months, but the situation looks fairly positive for karting in 2021. In the meantime, let's remain vigilant!



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# 20 YEARS OF PASSION AND EXPERIENCE FOR

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**KSP Reportages is now celebrating its first two decades of existence. Created by Philippe Kalmès on 3rd April, 2001, the photo agency dedicated to karting has since grown and diversified. The seriousness and quality of its work remain the priorities of KSP, whose employees all show a passion for kart racing.**

Philippe Kalmès is a professional freelance photographer with a wide range of skills. He started covering karting in 1996. He founded the company KSP Reportages five years later, to develop his activity by progressively combining the expertise of the photographers of that time. In 2001, the ksp-photo-agency.com website offered online ordering of photographs of French and international karting competitions. In 2004, the agency started to work in the field of communication, being one of the first to produce press releases for major karting players. Diversification continued over time with the advent of the internet. The creation of the Kartcom publication in 2007 was an important step. Always a frontrunner in the discipline, KSP

Reportages created the first complete free reference website of the karting world including daily news, results of the main competitions, and for the first time archives since 2001, complete statistics, live race reports and live intermediate rankings of the Qualifying Heats.

Always at the forefront of innovation, in April 2014 KSP Reportages released the first issue of its free monthly digital magazine KARTCOM News. Available in French and English, KARTCOM News promotes karting news in HD quality visible on all media, giving prominence to photos. Each month, KARTCOM News reaches nearly 20,000 readers, bringing together enthusiasts and professionals from all over the world.

With design and administration of websites, international distribution of press releases, production of press kits, publishing of an international magazine, management of social networks, and video production, the agency's list of activities continues to grow, with the constant objective of enhancing the image of karting and its participants.

KSP Reportages would like to thank all of its clients for their trust in the agency season after season and for allowing it to continue its development.

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# BEST-OF FIA KARTING 2020

Despite the cancellation of the traditional FIA Karting awards ceremony for obvious health reasons, the CIK-FIA has published the big book of the 2020 season, retracing a year of competition rich in events. In 150 pages illustrated with superb photos, the Best-of FIA Karting brings to life the highlights of the various

Championships and gives the floor to many of the discipline's players. This reference work was sent free of charge to the winners and partners of the CIK-FIA, but it may still be possible to obtain a precious copy to keep... The highlights of the past season will soon be published on the official [fiakarting.com](http://fiakarting.com) website.



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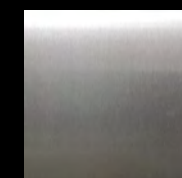
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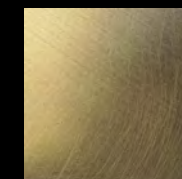
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# NEW CALENDAR FOR THE 2021 FRENCH JUNIOR KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP

The fifth season of the French Junior Karting Championship operated by the FFSA Academy will be held over five events between June and October 2021.

**#1 LA HAGUE (50)** 4-6 JUNE  
( LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP )

**#2 SALBRIS (41)** 25-27 JUNE  
( LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP )

**#3 ANNEVILLE (76)** 30 JUILLET - 1 AUGUST  
( NORMANDY CHALLENGE )

**#4 SAINT-AMAND (18)** 20-22 AUGUST  
( FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP MINIME, CADET )

**#5 AUNAY-LES-BOIS (61)** 8-10 OCTOBER  
( NORMANDY CHALLENGE )



## 2021 FRENCH F4 CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

The 2021 French F4 Championship will take place over seven rounds from April to October, in three different countries.

### PROVISIONAL CALENDAR FOR THE 2021 SEASON

**3 – 5 APRIL - NOGARO (FRA)**  
FFSA FRENCH CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIP

**7 – 9 MAY - MAGNY-COURS (FRA)**  
FFSA FRENCH CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIP

**9 – 11 JULY - HUNGARORING (HUN)**  
GT OPEN

**27 – 29 AUGUST - LÉDENON (FRA)**  
FFSA FRENCH CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIP

**24 – 26 SEPTEMBER - MONZA (ITA)**  
GT OPEN

**1ER – 3 OCT. - PAUL RICARD (FRA)**  
FFSA FRENCH CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIP

**22 – 24 OCT. - MAGNY-COURS (FRA)**  
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# 18 DISCIPLINES ON THE BILL FOR THIS YEAR'S SECOND EDITION OF THE FIA MOTORSPORT **GAMES** AT THE CIRCUIT PAUL

**Newcomers include endurance racing for LMP3 prototypes and GT Sprint.**

Rallying will play a major role, with a programme of special stages on the asphalt of the Sainte-Baume massif.

The six original disciplines are still on the menu for this second edition.

The second edition of the FIA Motorsport Games, scheduled for October 2021 at the Circuit Paul Ricard, has an expanded programme, with a threefold increase in the number of disciplines represented. No less than eighteen disciplines are planned, compared with six at the inaugural event.

Initiated in 2019, this event is a unique opportunity for drivers from all over the world to defend their country's colours. While the six disciplines, which formed the backbone of the first edition, have obviously been retained this year, the introduction of twelve new ones brings an undeniable variety to the event.

The addition of the LMP3 multi-brand prototypes marks the entry of a new endurance discipline into the 2021 FIA Motorsport Games programme. The creation of the GT Sprint class for professional drivers is also a welcome

addition to the GT competition, which features two drivers on the Pro/Am principle.

For this second edition, the FIA Motorsport Games will focus on the Paul Ricard circuit, but also beyond, as rallying becomes a major discipline. The event, which will be run on the asphalt stages of the surrounding Sainte-Baume massif, will see four different types of car take part. Four-wheel drive Rally2s and two-wheel drive Rally4s will take centre stage among the modern vehicles, but the race will also feature their ever-popular historic counterparts, with separate classifications for Historic Rally and the Historic Regularity Rally.



The event will also focus on the entry-level disciplines of motor sport. In particular, the introduction of Cross Car, which will give rise to separate competitions for Juniors and Seniors on the Veynois circuit near Gap. Particularly spectacular, this all-terrain discipline is a solution for access to competition at reasonable cost for drivers of all ages, and is a possible first step for those wishing to move on to rally or rallycross. Car slalom is also on the menu.

The basic disciplines will also be in the spotlight thanks to karting, whose presence will be further increased. This follows the successful debut of karting slalom in 2019, which brought together mixed pairs aged 16 and under. The 2021 edition will see the entry of additional divisions, with endurance karting and sprint karting, the latter being aimed at both juniors and seniors.

This second edition will take place from 29th to 31st October at the Paul Ricard circuit, a circuit that has recently seen its forward-looking approach rewarded by obtaining 3-star status within the FIA's environmental accreditation programme. It is the first French circuit and only the second F1 circuit to receive this distinction, which is synonymous with excellent environmental practices. Further details, including the programme for each discipline, will be revealed in the coming months.

Tom Kristensen, President of the FIA Drivers' Commission: *"As President of the FIA Drivers' Commission, I am delighted to see this great event back on the calendar. The FIA Motorsport Games are an exceptional opportunity for the entire motorsport community to come together. They bring together both the entry-level and elite disciplines of motor sport, women and men from all*

*over the world, with the same passion that drives us all. It is also an opportunity to give a new impetus to national motor sport in these difficult times. We drivers have few opportunities to race for our country. I have had that opportunity in my career and I have fond memories of it. Whoever you are, and whatever country you come from, there is a discipline for you."*

However, the dates of this prestigious meeting, which coincides with those of the FIA Karting OK and Junior World Championship in Brazil, are questionable.



# ADD SIGNS YOUNG RISING KARTING STAR UGO UGOCHUKWU



**ADD Management is pleased to announce the signing of 13-year-old American talent Ugo Ugochukwu.**

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Ugo's triumph in the leading FIA Karting Championship Junior means he joins fellow ADD driver and McLaren Formula 1 driver Lando Norris by having this title to his name.

2020 was a milestone year for Ugo as he also joined Sauber Formula 1's junior karting programme. For 2021, he will make the step up to the senior OK class in search of more success as he remains with Kart Republic for a second year.

Since moving from America to compete in Europe, Ugo has demonstrated great maturity and talent as he looks to make his way up the motorsport ladder.



ADD management is thrilled to be working with him and is looking forward to supporting him on his journey.

Ugo Ugochukwu: "I am delighted to be joining ADD Management. ADD has helped developed some talented drivers over the years so I am looking forward to further my career with them. It is a really exciting time for me and I am very grateful

to be part of their talented roster."

Mark Berryman, Director of ADD Management: "Ugo is one of karting's most exciting prospects and to see what he has achieved at just 13 is simply remarkable. We're thrilled to have him on board and we can't wait to see what we can achieve together."





# EKATERINA LUESCHER

## FOLLOWS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MAYA WEUG

Following Maya Weug's recent move to Formula 4, Richard Mille is pleased to announce the selection of Ukrainian-born Swiss young talent Ekaterina Luescher to the "Richard Mille Young Talent Academy" for the 2021 season.

During the last two seasons under the colours of the Richard Mille Young Talent Academy, Maya Weug has been able to develop her talent

and prepare for her transition to single-seater racing. She is now part of the Ferrari Driver Academy, a historic first for a woman, and is preparing to compete in

her first season in Formula 4 in the best possible circumstances.



14-year-old Ekaterina Luescher will follow in Maya Weug's footsteps by joining the Birel ART Racing Team in the Junior category this year. She has been a Junior karting driver since 2019 and last year she became Swiss vice-champion.

"Ekaterina really convinced us with her enthusiasm and passion for racing", said Amanda Mille. "She has an engaging, dynamic and well-structured personality. She communicates very well and we are convinced that she will embody the spirit of the Richard Mille Young Talent Academy on the international karting circuits this season.

"We are delighted to continue training young female drivers from the Richard Mille Young Talent Academy within our Racing Team," said Ronni Sala,

President of the Birel ART Group, "The very positive experience we have had with Maya Weug over the last two seasons has confirmed that experience of high-level karting in an official team such as ours bears fruit at the start of a career in motor sport. Ekaterina is already very mature for her age and her motivation is obvious. We are confident in her potential for progression and we will do our utmost to support her as best we can with the support of Richard Mille."

### EKATERINA LUESCHER

- Born on 11th January 2007
- **Nationalities:** Swiss, Ukrainian, Italian
- **2012-2014 :** First karting training in Puffo
- **2015-2017 :** First competitions in the Swiss Championship and Vega Trophy

- **2018 :** Swiss SuperMini runner-up
- **2019 :** First year in OK-Junior, Swiss Championship and DKM
- **2020 :** Increased international participation, Swiss OK-Junior runner-up

### 2021 PROGRAMME WITH THE BIREL ART RACING TEAM IN OK-JUNIOR

- In addition to training with the team, Ekaterina will participate in the FIA Karting European and World Championships, the WSK Super Master and Open Cup, as well as the Champions of the Future by RGMMC series.





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# THE 2021 RMCIT RETURNS TO LE MANS

or its third edition, the Rotax MAX Challenge International Trophy will return to the international track of Le Mans in the heart of summer, from 27th to 31st July 2021.

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# THE GERMAN DKM CHAMPIONSHIP HAS MADE ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2021

The DKM German Karting Championship will start the new season at the Erftlandring in Kerpen from 7th to 9th May. Over the past few weeks, all necessary arrangements have been made to ensure a successful year. The top German kart racing series promises continuity and quality.

The German Karting Championship has a long tradition. In 1962, Werner Ihle was the first driver to win the German Championship and thus launched a unique karting history. Since then, the DKM has been held without interruption and will celebrate its 60th anniversary in the 2022 season. Former champions include such greats as seven-time Formula 1 World Champion Michael Schumacher and former Formula 1 driver Nico Hülkenberg.

Since then, the German Karting

Championship has continued to develop and will this season consist of series in five categories: DKM, DJKM, DSKM, DSKC and DEKM. But the DMSB championship does not just take the interests of the kart drivers into account in the choice of categories.

The DKM also sets standards in terms of technology and equipment. For many years now, the races have been accompanied by an advanced race control system and a live video feed that offers many special features. There is also stability with regard to the tyre

and fuel supplier: Vega and Panta will also supply exclusively DKM with their products in 2021 and retain their previous pricing.

*"It is important for us as organisers to be able to offer a professional platform to our drivers and to keep our values. We have been able to do this again for 2021 and we have renewed our contracts with all our usual partners,"* explained Stefan Wagner, the series coordinator.

The same applies to the locations for DKM 2021. To avoid possible restrictions due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the season will kick off in May. The drivers will start the German Karting Championship on 7th May at the Erftlandring in Kerpen. Afterwards, events will be held in Wackersdorf, Genk (Belgium), Mülsen and Ampfing. Contracts with the organisers have been concluded for all the races and nothing stands in the way of an exciting season.

However, DKM is aware that the current Coronavirus situation does not offer drivers and teams complete planning security. That is why there will be no late fees for entries after 1st March this season. All drivers can register for one of the series up to two weeks before the race. In order to be able to start at the kick-off in Kerpen, all that is needed is to pay the entry fee before 1st May.

*"We know how difficult the situation is for our drivers and teams. That is why we have reacted to this situation and adapted our rules. The same applies to the participation fees. We are keeping them at a stable level despite the increased costs. But the extra costs that the pandemic is causing for the organisers must also be covered in one way or another. The extra 100 euros per weekend for hygiene and safety measures will be paid back to*

*the organisers in full and does not constitute additional profit,"* Stefan Wagner continued.

With regard to the entries for the different categories, the officials have reacted to the low interest in gearbox karts. If there are less than 18 entries for the DSKM at the beginning of the season, it will be merged with the DSKC. There will still be two classifications, which will keep the DSKC idea alive anyway.

*"We are excited about the new season. 2020 was temporarily turbulent and now we hope that 2021 will not bring more restrictions due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Last year the regulators praised us for our safety concept and we will therefore continue to use it,"* says Stefan Wagner, who is looking forward to the coming season

with optimism.

Interested drivers can register for the five-category series DKM (OK), DJKM (OK-Junior), DSKM (KZ2), DSKC (KZ2) and DEKM at [www.kart-dm.de](http://www.kart-dm.de).

## 2021 DKM RACE CALENDAR:

**7 - 9 MAY 2021 - KERPEN**

**4 - 6 JUNE 2021 - WACKERSDORF**

**30 JULY - 1 AUGUST 2021 - GENK (BEL)**

**10 - 12 SEPTEMBER 2021 - MÜLSEN**

**1 - 3 OCTOBER 2021 - AMPFING**





# THE GILLARD BRAND JOINS OTK GROUP

**The OTK Group is expanding and proudly welcomes the historic British brand Gillard.**

The well-known British brand, launched in 1980, will become an integral part of the OTK range of brands.

Gillard is the only British manufacturer to have won the European Championship (2001, 2004, 2005) and the World

Championship (2005), and some of the most famous F1 drivers, such as Kimi Raikkonen and Valtteri Bottas, have raced with Gillard chassis.

In 2020, after the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, Tim decided to retire, and OTK, which has always admired Gillard's work,

took the opportunity to add this prestigious name to its portfolio.

OTK Kart Group, considering the prestige of the brand, is proud to carry on Gillard's legacy and from the next homologation in 2022, the British chassis will be manufactured by OTK Kart Group.

Tim Gillard: "After 41 years in business and having experienced the satisfaction and pride of seeing the chassis I designed and built win the CIK-FIA World Championship in 2005 (Oliver Oakes) and the CIK-FIA European Senior Championships in 2001 (Carlo van Dam), in 2004 (Nick de Bruijn) and the European Junior Championship in 2005 (Michael Christensen), three European Rotax Championships, numerous international races and many national championships around the world, I decided in December 2020 that it was time to retire, realising that everything had to end sometime. Subsequently, I was surprised to hear from Oliver Oakes that the OTK Kart Group was very interested in incorporating the Gillard brand into their kart range and within a short time an agreement was reached for this to happen.

*I would like to wish the OTK Kart Group every success in the future and I hope that the Gillard name will be represented in karting competitions around the world in the years to come."*

Roberto Robazzi: "I have always admired Tim's work and respected him and his brand, so when I heard he wanted to retire I offered to incorporate the Gillard name into the OTK brand range. It is a great honour for me to have the only British chassis brand capable of winning a World Championship as part of my brand. OTK will carry on the Gillard legacy with enormous pride."

*Oliver Oakes: "It is great to see the Gillard brand become part of the OTK group. It brings together two companies for which I have great admiration and strong personal relationships, both on and off the track. I am very pleased to see the OTK Kart Group continuing the legacy that Tim has spent a lifetime building."*



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**“W**e are happy to welcome the best Rotax drivers of the world to Bahrain and to this prestigious track, which is well-known across the globe, located right next to the famous F1 race track” stated Peter Ölsinger, GM BRP-Rotax, Member of the Management Board, VP Sales, Marketing RPS-Business & Communications, about the cooperation between BRP-Rotax and the Bahrain International Circuit. He continued: “We have already started the organisation of our annual karting highlight. The event will be executed following a strict Covid-19 measurement plan to ensure the health and well-being of all participants. Furthermore, we are monitoring the Covid-19 situation worldwide very closely to be able to react in time to ensure the execution of the RMC GF 2021.”

Sheikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa, Chief Executive of the Bahrain International Circuit, added:

“The Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals

are one of the biggest karting events on the global stage and we are honored to be hosting this prestigious meeting. It will bring together nearly 400 drivers from close to 60 countries around the world as well as bringing in hundreds of karting fans into the Kingdom to enjoy our challenging track in this exciting and extraordinary surrounding. We are proud that our world-class karting facility is helping to grow young driving talents and this event will further highlight our commitment to enhancing the sport in the region.”

The Bahrain International Karting Circuit is a state-of-the-art, world-class facility that caters to the grassroots level of motorsport right beside the famous Formula 1 circuit in Sakhir. It was designed to the highest international standards and is capable of hosting world championship races under the CIK-FIA. The Circuit made motorsport history in 2012 when it became the first karting track anywhere across the globe to host a world championship-

level event at night thanks to the high-specification floodlight system. The challenging track in this colorful kingdom with its unique historical heritage is 1,414 km long and features 14 turns which will give the opportunity to see thrilling action on the track when the best Rotax drivers will fight for the podium in 2021.







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# AT THE AGE OF 13,

## MAXIME FURON-CASTELAIN, 3RD PLACE IN 2020 FIA KARTING ACADEMY TROPHY, GIVES LUXEMBOURG A HISTORIC RESULT IN MOTOR SPORT.

A young international karting hopeful, the Luxembourger Maxime Furon-Castelain has just been confirmed in 3rd place in the final ranking of the 2020 FIA Karting Academy Trophy. This is a historic performance for the Grand Duchy in this world competition designed to reveal the best young motorsport talents from the five continents.

Since its creation in 2010, the FIA Karting Academy Trophy has offered a new formula where each driver between 12 and 14 years old, selected to represent his country, has to face his rivals with exactly the same equipment: chassis, engine and tyres are identical and drawn at random. More than 45 nations have been represented in this unique event in which pure talent is rewarded.

In 2020, Maxime managed to finish in the top three of this competition, which

has seen several Formula 1 drivers in the past achieve remarkable results. This includes Ferrari driver Charles Leclerc, winner in 2011, as well as the Renault Alpine driver Esteban Ocon, and Williams driver George Russell, as well as many other talents on the rise, currently racing in F2 or F3. Maxime is happy to have brought to his country, Luxembourg, his best result at this level and he is proud to be able to thank his federation, ACL Sport, for the confidence placed in him.

With several fastest laps in the three events of the FIA Karting Academy Trophy in 2020, Maxime started with a brilliant 2nd place in Adria in Italy during the opening event, before being handicapped by an engine failure in Genk in Belgium. Without missing a beat, he made an outstanding comeback during the last Final in Lonato in Italy and managed to reach the top five. This meant he secured his 3rd position in the overall classification, only one point behind the runner-up.



At 13 years old, Maxime has confirmed his status as a precocious talent in karting at international level. Fast and determined, he already shows excellent

maturity with a very promising start to his career. His racing intelligence and fighting spirit are serious assets for his future trajectory towards the

top of motorsport in the colours of Luxembourg.



# 50 NATIONS ENTERED IN THE 2021 FIA KARTING ACADEMY TROPHY

The 2021 FIA Karting Academy Trophy is now fully booked and the maximum number of 51 drivers has been quickly reached. Only one country, South Africa, has been able to enter two drivers with the participation of the female Tyler Jean Robinson on behalf of the Women in Motorsport Commission. 50 nations will therefore be represented this year, which is a record. Augustin Bernier will be defending the colours of France.

Several well-known names emerge from the lot, drivers who should be found at the top of the rankings such as Dion Gowda (SGP), Lucas Fluxa Cross (ESP), Maciej Gladysz (POL), Oscar Wurz (MCO) or Leo Robinson, a British rider under Algerian flag.

The one-design raffled karts will be Vortex-powered Exprit chassis supplied by OTK Kart Group with Bridgestone tyres.



## CALENDAR

FIND HERE THE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS. +

**1ST EVENT : 17 - 20 JUNE 2021,**  
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# THE QUEEN OF KARTING FAYE 'LADYBUG' PIERSON

11 July 1928 – 6 March 2021

**President Gary Crawford of the Vintage Kart Club of America has made the sad announcement that Faye 'Ladybug' Pierson, the Queen of Karting has passed away.**



Faye Pierson drove a kart for the very first time on Christmas Day 1957. Faye and her late husband Tom Pierson were initially introduced to karting by a neighbour who had purchased a kart kit as a Christmas gift for his teenage son. Tom Pierson kindly volunteered to help with the assemble of the kart and the two families went to a school parking lot in West Covina located within the greater Los Angeles area to experience karting for the first time that Christmas morning.

Once at the school car park everyone got to drive the kart. Faye just would not get off the tiny machine; driving it she later said was infectious. Faye was most definitely hooked that day on this new form of motorsport and soon her husband Tom was busy making karts for Faye and himself.

That was the very early days of karting in its birth place of Southern California and around the beginning of 1958 the Pierson's along with family friend Dick Geer started making karts in a semi professional manner in the Pierson's garage located in a Los Angeles suburb. The demand for the Pierson manufactured karts became so high that it was just not feasible to continue to make them in a domestic garage; a proper factory had to be sourced. Bug Engineering was formed and the Pierson kart manufacturing operations relocated to premises on Irwindale Avenue in the city of Azusa.

Previous to becoming a kart manufacturer Tom Pierson's business involved the distribution of the then Los Angeles Mirror-Times newspapers which incidentally was where Faye perfected the art of driving fast as she made daily wholesale paper deliveries not that she openly advocated speeding on the streets.

The first ever National kart races were scheduled to be held at the Go Kart Raceway during the summer of 1959. That year Bug team driver Dick Geer won the Grand National title and Faye set the fastest time in the A class qualifying beating the track record by one full second. Faye went on to win her first heat, broke her chassis in race two and placed second in heat three, taking second place overall. Actually Faye taking part in the racing at that time was a milestone. In America sixty years ago racing was a sport that considered women to be signs of bad luck especially if they were found in places where they could possibly interfere with operations. Faye recalled on an occasion being asked to leave the pits at Indianapolis for that very reason!

During the early days of karting at the start of the sixties decade Faye 'Ladybug' Pierson, as she was known and her Bug karts travelled extensively throughout the United States and as far away as Europe racing in England and Italy as part of the American karting team. Faye's trip to Milan, Italy, in 1961 allowed her to test drive the Parilla motor made by Giovanni Parrilla which was the first engine specifically made for karting; the motor was sold abroad as the Saetta kart engine. Faye later totally endorsed the engine in magazine adverts reporting that driving the Saetta was the most exciting experience she had encountered in kart performance at that time.

Back at the time of the English race, September 1961, she was one of only a few women to have her photo appear on the front page of the London Times. The photo, which also featured the World Champion at that time, teenager Bobby Allen, was snapped when the two disembarked together from the aircraft after landing in England on their way to the Banbury race at Shenington airfield.

Travelling by aircraft was something to which Faye was very much accustomed. Faye and husband Tom both held pilot licences and at weekends they would load her kart into the back of their Cessna and off she and Tom would go to wherever there was a kart race in the western part of the United States that warranted an appearance by Bug Karts.

Faye can most certainly be described as a pioneer of the sport because she was there at the beginning and thus instrumental in the involvement of women in karting. She was intelligent as well as being extremely easy on the eyes and soon she was appearing in television quiz shows filmed in studios associated with the Hollywood movie industry. Despite her celebrity status Faye remained a most approachable and helpful individual who always looked like a million Dollars.

Because of Faye's iconic status she was chosen in 1962 to participate in an experiment sponsored by an American motoring magazine to determine the capabilities of kart drivers in sports and Formula Junior cars. The driving took place at the now defunct Riverside International Raceway. Faye put in some scorching and faultless laps in a Lotus 20 and then repeated her performance in a Lotus Junior. A three litre Austin Healey sports car was unfortunately her undoing, she lost it in a big way in the fast 'S' section and wrote the Healey off. A broken jaw and facial lacerations requiring 300 stitches were treated at the local hospital and thanks to skilful surgery Faye was soon her smiling self again. The accident put an end to her racing career by orders from husband Tom.



Twenty four years later in 1986 she was back in a competition kart at a track in Redlands, California, to prove that neither gender nor age were limiting factors particularly in the world of karting; Faye finished fifth that day.

Since then a lot of water has flowed under the bridge at Bug Engineering. The manufacturing plant on Irwindale Avenue was relocated to a purpose built facility at 950 West Foothill Boulevard, Azusa, California. Sadly Faye's husband Tom died on 26 October 2000 leaving her solely in control helped by her sons Tommy and Jon. Not quite two decades later Faye had to deal with further bereavement when Tommy passed in September 2017.

From 1959 to 2014 the doors remained open at K & P Manufacturing the new name for Bug Engineering. During that time karts were manufactured across all the disciplines although a Bug was never homologated at the CIK. In the middle 1990's Bug produced a model known as the FF-1 which was influenced by European design of that time. Around then the company also represented Birel and for decades beginning in 1978 K & P also acted as distributors for Bridgestone kart tyres. Later the main business for K & P was tire sales plus manufacturing replica copies of the rear engine Bug Sprint chassis that was first introduced in the middle 1960's and the Stinger sidewinder kart from the early 1970's. As well the fabrication of associated parts sought after by vintage karting enthusiasts to keep their historic Bug karts running also featured as a prominent part of the business.

In the beginning the Bug title was actually arrived at after a brain storming exercise to come up with a

name for the Pierson kart; no suitable names were forthcoming and Faye was reported to have said that the exercise was bugging her hence the name Bug!

As the years rolled by Faye thought that she was pretty much done with racing karts competitively but her long time friend, the late Tom Medley, the well known hot rod and karting writer at Petersen Publications, encouraged her to get involved with vintage kart racing. Faye returned to competition at the late Gus Traeder's first Vintage Karting Olympics held at West Quincy, Missouri, in 2002. Since then she has been a regular on the Californian vintage kart scene and was guest of honour at the 2008 Numurkah Vintage Karting Grand Nationals held in Victoria, Australia. Faye has also on occasions attended Jeff Brown's vintage extravaganza held each year in June at Mark Dismore's pristine karting facility located at New Castle near Indianapolis.

For many years Faye hosted the karts of the Australian contingent who have competed at the Vintage Karting Association Reunion held each year during early February at the Adams Motorsport Park in Riverside, California. The event is actually called the Faye Pierson Vintage Kart Reunion in her honour. Faye generously allowed the Australians to use the Bug premises for their race preparation and helped with the transportation of their karts to and from the track.

Faye, who became a nonagenarian in 2018, was an inspiration to all who had been fortunate to have met her decided to finish up K & P as a manufacturing plant in the middle of 2014. Faye however had no intentions of disappearing from the American vintage karting scene; she retained

part of the upstairs level of the old Bug plant and turned that area into a private museum dedicated to Bug karts.

Faye's meritorious induction to the World Karting Association's Karting Hall of Fame in 1989 as well as her induction into the Karting Hall of Fame in Talladega, Georgia, is proudly recorded in a section of her museum. 'Ladybug' continued to participate at vintage karting events close to her Californian home right to the end.

The sport of karting gave Faye Pierson hundreds of fantastic stories and experiences collected across a sixty year period. The Adams event named after her will always be a lasting memorial to Faye 'Ladybug' Pierson the Queen of Karting.



*Deepest condolences are offered to her son Jon and the family circle.*

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## DEATH OF **ERIC STRAUSS**

A renowned driver in the 1980s and a much appreciated technician until the 2000s, the Alsace native Eric Strauss passed away on 12th March at the age of 52 after an illness that he faced with great courage and humility. His premature death has caused great emotion in the karting world. Kartcom joins the many expressions of sympathy and condolences sent to his family and friends.

Considered as one of the best drivers of his generation, Eric Strauss had competed for a long time against great figures such as Yvan Muller and Flavio Gallone. Brilliant in his region, he was then noticed at national level before showing his talent at international level. He then continued his career as a mechanic. Attached to the racing department of Swiss Hutless, he took care of Pierre Combot before dedicating his knowledge to the Braun Racing team for a decade. He supported drivers like Johan Charpilienne, Nathanaël Berthon and Pierre-Henri Nanot.

Gérard Braun is very moved and remembers his long silhouette, his discretion and his great skills. The drop in karting competitions at the beginning of the 2010s then took him away from the circuits.

Pascal Nanot, who knew him well, sums up his feelings in a tribute to Eric Strauss: *"Immense sadness at the departure of this great driver, great coach, great mechanic. A personality apart who will have marked all those who were close to him."*



# FIA KARTING ACADEMY TROPHY

**MACÉO CAPIETTO 2ND IN 2020,  
AUGUSTIN BERNIER IN CONTENTION  
FOR 2021**

Luxembourg's Maxime Furon-Castelain was disqualified from the final round of the FIA Academy Karting Trophy in Lonato in October 2020. The FIA International Court of Appeal has now upheld his appeal and the CIK-FIA has updated the results of the competition. As a result, French FFSA Espoir Karting Team driver Macéo Capietto has been reinstated in 2nd place in the overall ranking of the 2020 Trophy.

In 2021, Augustin Bernier, the younger brother of 2018 Junior World Champion Victor Bernier, will wear the colours of the FFSA Espoir Karting Team of France in the FIA Karting Academy Trophy. Soon to be 14 years old,

Augustin will also take part in the French Junior Karting Championship and will be followed by the FFSA Academy staff during the Academy Trophy events.



## 2021 FIA KARTING ACADEMY TROPHY CALENDAR :

**ROUND 1: 17 - 20 JUNE 2021,  
WACKERSDORF (DEU)**

**ROUND 2: 12 - 15 AUGUST 2021,  
ADRIA (ITA)**

**ROUND 3: 2 - 5 SEPTEMBER 2021,  
KRISTIANSTAD (SWE)**



# DORIANE PIN

## SECURES A 2021 RACING PROGRAMME WITH THE IRON DAMES

Doriane Pin, one of the four finalists in the inaugural FIA Girls on Track – Rising Stars programme, has become the second driver integrated into the Iron Dames stable.

After reaching the final stage of the first edition of FIA Girls on Track – Rising Stars hosted at the Ferrari Driver Academy, young French racer Doriane Pin continues to impress and has secured a drive in the 2021 Michelin Le Mans Cup as part of Deborah Mayer's innovative Iron Dames programme.

Such was the impression Doriane made on the experts at the Ferrari Driver Academy she, along with the two other finalists who finished runners-up to Maya Weug, were awarded a test session in a Ferrari 488 Challenge EVO. Doriane, who is the first to have undertaken the test, had the opportunity to shine once again a month ago at the Mugello circuit and the 17-year old demonstrated yet more potential with her commitment and speed.

After this successful debut with Iron Lynx, the team

invited her to the Circuit Paul Ricard for a three-day Ferrari 488 GT Evo test. The outfit, supported by Deborah Mayer and her Iron Dames women in motor sport project, has now offered Doriane a season in the 2021 Michelin Le Mans Cup alongside experienced Italian racer, Manuela Gostner, a member of the current Iron Dames line-up competing in this year's FIA World Endurance Championship.

*"We are extremely happy that Doriane is joining us,"* comments Deborah Mayer, project leader, Iron Dames. *"In Iron Lynx, Doriane will be surrounded by a group of amazing and very experienced drivers which is sure to help her integrate and develop within the GT environment. We look forward to seeing Doriane and Manuela racing together this year. We are sure that together, they will do a great job,"* she concluded.

Read the full article on [www.fia.com](http://www.fia.com).





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FIA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

# Meeting the Challenge

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# KEEPING KARTING ON TRACK

Published by the FIA, the magazine "Auto" covers all aspects of motor sport. In its recently published n°33, the FIA looks at the consequences of the pandemic in the organisation of the various World Championships. Karting has its place among the main disciplines of Formula 1, Rally, Formula E, Endurance and Rallycross.

**F**IA International Karting Commission President Felipe Massa looks back on a successful year for the discipline last year, despite the pandemic, and explains why there's a huge amount to be excited about in 2021.

**Can you give us an overview of 2020 and how karting was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic?**

- It is clear that the 2020 FIA Karting season was disrupted by the pandemic. Two events had to be cancelled, but the other seven were postponed or relocated. The majority of FIA Karting Championships and Trophies were held in good sporting conditions and guaranteed the value of the titles

awarded. The number of participants proved to be more than satisfactory in these circumstances. Like many other disciplines, the public was not able to attend the events, but we did our utmost to make up for this deficit with broadcasts on numerous television channels and on the internet, notably via social networks.

**How did the protocols put in place help and how satisfying was it to be able to hold the world finals in Portimão?**

- The rigorous infection-control protocol developed by the FIA and the Medical Commission headed by Professor Saillant was successfully applied to the Karting Competitions. It convinced the authorities of the countries hosting FIA

Karting events and ensured the safety of all those present at the circuits. Its efficiency has undeniably proved itself. The personal involvement of all the members of the sporting community has played a decisive role in the smooth running of the season.

We must thank the ASN of Portugal and the Portimão circuit for providing a setting that is equal to the challenges of the FIA Karting World Championships - OK and Junior. This event is one of the most important of the season and it would have been regrettable if it could not have taken place.









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# DEATH OF JEAN-PIERRE DESCHAMPS

A key figure in French karting for over thirty years, Jean-Pierre Deschamps passed away on Monday 5th April 2021 at the age of 75.

With a sociable nature and an entrepreneur at heart since his youth, Jean-Pierre Deschamps was interested in politics and played a regular role in municipal and regional institutions. A motor sport enthusiast, he has been involved in karting since the late 1960s. With his wife Marie-Noëlle, he founded the ASK Rosny 93 in 1988, which became one of the largest French clubs with prestigious events to its credit. Several 125 European Championships have been held on the Carole circuit, as well as a CIK-FIA World Championship and World Cup, in addition to the many national events organised by ASK Rosny. The club is also known for having supported a large number of drivers in their motor racing career.

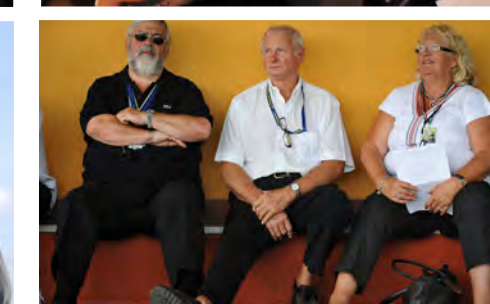
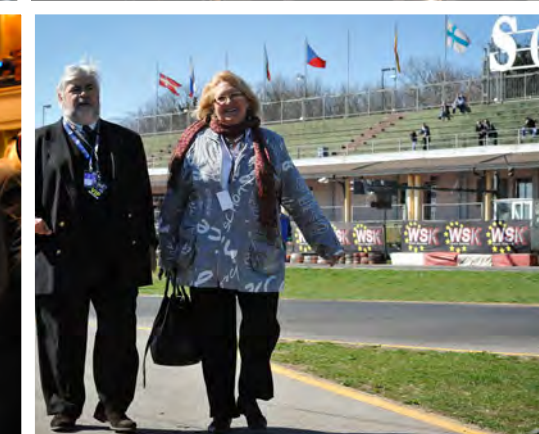
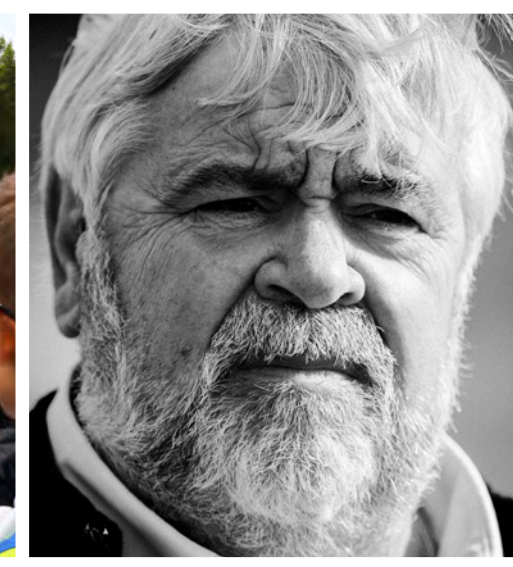
Jean-Pierre Deschamps has also been President of the Ile-de-France Karting League for nearly 25 years, and President of the Ile-de-France Regional Motor Sport Committee, President of the FFSA National Karting Commission, and FFSA representative on the FIA International Karting Commission. His merits have been recognised and rewarded several times: he was made a Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur in 2014.

The man whom Kees van De Grint, then vice-president of the CIK-FIA, described in 2016 as "Mr. Karting" and whose unfailing passion for motor sport he appreciated, was also a bon vivant, a lover of good food and good music, with a marked penchant for rock.

The whole team of KSP Reportages joins in the sorrow of his family, his two sons Alexandre and Raphaël, with a special thought for his wife Marie-Noëlle Deschamps who cannot be dissociated from the work of her husband.

Rest in peace Jean-Pierre

















# 2021 CALENDAR











## APRIL


05/04	 Nogaro	Championnat de France	F4
11/04	 Lonato	WSK – Euro Series	60 MINI / OK-JUNIOR / OK / KZ2
11/04	 Genk	Rotax Max Euro Trophy	MICRO MAX / MINI MAX / ROTAX JUNIOR / ROTAX MAX / DD2 / DD2 MASTER
18/04	 Jesolo	Campionato Italiano	KZ2 / IAME X30 / ROK
25/04	 Lonato	WSK – Super Master Series	60 MINI / OK-JUNIOR / OK / KZ2

## MAY










02/05	 Lonato	Trofeo Andrea Margutti	60 MINI / OK-JUNIOR / KZ2 / X30 JUNIOR / X30 SENIOR
02/05	 Genk	Champions of the Future	60 MINI / OK-JUNIOR / OK
09/05	 Adria	Campionato Italiano	KZ2 / IAME X30 / ROK
09/05	 Kerpen	Deutsche Kart Meisterschaft	OK-JUNIOR / OK / KZ2
16/05	 Genk	European Championship	OK / OK-JUNIOR
16/05	 Angerville	National Series Karting	MINIME / CADET / ROTAX MAX / ROTAX MASTER / DD2 / DD2 MASTER
23/05	 Zuera	IAME – Euro Series	X30 MINI / X30 JUNIOR / X30 SENIOR
23/05	 Val Vibrata	Campionato Italiano	KZN / MINI GR .3 / 60 MINI / IAME X30
30/05	 Aunay-les-Bois	European Championship	OK / OK-JUNIOR
30/05	 Adria	Rotax Max Euro Trophy	MICRO MAX / MINI MAX / ROTAX JUNIOR / ROTAX MAX / DD2 / DD2 MASTER

## JUNE













06/06	 La Hague	Championnat de France	JUNIOR
06/06	 Siena	Campionato Italiano	KZ2 / MINI GR .3 / 60 MINI / ROK
06/06	 Wackersdorf	Deutsche Kart Meisterschaft	OK-JUNIOR / OK / KZ2
13/06	 Adria	WSK – Euro Series	60 MINI / OK-JUNIOR / OK / KZ2
13/06	 Anneville	Championnat de France Endurance	MINIME / CADET / ESPOIR / ELITE
20/06	 Anneau du Rhin	Championnat de France	SUPERKART
20/06	 Wackersdorf	European Championship	KZ / KZ2
20/06	 Varennes / Allier	National Series Karting	MINIME / CADET / ROTAX MAX / ROTAX MASTER / DD2 / DD2 MASTER
20/06	 Sarno	Campionato Italiano	KZN / MINI GR .3 / 60 MINI / IAME X30 / OK / OK-JUNIOR
20/06	 Wackersdorf	Academy Trophy	ACADEMY

20/06	 Sarno	WSK – Euro Series	60 MINI / OK-JUNIOR / OK / KZ2
27/06	 Salbris	Championnat de France	JUNIOR
27/06	 Anneville	6 heures Nationale 2	NATIONALE 2 150 / NATIONALE 2 165

## JULY














04/07	 Le Mans	Championnat de France Endurance	MINIME / CADET / ESPOIR / ELITE
04/07	 La Conca	Campionato Italiano	KZ2 / MINI GR .3 / 60 MINI / IAME X30
11/07	 Hungaroring	Championnat de France	F4
11/07	 Sarno	European Championship	OK / OK-JUNIOR
18/07	 Mulsen	Rotax Max Euro Trophy	MICRO MAX / MINI MAX / ROTAX JUNIOR / ROTAX MAX / DD2 / DD2 MASTER
25/07	 Zuera	European Championship	OK / OK-JUNIOR
25/07	 Belmont sur Rance	Championnat de France	NATIONALE / KZ2 / KZ2 MASTER
25/07	 Belmont sur Rance	Trophée de France	KZ2 GENTLEMAN
31/07	 Le Mans	Rotax Max Challenge International Trophy	MICRO / MINI / JUNIOR / SENIOR / DD2 / DD2 MASTER

## AUGUST













01/08	 Anneville	Championnat de France Endurance	JUNIOR
01/08	 Genk	Deutsche Kart Meisterschaft	OK-JUNIOR / OK / KZ2
01/08	 Castelletto	IAME – Euro Series	X30 MINI / X30 JUNIOR / X30 SENIOR
08/08	 Valence	IAME – Euro Series	X30 JUNIOR / X30 SENIOR
15/08	 Adria	Academy Trophy	ACADEMY
15/08	 Adria	European Championship	KZ / KZ2
22/08	 Saint Amand	Championnat de France	JUNIOR / MINIME / CADET / FEMININE
29/08	 Ledenon	Championnat de France	F4
29/08	 Battipaglia	Campionato Italiano	KZ2 / KZN / MINI GR .3 / 60 MINI
29/08	 Le Mans	Championnat de France Endurance	ESPOIR / ELITE
29/08	 Genk	IAME – Euro Series	X30 MINI / X30 JUNIOR / X30 SENIOR
29/08	 Le Mans	24 heures Nationale 2	NATIONALE 2 150 / NATIONALE 2 165








SEPTEMBER

05/09		Kristianstad	International Super Cup	KZ2
05/09		Kristianstad	Academy Trophy	ACADEMY
05/09		Kristianstad	World Karting Championship	KZ
05/09		Wackersdorf	Rotax Max Euro Trophy	MICRO MAX / MINI MAX / ROTAX JUNIOR / ROTAX MAX / DD2 / DD2 MASTER
12/09		Pau Arnos	Championnat de France	SUPERKART
12/09		Mulsen	Deutsche Kart Meisterschaft	OK-JUNIOR / OK / KZ2
12/09		Pau Arnos	Championnat de France	KZ2 (LONG CIRCUIT) / KZ2 MASTER (LONG CIRCUIT)
12/09		Pau Arnos	Trophée de France	KZ2 GENTLEMAN (LONG CIRCUIT)
19/09		Salbris	National Series Karting	MINIME / CADET / ROTAX MAX / ROTAX MASTER / DD2 / DD2 MASTER
19/09		Lonato	WSK – Open Cup	60 MINI / OK-JUNIOR / OK / KZ2
26/09		Varennes/Allier	Championnat de France	HANDIKART / KZ2 / KZ2 MASTER
26/09		Monza	Championnat de France	F4
26/09		Varennes / Allier	Trophée de France	KZ2 GENTLEMAN

OCTOBER

03/10		Le Castellet (Auto)	Championnat de France	F4
03/10		Ampfing	Deutsche Kart Meisterschaft	OK-JUNIOR / OK / KZ2
03/10		Loheac	Championnat de France	MINIME / CADET / NATIONALE
03/10		Adria	WSK – Open Cup	60 MINI / OK-JUNIOR / OK / KZ2
10/10		Aunay-les-Bois	Championnat de France	JUNIOR
10/10		Ugento	Campionato Italiano	KZ2 / KZN / MINI GR .3 / 60 MINI / IAME X30
16/10		Lonato	ROK Cup International Final	MINI ROK / JUNIOR ROK / SENIOR ROK / SUPER ROK / EXPERT ROK / SHIFTER ROK
24/10		Le Mans (Auto)	European Championship	SUPERKART
24/10		Lonato	Trofeo delle Industrie	MINI / OK-JUNIOR / KZ2 / X30 JUNIOR / X30 SENIOR
24/10		Magny-Cours(Auto)	Championnat de France	F4
31/10		Birigui	World Karting Championship	OK / OK-JUNIOR
31/10		Arce	Campionato Italiano	KZ2 / KZN / MINI GR .3 / 60 MINI / IAME X30

NOVEMBER

07/11		Angerville	6 heures Nationale 2	NATIONALE 2 150 / NATIONALE 2 165
07/11		Angerville	Championnat de France Endurance	MINIME / CADET / ESPOIR / ELITE
14/11		Lonato	Winter Cup	MINI ROK / OK-JUNIOR / OK / KZ2
21/11		Lyon	Championnat de France	KZ2 (LONG CIRCUIT) / KZ2 MASTER (LONG CIRCUIT)
21/11		Adria	WSK – Final Cup	60 MINI / OK-JUNIOR / OK / KZ2
21/11		Lyon	Trophée de France	KZ2 GENTLEMAN (LONG CIRCUIT)

DECEMBER

11/12		Sakhir	Rotax Challenge Grand Finals	MICRO MAX / MINI MAX / ROTAX JUNIOR / ROTAX SENIOR / DD2 / DD2 MASTER / THUNDER
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# INTERVIEW WITH PAUL BIZALION

## Hello Paul, how are you doing in March 2021?

- As the owner of CPB Sport, I am happy with the first competitions of 2021 in Italy. On a personal level, I am gradually recovering from Covid-19. I would just like to testify that it is a very painful disease, even when you are lucky enough to have your body resist with all its strength as it did for me. It was a really difficult experience. I still feel tired, but I am recovering well. As a result, I am more aware than ever of the health rules, the only way we can live almost normally until mass vaccination takes effect. In particular, I am inclined to be even more cautious and strict with my family and my team.

## How does the 2021 season look for CPB Sport?

- First of all you have to take into account that KZ/KZ2 is becoming more and more competitive. I am delighted to see the sporting involvement of factories like CRG, KR and Parolin in addition to Birel ART and Lennox Racing. I am particularly pleased to see CRG back at the top level. The fact that the big manufacturers are focusing on

KZ is very good news for the future.

In this very competitive context, we have to redouble our efforts, but we are already well established as shown by our performances in Adria during the first two WSK events. Adrien Renaudin took pole position and finished 2nd in the WSK Champions Cup, while Senna Van Walstijn took 5th place with the fastest lap in the race in the Final of the first round of the WSK Super Master Series the following week. A good number of our drivers managed to qualify for the Finals each time.

After another victory in the Grifone Trophy in Sarno, we left the third WSK Super Master with many regrets. Senna and Adrien three times set the fastest time in the heats, Adrien was again fastest in the Prefinal. We definitely had the speed to be on the podium in the Final, but the ups and downs of the competition decided otherwise.

The most important thing at the beginning of the season is that the work done by Sodikart this year has given us very competitive equipment. The

equipment and the personnel are in place, we have strong potential and we are confident this season.

## Tell us about your new organisation with the Sodikart factory.

- CPB Sport is now in charge of the sporting side of the Sodi Racing Team in KZ. The Sodikart factory concentrates on the technical development in collaboration with our feedback from the track. Things went very well for the two official Sodi drivers, Adrien Renaudin and Bas Lammers. Bas returned to competition in the Super Master after little recent driving. His mission during the Champions Cup was to coach the Juniors and the Mini Sodikart. I am sure he will be in great shape during the big FIA Karting events along with Adrien.

## What about the CPB Sport KZ2 team?

- We have already mentioned the confirmation of Senna Van Walstijn's talent. Behind our top seed, I am pleased to note that Thomas Imbourg has made great progress in Adria.



Jean Nomblot has started his international preparation phase and Lev Lomko has a significant programme this year. Marco Valenti, our Italian driver, is very motivated for the big FIA Karting events while Arthur Carbonnel has focused his programme on the German DKM Championship. Alongside Brad Benavides, Danny Ferrer is a Spanish driver who is discovering the top level with great determination to make progress. Jovan Pavicevic will join us this summer, mainly for the races in Lonato. Damien Vallar will be racing internationally, as well as in the French nationals. Yohan Sanchez and the Leder brothers, Sébastien and Gregory, are racing a KZ2 programme in France, but it is not impossible that they will occasionally try their luck in international races.

### What is your analysis of the current sporting environment?

- I am naturally optimistic and I think that vaccination will start to take effect by mid-season. I hope that 2022 will be the year of renewal, but 2021 must also be a year of gradual recovery. Everyone in international karting must join forces to ensure that the races take place. It is true that the conditions are not ideal, with strict sanitary rules such as PCR tests and the absence of the public if necessary, but it is very important for the future of the teams that the races can take place.

I can understand the difficulties faced by the organisers of FIA Karting events and that postponements are necessary. I regret that there is not more consultation between the various stakeholders and

promoters to harmonise the calendar a little better, even though I know that it is not easy. I would like to pay tribute to the efficiency of WSK Promotion which manages to organise competitions against all odds with 350 drivers in really not easy conditions. I admire their work. It is a very positive point for the economic model of the teams, because it allows us to continue working.



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## WSK CHAMPIONS CUP ADRIA

### KEY POINTS

#### ORGANISER

WSK Promotion

#### LOCATION

Adria Karting Raceway,  
Italie – 1302 m

#### DATE

18th to 21th February 2021

#### ENTRIES

337 drivers - 4 categories

Date postponed by four weeks due to the pandemic • Directly following the WSK collective tests • Record field for the Champions Cup • Vega tyres in Mini, OK-Junior and KZ2 • LeCont tyres in OK • Interesting races • Good weather



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# POLE POSITION FOR **RENAUDIN** AND VICTORY FOR **GUSTAVSSON**

**KZ2**

The official Sodi Racing Team driver Adrien Renaudin (Sodi/TM) started the meeting on pole position and remained the leader at the end of the heats. A bad start in Prefinal A allowed Leclerc by Lennox Racing driver Viktor Gustavsson (Birel ART/TM) to win, while Parolin Motorsport driver Francesco Celenta (Parolin/TM) won Prefinal B.

Gustavsson led the Final from start to finish and won the race ahead of Renaudin, who came back from 4th place. Juho Valtanen (KR/TM) overtook Celenta for 3rd place and Pedro Hiltbrand (Tony Kart/Vortex) secured 5th place ahead of Simo Puhakka (Tony Kart/Vortex).







OK

# VICTORY FOR THE BRAZILIAN CAMARA

Poleman Arvid Lindblad (KR/lame) was overtaken by Rafael Camara (KR/lame) in the heats, with Brando Badoer (KR/lame) in 2nd place. Andrea Kimi Antonelli (KR/lame) made a winning comeback in Prefinal A while Ugo Ugochukwu (KR/lame) won Prefinal B. Antonelli dominated most of the Final, but Camara battled with Ugochukwu for 2nd place and took the lead with four laps to go. He narrowly beat Antonelli and Lindblad finished 3rd, well ahead of Tuukka Taponen (Tony Kart/Vortex) and Artem Severiukhin (Tony Kart/Vortex).





# OK-JUNIOR

Maksim Orlov (Parolin/TM) battled with Nakamura for 2nd place in the early stages of the race, but it was Keeble who finished 3rd behind the Japanese driver. Maksimilian Popov (Tony Kart/Vortex) took 4th place ahead of Orlov. Enzo Deligny (Parolin/TM) was close to the top 10.





# RENÉ LAMMERS IN THE LEAD

MINI

The top driver of the Baby Race Academy team René Lammers (Parolin/Iame) quickly regained the lead over poleman Emanuele Olivieri (IPK/TM) in the heats and continued his winning streak until the Final.

Olivieri took 2nd place ahead of Tiziano Monza (KR/Iame). Christian Costoya, who didn't set a Qualifying time, made an incredible comeback and finished 4th in the Final with a total gain of 109 places. Jan Przyrowski (Parolin/TM) remained in the top five.





# birelART

## THE 2021 SEASON STARTS IN ADRIA

The first competition of the 2021 season, the WSK Champions Cup allowed Birel ART Racing to debut its team on the Adria Karting Raceway in the presence of a record number of participants. In Mini, the largest category, Van Langendonk did very well to reach 6th position in the Final. Spigel showed excellent competitiveness in the Junior class, and Kucharczyk adapted perfectly to the OK category, as did Thanapongpan in KZ2.



Luca Filini, Team Manager of Birel ART Racing, gave an encouraging assessment of this first meeting of the year: "On a technical level, our work during the off-season enabled us to be fully competitive in all categories. On the other hand, the particular situation of the ongoing pandemic has limited the running for the drivers, some of whom need more time to use their machines optimally. The performance of our new recruit in Mini, Dries Van Langendonk, closely supported by Alessandro Manetti, was exciting. With his 6th fastest time, Tymoteusz Kucharczyk showed that he could be relied on in OK. The rookies still have to work hard in the Junior category, but Matteo Spigel completed some nice races. In KZ2, we didn't have many drivers this time, but Douglas Lundberg showed an excellent standard. We salute the magnificent victory of Viktor Gustavsson on a Birel ART chassis from the Leclerc by Lennox Racing team. We look forward to continuing the season with all our drivers to develop our strategy in all categories."



In KZ2, Birel ART Racing fielded the Thai driver Sutumno Thanapongpan, whose steady progression in his first race at the wheel of a gearbox kart saw him reach the Final. The Swede Douglas Lundberg, in the colours of Renda Motorsport, drove convincing races, often in the top five and 10th in the intermediate classification. An incident in the Prefinal deprived him of a well deserved Final. With the victory of Viktor Gustavsson from the Leclerc by Lennox Racing team and eight Birel ART chassis in the Final, the Lissone brand has already presented itself as one of the protagonists of the season.

Tymoteusz Kucharczyk showed promising control from his first race of the season in OK. After having set the 6th fastest lap time, he continued to be at the front

of the field at the wheel of his RK / TM Racing machine, fighting for the top 10. Cristian Bertucca took advantage of his experience to move up from 33rd position to 15th in the Final classification. Max Angelard and Nicolay Violentii learned a lot in this opening race.

All three of them moving up from 60 Mini, the young recruits Salim Hanna Hernandez, Keeren Thijs and Kimi Tani were immediately confronted with a field of more than 100 drivers in OK-Junior, which didn't make their first steps in the category any easier. Matteo Spigel took advantage of his experience to complete an interesting course that allowed him to qualify for the Final.

In the Mini, the development work carried

out on the Birel ART chassis paid off. The young Belgian Dries Van Langendonk proved to be extremely competitive. After his 2nd fastest time in Qualifying among 116 drivers, he confirmed his talent with a victory and two 2nd places in the heats, even though he was delayed twice. He made an incredible 16-place comeback in the Prefinal and fought relentlessly in the Final to finish in a promising 6th position. Together with Alessandro Manetti, Birel ART Racing has a definite asset to succeed this year in Mini.

The Birel ART Racing Team will be completed on the Adria Karting Raceway for the first meeting of the WSK Super Master Series that will take place next weekend, from February 25th to 28th.



# PAROLIN

## FIRST RACE AND FIRST VICTORY ALREADY!

The Parolin Motorsport team played a major role in the WSK Champions Cup in Adria and intends to remain a strong team throughout the year. Competitive in all categories, the Italian team won the OK-Junior Final with the promising Emirati Rashid Al Dhaheeri, while the return of an official Parolin-TM Racing team in KZ2 resulted in a remarkable performance by Francesco Celenta. In the icing on the cake, the Parolin chassis won in 60 Mini thanks to the Dutchman Rene Lammers from the Baby Race Academy team.

From the first race of the season, the Parolin Motorsport team confirmed its great international ambitions in 2021. Solidly supervised by high quality technical staff and equipped with perfectly developed machinery after hard development work over these last weeks, the drivers were able to give their best on the Adria International Raceway.

### OK-JUNIOR: IMPRESSIVE AL DHAHERI

Rashid Al Dhaheeri, a benchmark driver in Mini at the wheel of his Parolin-TM, has confirmed his promising debut in OK-Junior during the second part of the 2020 season. The young Emirati took the lead in the WSK Champions Cup after a sensational run in the heats (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1st and 2nd). The rest of the competition confirmed his grip on the pack, with relentless domination both in the

Prefinal and in the Final. 5th after the heats, 2nd in his Prefinal and 5th in the Final, the Russian Maksim Orlov was also brilliant in Adria, while the Frenchman Enzo Deligny (11th) completed the remarkable overall performance of the Parolin Motorsport team after a comeback of eight places! Luxembourg driver Guillaume Bouzar came back from 32nd to 23rd position. 3rd in his group in Free Practice, the American Kai Sorensen unfortunately didn't succeed in Timed Practice.

### OK: WHARTON AT THE FRONT

James Wharton and his team were not rewarded for their efforts in Adria, even though the competition had got off to a very encouraging start. The Australian placed 9th in the Qualifying Heats after a clear round (3rd, 7th and 4th). Wharton was even in 4th position at the beginning of the Prefinal, but the expected result flew away in the Final after a retirement in the opening laps. Still a Junior in 2020, the Italian Valerio Rinicella made a big impression by managing to get into the top five in one of the heats.

Mexican Jesse Alejandro Carrasquedo has learned a lot for his debut in this difficult category. Finally, the Italian Danny Carenini and the Czech Jiri Becicka (Parolin Racing CZ team) had the honour of qualifying for the Final of this race which was at a particularly high level.

### KZ2: CELENTA VERY COMPETITIVE

For his comeback in the Parolin Motorsport colours, Francesco Celenta was one of the most prominent drivers of the meeting, with two victories in the Qualifying Heats and a magnificent success in the Prefinal. He remained a contender for the podium in the Final for a long time, before crossing the finish line in 4th position after some fine duels that allowed the Italian and his team to look forward to an excellent

2021 season. The Parolin chassis designed for the gearbox categories also showed strong potential with Slavik Putiatin. The Ukrainian driver increased his power during the meeting. He came back to 18th in the Final, before dropping back seven places after a spoiler penalty.

### 60 MINI: WHAT A COMEBACK FOR COSTOYA!

The Parolin brand remains the reference for the youngest drivers. The Italian chassis was still the best represented of this magnificent line-up of 116 participants, in addition to taking three places in the top five in the Final. In addition to the victory for Rene Lammers (Baby Race Academy) and 5th position of Jan Przyrowsky (AV Racing), Christian Costoya Sanabria achieved a major comeback. Relegated to

113th position in Timed Qualifying due to a problem, he then gained 99 places during the weekend and took 4th place under the chequered flag with panache. Although the Swede Oliver Kinnmark wasn't rewarded after several excellent performances in the heats, the American Matias Orjuela completed a fine competition in Adria, finishing in 13th position in the Final, up from 20th. As for the Lithuanian Simas Baciуска and the Italian Angelo Blanco, they are certain to improve their positions in the upcoming races.







# GOOD START WITH 2ND PLACE FOR RENAUDIN IN THE WSK CHAMPIONS CUP



Postponed by a few weeks for safety reasons, the WSK Champions Cup has just launched the international season on the Italian circuit of Adria with more than 335 participants from 51 countries. Adrien Renaudin of the Sodi Racing Team never left the top three in the KZ2 category before finishing in 2nd position. Five of the eight CPB Sport drivers qualified for the Final and Arthur Carbonnel reached 8th place. Meanwhile, under the responsibility of Jean-Philippe Guignet, the youngsters experienced a baptism of fire in the official Sodikart structure, with the chance to benefit from the advice of Bas Lammers.

Julien Dexmier, manager of the Sodi Racing Team, commented: "The weekend proved to be very interesting with strong participation. The circuit of Adria is very particular, especially with its bumpy track, and does not favour our chassis, especially for the younger ones. Nevertheless, the work done at the end of last season paid off and the performance was already there. In KZ2, the close collaboration with CPB Sport is perfectly effective. Adrien Renaudin had a very good, calm meeting. All of the CPB Sport drivers were satisfied with the competitiveness



of their equipment. We can regret that the crash in the Final for the very fast Senna Van Walstijn prevented him from fighting for the podium in the end. The 8th place for Arthur Carbonnel confirms his strong potential. In the Junior class, our drivers still lack experience, but the equipment works well and they are there to learn. Finally, Louis Cochet's speed in Mini was really good for an almost novice driver, which is very encouraging for the future."

## RENAUDIN ALREADY IN GREAT SHAPE

Adrien Renaudin immediately revealed himself as one of the best KZ2 drivers of

the WSK Champions Cup which gathered 54 riders for the opening of the season. The 2018 European Champion started by taking pole position and continued at the head of the Qualifying Heats. Slightly delayed at the start of his Prefinal, he fought valiantly in the Final to come back to 2nd position on the finish line. Adrien therefore revealed his competitiveness and that of his Sodi / TM Racing from his first competition, a strong sign for the 2021 season that is about to begin.



## CPB SPORT MAINTAINS ITS EXCELLENT REPUTATION

Making common cause with Adrien Renaudin, the eight drivers entered in the Sodi / TM Racing karts of Paul Bizalion's team were able to take advantage of top class equipment. The Dutchman Senna Van Walstijn was 7th fastest in the Timed Qualifying sessions and was fighting for 4th place in the Final when an incident caused him to drop back and deprived him of a possible battle for the podium. There is still one driver left to watch this season. Arthur Carbonnel managed to come back to 3rd in his Prefinal before finishing in a very promising 8th place in the Final. Starting far back, Thomas Imbourg completed the best race of his young career in KZ2 thanks to his last

two heats in the top 10. He continued to improve in the Final stages and finished in 16th position. Brad Benavides had started strongly and finished 9th after the heats, but he had to retire in the Final, as did Marco Valenti.

## BAPTISM OF FIRE IN OK-JUNIOR

As Jean-Philippe Guignet expected, the first race for the young OK-Junior recruits wasn't easy. The management of Qualifying with only two laps to use the tyres is not yet familiar to them. The intensity of the battles in the pack is another parameter to be integrated for them. Cathal Clark didn't start as far back as his team-mates and he was able to reach the Prefinal despite some difficult laps. Arthur Dorison was

burdened with three spoiler penalties, while Nathan Tye Jnr. made a good comeback after two retirements.

## INTERESTING DEBUT IN MINI

Louis Cochet did well in his first international event. Despite his limited experience in racing, he showed good speed in a category new to Sodikart.

The Sodi drivers will be back on track in Adria next weekend for the start of the WSK Super Master Series. This time Bas Lammers will be racing alongside Adrien Renaudin to prepare the European KZ Championship, which will start in Adria in two months time.



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## AN ENCOURAGING RETURN FOR **JAMES WHARTON**

James Wharton returned to competition with great excitement and determination at the WSK Champions Cup at the beginning of 2021. On the international circuit of Adria in Italy, the Australian immediately took the lead in the OK category. The driver from the Ferrari Driver Academy and the Parolin Motorsport Srl team showed he would be a force to be reckoned with in 2021.

**P**reparation for the new season started under excellent auspices for James Wharton. After some hard and fruitful winter tests, he immediately found himself in the leading group of the WSK Champions Cup as soon as the Timed Practice sessions started, with 10th position out of a total of 66 participants. "I was very happy to get back into the racing atmosphere with the Parolin Motorsport team," James admitted. "We've known each other for more than a year and a half, some habits have been created and that enables us to react quickly to find the best solutions to move forward."

### **A CLEAR ROUND DURING THE QUALIFYING PHASE**

In Adria, four heats per driver were on the programme for OK, and James Wharton managed to put together a brilliant phase with four solid results in 3rd, 7th and 4th place. "We used these qualifications to work on fine-tuning the equipment and to develop

our Parolin-TM Racing package. However, I wasn't completely satisfied with our speed during the heats."

In the Prefinal, the 15-year-old Australian made an excellent start to the race. Starting in 5th place, he quickly found himself in 4th position, before being attacked by equally competitive opponents. "I tried to keep my place, but the last laps were difficult and I had to settle for 8th place, which only put me in 15th position on the starting grid for the Final."

Once again, James made a good start and soon found himself in 12th position. Unfortunately, a technical problem forced him to retire halfway through the race. "I would have liked to repeat my successful top five in the Junior class in 2019 in this WSK Champions Cup, but it wasn't possible this season. However, I am not worried. There are still several races to go before the start of the European Championship and I know that with the Parolin Motorsport team we have great potential. Personally, I also want to show the Ferrari Driver Academy and Nicolas Todt from All Road Management that they were right to trust me."





# RFM

RICKY FLYNN MOTORSPORT

## FIRST POLE POSITION AT THE OPENING OF THE SEASON IN ADRIA



Ricky Flynn Motorsport fielded six Junior drivers at the start of the first race of the year from February 19th to 21th, 2021. The WSK Champions Cup had been preceded by several practice sessions and two days of collective testing. The Kosmic / Vortex / Vega karts from the British team were very well prepared to start the season and they showed it with a pole position for Maxim Rhem, followed by three victories in the Qualifying Heats. The competition was tough in Adria and only Freddie Slater was able to continue until the end by finishing 8th in the Final.



A newcomer to the RFM team, the German Maxim Rhem made a big impression by taking pole position in the Timed Qualifying heats, followed by three victories in the Qualifying Heats. He was delayed by a crash in the battle of his second heat, but he was still 12th in the intermediate classification. Unfortunately, an agitated Prefinal and a spoiler penalty prevented him from reaching the Final and taking advantage of his strong potential.

Despite a retirement in his fourth heat, reigning World Champion Freddie Slater was able to come back to 3rd place in his Prefinal. He fought hard in the top five of the Final before finishing in 8th position. After a retirement in the first heat, French rookie Maxens Verbrugge scored two top three finishes and reached 13th place in his Prefinal. He had regained seven places when an incident stopped his progression on the penultimate lap of the Final. The Singaporean driver

Dion Gowda showed himself to be very fast in the top 10 of his Prefinal and had some solid races. Unfortunately, an incident put him out of the race on the first lap of the Final. Delayed in the tough battles in the middle of the pack in the heats, Edgar Anpilogov and Tobias Clausen were not able to qualify for the Final.

RFM will be back on track in Adria next weekend for the opening of the WSK



# MAXENS VERBRUGGE

## A VERY POSITIVE FIRST RACE WITH RFM

Maxens Verbrugge will be competing in his second season in OK-Junior in 2021. He recently joined his new team, Ricky Flynn Motorsport, with great pleasure. The first competition has just taken place at the Adria circuit with the WSK Champions Cup and the young driver and his family have returned from Italy very excited and looking forward to the WSK Super Master Series in Sarno in a month's time.

Although Maxens' performance was more than convincing, it was the professionalism and warm welcome of the RFM team that made the biggest impression. *"I was blown away by the way the team works,"* said his father. *"Everything is done calmly, everyone knows what they have to do. I saw the mechanics helping each other to start dismantling Maxens' kart only a few minutes before the start of a race. And he crossed the finish line in 1st place! I'm more of a worrier, but this was a stress-free weekend! The organisation is impressive. There is a lot of work on the data which is shared between everyone. The atmosphere is also excellent between the team members who are all treated equally. The engine manufacturer, One Engines, is very present and often comes to make sure that everything is going well. I don't regret having placed Maxens with RFM, it's an exceptional team."*

Maxens immediately felt confident and found his

bearings from his first runs at the wheel of his Kosmic/Vortex. Despite his age of just 12 years old, he showed a very good standard of performance in Adria. 21st in Qualifying, among 101 participants, he unfortunately started with a retirement, with heavy consequences for the ranking, at the very beginning of the first heat during an unavoidable collision. Maxens then went on to complete three good races and finished with a win on the track in the last one, which turned into a 3rd place after a spoiler penalty. In the Final he fought his way back up to 20th position for a long time. He was caught up in a collision with a kart that had stopped on the track a few dozen metres from the finish line, which he would have been able to cross in 19th position without this incident.

The extremely positive results of this first race mean we can predict good progress this year in OK-Junior for young Maxens.





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## KEY POINTS

### ORGANISER

WSK Promotion

### LOCATION

Adria Karting Raceway,  
Italy - 1302 m

### DATE

25th to 28th February 2021

### ENTRIES

343 drivers - 4 categories

One week after the WSK Champions Cup •  
Record number of participants • 112 more  
drivers than in 2020 • Strong presence of  
factory teams in KZ2 • Vega tyres in Mini,  
OK-Junior and KZ2 • LeCont tyres in OK •  
Same winners as in the Champions Cup •  
Exciting races



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# LAMMERS WINS AGAIN

Gerasim Skulanov (CRG/TM) took pole position in the 116-member field, but René Lammers (Parolin/lame) climbed from his 25th in Qualifying to 1st place in the heats ahead of Christian Costoya (Parolin/TM) and Jan Przyrowski (Parolin/TM). Lammers continued his celebration by winning his Prefinal and the Final. Przyrowski fought until the end to finish 2nd by 49 thousandths and Skulanov completed the podium. Tiziano Monza confirmed his performance in 4th position ahead of Iacopo Martinese (Parolin/TM). Jimmy Helias (Tony Kart/Vortex) finished just outside the top ten.

## WSK SUPER MASTER SERIES MINI PROVISIONAL STANDINGS

1	René Lammers (NLD)	90 points
2	Jan Przyrowski (POL)	58 points
3	Gerasim Skulanov (RUS)	57 points
4	Emanuel Olivieri (ITA)	29 points
5	Tiziano Monza (SGP)	28 points





# OK-JUNIOR

### WSK SUPER MASTER SERIES OKJ PROVISIONAL STANDINGS

<b>1</b>	Rashid Al Dhaheri (ARE)	89 points
<b>2</b>	Freddie Slater (GBR)	55 points
<b>3</b>	Gustaw Wisniewski (POL)	50 points
<b>4</b>	Maxim Rehm (DEU)	38 points
<b>5</b>	Matheus Ferreira (BRA)	25 points







# CAMARA REMAINS THE BOSS

The competition was more competitive in OK than the previous week. Brando Badoer (KR/Iame) took pole position, while Arvid Lindblad (KR/Iame) took the lead in the heats and won Prefinal A. Rafael Camara (KR/Iame) was a regular in the top two and won Prefinal B. Lindblad retired at the start of the Final, Ugo Ugochukwu (KR/Iame) was leading at the halfway point, but Camara then took the lead and won with the fastest lap in the race almost 1.5" ahead of Edoardo Villa (TB Kart/TM) who had taken the lead over Ugochukwu. Nikola Tsolov (KR/Iame) finished 4th and Tymoteusz Kucharczyk (RK/TM) 5th. Evan Giltair (KR/Iame) was 16th.

<b>1</b>	Rafael Camara (BRA)	89 points
<b>2</b>	Edoardo Villa (ITA)	58 points
<b>3</b>	Ugo Ugochukwu (USA)	47 points
<b>4</b>	Arvid Lindblad (GBR)	40 points
<b>5</b>	Nikola Tsolov (BGR)	26 points



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# birelART

## ADRIA 2021, EPISODE 2: BIREL ART PREPARES FOR THE FUTURE



The Birel ART Racing team entered the second international event of the season, the first of the four competitions of the WSK Super Master Series with an almost complete line-up of 17 drivers. Longhi in KZ2, Kucharczyk in OK and Van Langendonck in Mini were able to put in top performances, in the top five, or very close, while the field had strengthened even more since the WSK Champions Cup of the previous week. Birel ART Racing can confidently continue its preparation phase for the big events of 2021.

**"T**he debut of our main KZ2 drivers on the scene went very well," confided team manager Luca Filini. "Riccardo Longhi immediately proved to be very competitive, Giuseppe Palomba wasn't far behind and Alessio Piccini quickly adapted to his new equipment before finishing in 10th position. On a Birel ART chassis with the Leclerc by Lennox Racing team, Viktor Gustavsson

took another very convincing victory. Tymoteusz Kucharczyk confirmed his mastery in OK with a top five as reward, whereas Cristian Bertuca was on a very good rhythm until the beginning of the Final and Matheus Morgatto was back in competition after a long break. Our Junior drivers continue to develop their experience at this level and our Mini, Dries Van Langendonck, continues to make sparks fly. The technical staff are

*hard at work and we are confident for the rest of the season, especially for the next WSK Super Master Series event in a fortnight time in La Conca where KZ2 will not be present."*

Despite a less flattering time than in the WSK Champions Cup, Dries Van Langendonck once again reached 6th position in the Final against 115 opponents in Mini. Thanks to regular finishes in the top five of the heats, twice 3rd and once 2nd, and two fastest laps in the race, the driver supported by Alessandro Manetti was able to fight brilliantly in the leading group in the Final stages.

The Swiss driver Ekaterina Luescher, selected by the Richard Mille Young Talent Academy, joined the other drivers of the Birel ART Racing team. She demonstrated a strong and promising attacking spirit in the highly competitive heats. Her team-mates were also continuing their apprenticeship at the top level in the middle of the pack after promising qualifications. Matteo Spigel and Kimi Tani managed to qualify in the Final.

At the wheel of his RK / TM, Tymoteusz Kucharczyk inspired the Birel ART camp with a very convincing performance in the top five of the OK category. Cristian Bertuca wasn't to be outdone and fought in the top 10 in the Final before having to retire. The Brazilian Matheus Morgatto found his bearings again after complicated Qualifying and heats. He made a 12-place comeback in the Final and reached 12th place for his first outing of the year. Nicolay Violentii and Max Angelard registered clear progress in the heats compared to the WSK Champions Cup.





The KZ2 field was both more extensive, with 71 drivers, and more challenging with the presence of the top KZ specialists. Birel ART was the best represented brand with more than a quarter of the total entries. Riccardo Longhi immediately regained his ease in the race by finishing 3rd three times in the heats with a fastest time. He fought for a long time in the top five of the Final before finishing in

entries. Riccardo Longhi immediately regained his ease in the race by finishing 3rd three times in the heats with a fastest time. He fought for a long time in the 6th position. Alessio Piccini made an excellent debut with Birel ART as he progressed from 29th position in the heats to the Final top 10.

Giuseppe Palomba was also on a good pace already in Qualifying and he was able to finish in 12th position with a gain of five places in the Final. Within Team Renda Motorsport, Douglas Lundberg took 14th position despite some setbacks in the heats. Austrian Marcus Funda took the measure of his new chassis to make an overall comeback of 12 places during the meeting with his 27th position in the

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# LeCont

## ***PARTNERS WITH WSK PROMOTION IN OK IN 2021***

For the first time in its history, LeCont has been chosen as the official tyre distributor for all the WSK events of the season in the OK category. For the Italian manufacturer, this is further proof of the high level of performance and consistency of its products, as well as its ability to supply major championships.

**W**SK Promotion is one of the most reputable organisers on the international scene and LeCont will once again have the honour of working with this renowned partner. "A few years ago, LeCont equipped the 60 Mini class," says Paolo Bombara, marketing manager at LeCont. "Last year, Luca De Donno and his team trusted us to supply the OK drivers for the WSK Euro Series. We are proud that WSK wants to continue this successful collaboration and it shows that we have met the requirements. I think that the performance of our tyres seen during the WSK Euro Series and also at the 2020 FIA Karting Championships in OK and OK-Junior only strengthened

the choice of the WSK management for 2021, which was made even before the result of the CIK-FIA call for tenders. In OK, the races are of an incredibly high standard. The world's best hopefuls and the most prestigious teams are involved, they need a high quality product and service."

### **PERFORMANCE AND CONSISTENCY IN ADRIA**

This new year has therefore started with intensity for LeCont, as the "Prime" type tyres from the Italian brand have

been used by the OK drivers as soon as the WSK Champions Cup, then a week later at the first of the four events of the WSK Super Master Series, each time in Italy on the Adria Karting Raceway.

"These tyres have largely proved their worth since their homologation on 1st January 2020 and have once again given the competitors complete satisfaction," continued Paolo Bombara. "These early season races are nevertheless difficult for drivers and teams, because the track does not yet offer the grip that it will for the spring or summer events. Nevertheless, the gaps were extremely small between the many participants, both in Timed Practice and in the races. The lap times remained very fast from Friday morning to Sunday. I would like to congratulate all the drivers and especially the Brazilian Rafael Camara who won both races. Other very demanding circuits such as La Conca, Sarno or Lonato are still to come and we will once again meet the expectations of our customers with professionalism."



## REMAINING IN AN INNOVATIVE DYNAMIC

As every year, LeCont will continue to pay close attention to the quality of its products, the stability of its production and its pace of delivery. The Covid-19 pandemic has led LeCont to think differently in order to best adapt to the current situation. "Contrary to previous years, we are not taking part in FIA Karting events in 2021 and very naturally we respect the CIK-FIA's choices following calls for tenders. It is normal that the manufacturers chosen are not always the same each year. The wheel is turning, but this will not prevent us from focusing on the championships in the various geographical areas in which we are involved, and continuing our development for the future. LeCont still has many challenges ahead... As our company's motto says "the best is yet to come".







# ANOTHER VICTORY AND IMPROVED PERFORMANCE IN ADRIA IN WSK SUPER MASTER



A week after the WSK Champions Cup, the Parolin Motorsport team completed an even more satisfactory event during the opening round of the WSK Super Master Series on the circuit of Adria. With an even larger, and even tougher field, the official Parolin drivers scored very consistent results. Al Dhaheri took a second victory in OK-Junior, Celenta mounted the KZ2 podium, and several Mini drivers had the opportunity to shine.

**"T**here are many reasons to be satisfied at the end of this second weekend of competition in Adria," declared Marco Parolin. "We have increased the general standard of our performances in every category, even though some of our drivers started their season this weekend. The technical potential is there and our work between the two meetings has already allowed us to take better results. Rashid Al Dhaheri put in a superb winning performance in the Junior class and Francesco Celenta was very consistent at the front of the KZ2 class against the top specialists. In the Mini, five Parolin chassis were in the Final top 10, with 1st and 2nd places. Christian Costoya showed excellent competitiveness that would have deserved to be rewarded with an even better result in the Final. We are determined to continue in this positive way in a fortnight's time at the next WSK Super Master meeting in La Conca."

## KZ2 PODIUM FOR CELENTA

The performances of the Parolin / TM Racing karts were very convincing in view of the European KZ Championship that will start in Adria in May. Francesco

Celenta took a victory in a heat and set two fastest lap times, and he was again the fastest in the Prefinal before moving up to 3rd place in a very competitive Final. The youngster Slavik Putiatin confirmed the speed of the drivers by maintaining a good rhythm and regaining 15 places in the Final.

## PROGRESS IN OK

The results showed a progression with a very positive comeback for Valerio Rinicella up to 13th position in the Final, whereas Danny Carenini took 24th place and Jesse Alejandro Carrasquedo qualified in 26th position. James Wharton wasn't spared from issues and was forced to retire in the Prefinal. For his first race in OK Arnur Shabdar was not far from qualification.

## AL DHAHERI: FULL HOUSE IN THE JUNIOR CLASS

Already a winner the week before, Rashid Al Dhaheri was even more dominant this weekend. Victorious four times in the heats, he won his Prefinal and the Final by a large margin, being each time the fastest on the track. The

32nd Qualifying time for Enzo Deligny didn't prevent him from finishing very close to the top 10 in the Final, with a progression of nearly 20 places during the meeting. After some difficult heats, Kai Sorensen was able to raise the bar up to 25th position in the Final with a gain of 15 places. Maksim Orlov, who made a strong comeback of 22 places in the heats, didn't have the opportunity to make any progress in the Final stages, nor did Guillaume Bouzar who had nevertheless regained 21 positions. A driver moving up from 60 Mini, Nando Weixelbaumer was discovering the high level in the Junior category this weekend.

## PERFORMANCES AT ALL LEVELS IN THE MINI

Christian Costoya once again made his mark with four victories and two fastest laps in the heats. A complicated Final didn't allow him to do any better than 8th among the 116 participants. Matias Orjuela was also twice the fastest in the heats with a fine consistency in the top four. It was a pity that he wasn't able to take advantage of his 8th place in the Final until the end of the race. Oliver Kinnmark wasn't rewarded for his efforts from 18th position on the starting grid of the Final. Simas Bacisuka fought with energy in the Prefinal for the pleasure of competing in the Final.



# JAMES WHARTON'S

## PREPARATION FOR THE 2021 SEASON ACCELERATES

Racing this season in OK with the official Parolin Motorsport team, James Wharton continues his intensive preparation for the great international FIA Karting championships of 2021. The young Australian karting hopeful has just taken part in the first of the four events of the WSK Super Master Series, which represents an ideal event to develop his equipment and measure himself against particularly strong competition. On the circuit of Adria in Italy, success was not there, but James already has his eyes fixed on the next event and, perhaps, on a new challenge to take up...

Motorsport sometimes holds unpleasant surprises and, despite all his determination,

James Wharton sometimes has to face more moments that are more difficult than others. This includes the last

weekend in February, which did not allow James Wharton to achieve the expected result. "I am used to taking part in the events organised by WSK Promotion and they have often given me great satisfaction," said James. "The previous weekend, during the Champions Cup, our level of performance with the Parolin Motorsport team was quite good. But while this opening Super Master Series race was only a week later on the same circuit in Adria, we didn't manage to improve as much as many of our rivals, so I went down in the rankings in Timed Practice. To find myself 45th out of 63 drivers wasn't what I had hoped for."

### THE DOORS TO THE FINAL CLOSE

The young Australian found some satisfaction in the first race by moving up from 23rd to 14th place with strong combativeness. He was also to gain four places in another Qualifying Heat. But only three heats were on the programme and James had to drop out in the second, so he only found himself in 42nd position overall. "I was still hoping to take advantage of the Prefinal to qualify for the Final. Unfortunately, while I was in the middle of the climb, a tyre suddenly came off and I had to retire. From 11th to 14th March, we will be in the south of Italy on the circuit of La Conca, where the objective will clearly be to get back to the front of the pack."

Managed by All Road Management, Nicolas Todt's company, and supported by the Ferrari Driver Academy, James Wharton will also use the next few days to reflect on his future. "I've grown a lot in just one year and I realise that 125cc karts with KZ2 gearboxes might be better suited to my size. We need to think about my future to see if it's right to stay in OK or to change categories."

In any case, James Wharton is ready, physically and mentally, to show that he has all the assets of a great champion.







## SLATER AND REHM ALREADY AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE WSK SUPER MASTER

At the end of February, Ricky Flynn Motorsport stayed in Adria to compete in the first round of the WSK Super Master Series following the WSK Champions Cup. The performances of the British team improved in one week: Freddie Slater took 2nd place in the provisional OK-Junior ranking, while Maxim Rehm was 4th. The next meeting is in less than two weeks in La Conca.



Freddie Slater made a dazzling start to the meeting under the sun of Adria. This time, he took pole position among the 93 participants, the second of the season for RFM, and followed up with faultless heats, from which he came out in the lead with his five consecutive victories. He won again in the Prefinal. But his position outside the first row on the starting grid of the Final didn't suit him, as it is often the case on this circuit. He finished the first lap in 7th position before fighting for the top five, and he

finally took 4th position.

Maxim Rehm confirmed his speed in 3rd position in Qualifying with the fastest time of his group. Continually in the top three of the heats and twice winner, the young German was better than his team-mate at the start of the Final. He then lost a few places over the laps and finished in 6th position.

Dion Gowda was well on the way to a good result in Adria. He was back in the top five of the heats after five very good

races. Unfortunately, an incident at the beginning of the Final sent him back to the last position with a big delay and he retired before mid-race.

Edgar Anpilogov was not undeserving, but a retirement hindered his progress in the heats. Nevertheless, he managed to qualify and to finish the Final at the back of the grid. Tobias Clausen experienced another difficult weekend that didn't allow him to take part in the final stages of the event.





# MACDONALD, HARRISON & KAMYAB WIN IN VALENCIA

## IAME WINTER CUP VALENCIA

### KEY POINTS

#### ORGANISER

RGMMC

#### LOCATION

Kartodromo Internacional Lucas Guerrero,  
Chiva, Valencia, España - 1428 m

#### DATE

4 au 7 mars 2021

#### ENTRIES

126 drivers - 3 categories

First IAME meeting of the season delayed by a month • MG Tyres • Very good standard of drivers • Very competitive races • Many penalties for unhooked spoilers • Dry weather on Friday and Saturday, rainy on Sunday • Three tickets for the IAME International Final



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**MACDONALD  
DOMINATES IN  
THE DRY AND  
IN THE RAIN**





## X30 JUNIOR

# ANOTHER VICTORY FOR HARRISON

William Macintyre (GBR - Kosmic - KR Sport) set the fastest time ahead of Louis Leveau (DNK - KR - Monlau Compéticion). He retained his lead at the end of the heats against Kanato Le (GBR - Exprit - Fusion Motorsport) and Ivan Arias Chavarri (ESP - KR - AC Motorsport). Kanato Le won the Prefinal on a slippery track ahead of Leo Robinson (DZA - Exprit - Fusion Motorsport) and William Macintyre. In the rainy Final, Bart Harrison (GBR - Tony Kart - Mick Barrett Racing) quickly regained 3rd place while Macintyre fought his way back after a difficult first lap. Harrison took 1st place before the halfway point and went on to a well-deserved victory, 3.5" ahead of Kanato Le, who was followed by Macintyre. Fionn Mc Laughlin (GBR - BirelART - Fusion Motorsport) took 4th place. Andy Ratel (FRA - Exprit - KBK Compétition) finished in the top 10, but Arthur Poulain (FRA - Kosmic - PB Kart) lost 12 places to 29th.





X30 MINI

KAMYAB  
AHEAD OF VAN'T  
PAD BOSCH

The top three in Qualifying remained in the lead in the heats with Sandro Perez Sanchez (ESP - CRG - MDC Racing), Raul Zunzarren Perez (ESP - KR - Monlau Competicion) and Alejandro Martinez (ESP - Praga - Praga Racing). Sacha van't Pad Bosch (NLD - KR - Fusion Motorsport) won the Prefinal in wet conditions just 7 thousandths ahead of Roman Kamyab (GBR - KR - Fusion Motorsport). Victor Galmiche (FRA - Tony Kart - Top Chrono Compétition) made an impressive comeback of 10 places to 10th and Elyo Giltaire (FRA - Tony Kart - Management-SK Racing) took 17th position. The Briton Kamyab was unbeatable on the wet track of the Final and won 8 tenths ahead of van't Pad Bosch. After a long battle, Luuk Taal (NLD - KR - Fusion Motorsport) was 3rd by more than 17", while Ben Smith (GBR - KR - Fusion Motorsport) had recovered 12 places in 4th position. Galmiche finished 21st and Giltaire 25th.





# LA CONCA'S STRONG GRIP CHANGES THE GAME

## WSK SUPER MASTER SERIES

2/4 LA CONCA

### KEY POINTS

#### ORGANISER

WSK Promotion

#### LOCATION

La Conca World Circuit,  
Muro Leccese, Italy - 1250 m

#### DATE

10th to 14th March 2021

#### ENTRIES

171 drivers - 3 categories

Second meeting of the WSK Super Master  
• Back to La Conca • Lower number of  
drivers in the three categories • Hierarchy  
modified because of the grip • Several  
drivers suffered in the grip • Vega tyres in  
Mini and OK-Junior • LeCont tyres in OK •  
Dry and rather fine weather



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MINI

# COSTOYA, THE KING OF THE FINISH

Swiss driver Kain Fardin Sharabian (KR/lame) was the fastest in Qualifying, but Matias Orjuela (Parolin/TM) came back to lead the heats ahead of Dries van Langendonck (Birel ART/TM) and Iacopo Martinese (Parolin/TM). The positions changed again in the Prefinals with Christian Costoya (Parolin/TM) and Jan Przyrowski (Parolin/TM) winning. The duel between Orjuela and Costoya continued until the finish line of the Final. Costoya broke away in the last few metres and was 9 thousandths of a second ahead of his team-mate Orjuela under the chequered flag. Gerasim Skulanov (CRG/TM) finished 4th ahead of Vladimir Ivannikov (Parolin/TM) and René Lammers (Parolin/lame). Jimmy Helias (Tony Kart/Vortex) finished 21st and Hugo Martiniello (Energy/TM) 28th.

## WSK SUPER MASTER SERIES MINI PROVISIONAL STANDINGS

1	Christian Costoya (ESP)	127 points
2	René Lammers (NLD)	119 points
3	Gerasim Skulanov (RUS)	114 points
4	Jan Przyrowski (POL)	107 points
5	Matias Orjuela (COL)	88 points







OK-JUNIOR

POWELL FINALLY  
REWARDED,  
BOHRA TALENT  
REVEALED

Singaporean Akshay Bohra (KR/lame) showed himself to be one of the strongest drivers of the category in La Conca. He was the pole position holder, leader of the heats and winner of the Prefinal A. He was favourite for the Final victory. The Jamaican Alex Powell (KR/lame) had won Prefinal B and took full advantage of his position on the inside of the first row to dominate the Final and win the race 8 tenths ahead of Bohra who had to climb from 8th place on the first lap. Matheus Ferreira (KR/lame) took 3rd place this time ahead of Tigran Bunyatan (Tony Kart/TM) and Miguel Costa (Tony Kart/Vortex). Enzo Deligny (Parolin/TM) dropped from 9th to 24th position due to a penalty, Jules Caranta (Exprit/Vortex) was the highest placed Frenchman in 21st place and Mattéo Spigel (Birel ART/TM) finished 23rd.

WSK SUPER MASTER SERIES  
OKJ PROVISIONAL STANDINGS

1	Alex Powell (JAM)	108 points
2	Rashid Al Dhaheri (ARE)	94 points
3	Akshay Bohra (SGP)	91 points
4	Matheus Ferreira (BRA)	81 points
5	Maxim Rehm (DEU)	75 points



OK

# LINDBLAD TAKES A BIG WIN

Arvid Lindblad (KR/lame) started from pole position before losing a few places in the heats. Artem Severiukhin (Tony Kart/Vortex) took the lead on Saturday evening against Tuukka Taponen (Tony Kart/Vortex) who also won Prefinal B. Andrea Kimi Antonelli (KR/lame) won Prefinal A. The Final turned the tables. Antonelli was attacked by Rafael Camara (KR/lame) halfway through the race. Lindblad came back like a rocket and took the lead before a convincing victory with the fastest lap, 1,7” in front of Camara. Tymoteusz Kucharczyk (RK/TM) finished 3rd in the wake of the Brazilian, Joe Turney (Tony Kart/Vortex) 4th and Antonelli 5th. Marlon Hernandez (KR/lame) concluded a solid race in 13th position before being penalised and dropping to 22nd.

## WSK SUPER MASTER SERIES OK PROVISIONAL STANDINGS

1	Rafael Camara (BRA)	164 points
2	Arvid Lindblad (GBR)	136 points
3	Tymoteusz Kucharczyk (POL)	77 points
4	Andrea Kimi Antonelli (ITA)	64 points
5	Tuukka Taponen (FIN)	60 points







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# **birel/ART**

## **OK PODIUM AT LA CONCA WITH KUCHARCZYK**

The very sticky track of La Conca was the setting for the second round of the WSK Super Master Series in a demanding meeting for both drivers and machines. Kucharczyk and Bertuca confirmed the competitiveness of Birel ART in OK on this new track, while the young Van Langendonck was at the forefront of the Mini class until the Prefinal. The KZ2s were not racing in the south of Italy, but will return to competition in a fortnight in Sarno.

**“W**e expected a difficult weekend for the drivers and it was,” explained Luca Filini, the team manager of Birel ART Racing. “Some of them had to retire because of the pain caused by the very high grip of the La Conca circuit. The management of the Qualifying sessions was more complicated than usual and most of our drivers had to make a big effort to move back up during the heats. Tymoteusz Kucharczyk and Cristian Bertuca did their

job perfectly in OK, reaching the podium and the top 10 in the Final respectively. Our Juniors were far from the mark during Qualifying. Only Matteo Spigel managed to get back into the top 20 in the Final with a total gain of 36 places over the whole meeting. In Mini, Dries Van Langendonck was once again among the best. It was a pity that the first corner of the Final prevented him from shining to the end.”

Tymoteusz Kucharczyk put in a superb performance at the wheel of his RK / TM. The young Polish driver took two 3rd places in the heats to come back to 11th position on Saturday evening with a gain of 10 places. He continued to climb in the top three of his Prefinal before completing an excellent Final and reaching the podium which allowed him to take 3rd position in the provisional ranking of the WSK Super Master Series. Cristian Bertuca was also very convincing in the grip and in the Final stages he made the effort to finish in the top 10, gaining 24 places since Timed Qualifying. Maksimilian Angelard took an important step forward with some very good Final phases after some difficult heats. He improved more than 20 places to reach 27th position in the Final. Matheus Morgatto suffered a lot during the heats before having to give up at the beginning of his Prefinal due to an incident when he would definitely have been able to qualify. Nicolay Violentii also had to retire in the Prefinal, a victim of the first lap of the race.



Dries Van Langendonck again showed remarkable speed in the Mini. 8th in Timed Practice, he won two Qualifying Heats with a fastest lap in the race. He continued in 2nd position in his Prefinal, but lost all his chances of getting a good result due to several incidents during the first laps of the Final, even though he remained one of the fastest.

The four OK-Junior drivers of Birel ART

Racing had their task complicated by disappointing results in Qualifying. Matteo Spigel managed to make up some ground in strong heats and then in a good Prefinal. He finally reached the top 20 under the Final chequered flag. Salim Hanna Hernandez narrowly missed out on qualifying due to a loose spoiler in the Prefinal, while Richard Mille Young Talent Academy driver Ekaterina Luescher was eliminated

early in her Prefinal.

The Sarno circuit will host the third round of the WSK Super Master Series in a fortnight, which will see the return of the KZ2 karts to the track.





# PAROLIN

## DOUBLE WIN AT LA CONCA



The second round of the WSK Super Master Series took place in the south of Italy at La Conca, a circuit renowned for its high grip. Costoya and Orjuela had a great duel in the Final stages which ended in a double win for Parolin Motorsport. In contrast to OK, there was no shortage of performances in OK-Junior. Al Dhaheri played a leading role, but could not defend his chances until the end, while Deligny reached the Final top 10 before being penalised.

**“T**he track of La Conca is very special with a surface that gives a lot of grip,” explained Marco Parolin. “These conditions are very different from usual and not all the drivers are able to give their maximum in this configuration. The double win for Christian Costoya and Matias Orjuela in Mini is even more valuable for us as it shows how well our chassis can perform on all terrains, and the presence of four Parolins in the Final top five confirms our competitiveness. This is the third consecutive success of one of our chassis in Mini, while Parolin was the second most represented brand this weekend, all categories included.



Very effective in OK-Junior, Rashid Al Dhaheri unfortunately retired in the Prefinal while Kai Sorensen, also very fast, was involved in an incident. Enzo Deligny was well up to 9th place in the Final before receiving a penalty.”

### SUCCESS IN MINI

Christian Costoya’s fighting spirit paid off, as he gained 18 places during the heats before setting the fastest time in the Prefinal and then finishing with a victory in the Final. Matias Orjuela confirmed his strong potential and consistency by finishing 6th in

Qualifying and then taking the lead in the heats with three wins. In the Final stages he was twice beaten by Costoya, who was formidable in the final metres. Both drivers made a jump in the overall WSK Super Master ranking with Costoya taking the lead and Orjuela coming back to 5th position. The other two Mini drivers in the team also qualified for the Final, with Oliver Kinmark moving up 10 places to finish 19th and Simas Bacisuka moving up six places to 27th.





## DELIGNY IN THE JUNIOR TOP 10 ON THE LINE

Rashid Al Dhaheri didn't take long to adapt to the grip of La Conca. 16th against the clock, he took three top fours in the heats and regained nine positions, in 7th on Saturday evening. He was 5th in his Prefinal before having to retire on the last lap.

Enzo Deligny was the only one who could compete in the Final. Consistently, he came back to 9th in his Prefinal and made up another eight places in the Final by crossing the finish line in 9th position.

A penalty caused him to drop back. Although he started well, Kai Sorensen had to deal with several problems in the heats and was forced to retire on the first lap of his Prefinal. Guillaume Bouzar was 39th in Timed Practice and was unable to qualify for the Final.

## DIFFICULT MEETING IN OK

The Parolin Motorsport drivers had a Qualifying session that was too far off to make an easy return to the top of the ranking. Valerio Rinicella however reached the top three in his last heat.

He set good times in the top ten, before ending the meeting in 21st position. Jesse Alejandro Carrasquedo managed to make up 12 places in the heats and made up some ground by finishing 25th in the Final. James Wharton also made up some ground as he came close to the top ten in his Prefinal, but his Final race was finished after just three laps.

Parolin Motorsport is now preparing for the third round of the WSK Super Master Series which will take place in a fortnight near Naples, and will also be attended by the KZ2 karts.





# JAMES WHARTON

## A FIGHTER IN HOSTILE TERRITORY

Despite his mental strength, determination that is as great as ever and a talent that continues to assert itself, James Wharton experienced a difficult episode in the south of Italy. His participation in the second of the four events of the WSK Super Master Series (12th-14th March) ended with a retirement, although the Australian kart racer had fought with energy and perseverance to reach the Final of the OK category at the wheel of his Parolin-TM Racing kart. The La Conca circuit in Muro Leccese proved to be a tough one for the Ferrari Driver Academy driver.

**T**he new year has not started as James Wharton would have liked. In 2020, his first season in OK was very encouraging and the objective remains logically to confirm his potential as soon as possible. "At the

moment it is clear that results are slow in coming, but my motivation remains intact. We are working hard with the Parolin Motorsport team to get back on track. I remember that I was fighting at the front in the first race in February

before I encountered problems. I'm sure the good results will come back soon, one way or another," commented the fast Australian.

### MOVING ON FROM DISAPPOINTMENT

The recently resurfaced La Conca surface posed some problems for James Wharton and his team. "We know that a key feature of this circuit is that it offers a lot more grip than other tracks we know. But this time the high grip phenomenon was even more pronounced. Already in Free Practice we couldn't find the right balance for the situation, so the engine

was struggling to deliver its power optimally. It was really frustrating."

In Timed Practice there were no miracles and the Australian found himself in the bottom third of the standings. Fortunately, his fighting spirit allowed him to regularly gain places, especially during his Prefinal. "I had an excellent start to the race. The objective of getting into the top 17 to qualify for the Final was achieved, as I managed to get up to 11th."

James Wharton, who has been followed by Nicolas Todt's company All Road Management since the winter, was hoping to improve his position in the final race of the meeting, but a collision put an end to his performance in the opening laps. "I'm still optimistic and 2021 may hold some nice surprises for me. Maybe as early as the next race at Sarno near Naples, where I plan to compete in another WSK Super Master Series event."







# INCREDIBLE RECOVERY FOR SLATER IN THE LA CONCA GRIP



In the far south of Italy, the La Conca circuit has always been known for breaking grip records. The recently concluded second round of the WSK Super Master Series was no exception. The four drivers entered by the Ricky Flynn Motorsport team put up a tough fight in the unusual conditions. After a difficult practice session Freddie Slater managed to get back into the top ten, while Edgar Anpilogov put in a good effort to reach 16th position. Dion Gowda and Maxim Rehm were not rewarded for their strong performances.

Dion Gowda had started the meeting very well, finishing 6th in the Qualifying session and then making three good runs out of four. 11th in the intermediate classification on Saturday evening, he had a role to play in the Final stages. Unfortunately, a problem forced him to retire while he was 8th in Prefinal A. Maxim Rehm was again very fast and moved up seven places to enter the top five of the heats. Even better, he finished his Prefinal in 2nd position and could envisage an interesting Final. The eventful start did not help him and he was unable to regain his position. Worse,

he had to retire with three laps to go. The young German managed to retain 5th place in the provisional championship standings.

Freddie Slater was the lowest placed driver in the team with his 50th place. Getting back to the front seemed an impossible task. But Freddie rose to the challenge with flying colours, putting in three good runs, including one with a fastest lap in the race. In 21st place on Saturday evening, he had already recovered 29 positions. He improved his status in the Prefinal and gave everything

he could in the Final to finish in the top 10, which meant a 40-place improvement during the meeting.

Edgar Anpilogov also showed a great fighting spirit. He was ranked 50th after some complicated heats, but fought hard to qualify from Prefinal B, making up 11 places. He regained as many positions in the Final and reached a well-deserved 16th place.

In a fortnight, RFM will discover the new Sarno layout for the third meeting of the WSK Super Master Series.







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# WALKER, NAEL AND VAN'T PAD BOSCH LEAD FROM THE START



IAME

EURO

SERIES

1/4 MARIEMBOURG

## KEY POINTS

PROMOTER

+

RGMMC

LOCATION

+

Karting des Fagnes, Mariembourg, Belgium - 1336 m

DATE

25th to 28th March 2021

ENTRIES

179 drivers - 3 categories

First event of the IAME Euro Series •

Strong British and French participation •

Selective track • Interesting races • Many penalties • Variable weather, but dry for the Finals • MG tyres



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X30 SENIOR

WALKER  
AHEAD OF  
LÉVÊQUE

Sebastian Hedin (SWE-Birel ART- KH Racing) was initially on pole position ahead of Enzo Levêque (FRA-Redspeed-Team KLN), but Mark Kimber (GBR-Tony Kart-Strawberry Racing) was back on top of the heats ahead of his team-mate Callum Bradshaw. Bradshaw won the Prefinal against Levêque, while Aaron Walker (GBR-Tony Kart-Strawberry Racing) took 3rd place. Levêque took the lead in the Final on the second lap, but remained under threat from Walker who managed to overtake him two-thirds of the way through the race. Walker finally won by 1” ahead of Levêque. Oliver Greenall (GBR-Birel ART-Fusion Motorsport) regained 3rd place after Bradshaw was penalised. Sean Butcher (GBR-Kosmic-KR Sport) and Kimber completed the top five. Enzo Lacreuse (FRA-Redspeed-Team KLN) was 21st, Evan Giltairé (FRA-KR-VDK Racing) 27th with a dropped spoiler.

X30 SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP  
STANDINGS AFTER MARIEMBOURG

1	Aaron Walker (GBR)	91 points
2	Enzo Levêque (FRA)	89 points
3	Mark Kimber (GBR)	83 points
4	Callum Bradshaw (GBR)	82 points
5	Oliver Greenall (GBR)	79 points







## X30 JUNIOR

# IMPRESSIVE WIN FOR NAEL

William Macintyre (GBR-Kosmic-KR Sport) was one hundredth faster than Théophile Nael (FRA-Tony Kart-2N Racing) to take pole position. But after that, nothing escaped the Frenchman's attention, both in the dry and in the wet. Nael won all three of his heats, taking a clear victory over Jayden Thien (NLD-Tony Kart-KSM Official) and Leo Robinson (DZA-Birel ART-Fusion Motorsport) in the Prefinal and winning the Final 2.5" ahead of Fionn McLaughlin (GBR-Synergy-Fusion Motorsport) and Bart Harrison (GBR-Tony Kart/Mick Barrett Racing). Clément Outran (FRA-KR-VDK Racing) finished in the top 10, Arthur Poulain (FRA-Kosmic-PB Kart) was 12th, Andy Ratel (FRA-CRG-KBK Compétition) 16th, Ilyes Pruvost (FRA-Redspeed-Renaux Racing Team) 17th, Kimi Durosne (FRA-Redspeed-Victory Lane Karting) 18th and Augustin Bernier (FRA-KR-VDK Racing) 27th.

### JUNIOR X30 CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS AFTER MARIEMBOURG

1	Théophile Nael (FRA)	93 points
2	Fionn Mc Laughlin (GBR)	84 points
3	Leo Robinson (DZA)	84 points
4	Pol Chaos Rivero (ESP)	83 points
5	Jayden Thien (NLD)	83 points



X30 MINI

VAN'T PAD  
BOSCH WINS  
THE FINAL

After pole position for Jesse Philips (GBR-Redspeed-Oliver Rowland Motorsport), Ben Smith (GBR-KR-Fusion Motorsport) led the Qualifying Heats, then Tiziano Kuzhnini (CHE-Kosmic-Spirit Racing) won the Prefinal. Sacha van'T Pad Bosch (NLD-KR-Fusion Motorsport), who had been used to 2nd place until then, went on the attack at the beginning of the Prefinal and led to victory. Kuzhnini and Roman Kamyab (GBR-KR-Fusion Motorsport) took it in turns to try and outwit the Dutchman, but to no avail. Smith and Philipps finally completed the top five. Elouan Bienaimé (FRA-KR-JHM) drove a superb race to come back to 6th position, Elyo Giltaire (FRA-Tony Kart-Kart Management) was 15th and Victor Galmiche (FRA-Tony Kart-Top Chrono Compétition) finished 23rd.

X30 MINI CHAMPIONSHIP  
STANDINGS AFTER MARIEMBOURG

1	Sacha van'T Pad Bosch (NLD)	92 points
2	Tiziano Kuzhnini (CHE)	90 points
3	Ben Smith (GBR)	85 points
4	Roman Kamyab (GBR)	84 points
5	Henry Domain (GBR)	80 points





# INTENSE FIGHTS ON THE NEW SARNO TRACK

WSK SUPER  
MASTER  
SERIES

3/4 SARNO

## KEY POINTS

### ORGANISER

WSK Promotion

### LOCATION

Circuito Internazionale Napoli,  
Sarno, Italy - 1550 m

### DATE

26th to 28th March 2021

### ENTRIES

271 drivers - 4 categories

New track • Very large field • Extremely lively races • Olivieri wins in Mini, Kutskov in Junior, Antonelli in OK and Kremers in KZ2 • Vega tyres in 60 Mini, OK-J and KZ2 • LeCont tyres in OK • Good weather



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# OLIVIERI WINS IN THE LAST METRES

Jimmy Helias (Tony Kart/Vortex) was the fastest under the clock, but his pole position was hanging on his appeal against a technical non-conformity. Alfie Slater (Energy/TM) then took the lead in the heats ahead of Niklas Schaufler (EKS/TM) who won Prefinal B while Christian Costoya (Parolin/TM) won Prefinal A. The Final remained uncertain until the last lap in which five drivers were fighting for the victory. Emanuele Olivieri (IPK/TM) won by 54 thousandths against Jindrich Pesl (KR/lame) and Lewis Wherrell (KR/lame). René Lammers (Parolin/lame) finished 4th ahead of Helias.

## WSK SUPER MASTER SERIES MINI (SUB JUDICE) PROVISIONAL RANKING

1	Christian Costoya (ESP)	195 points
2	René Lammers (NLD)	192 points
3	Emanuele Olivieri (ITA)	146 points
4	Matias Orjuela (COL)	124 points
5	Gerasim Skulanov (RUS)	120 points







OK-JUNIOR

RUSSIAN DOUBLE  
FOR **KUTSKOV**  
AND **POPOV**

After pole position for Dion Gowda (Kosmic/Vortex), Alex Powell (KR/lame) took over the lead in the heats ahead of Enzo Deligny (Parolin/TM) and Douwe Dedecker (KR/lame). Deligny and Kean Nakamura Berta (Exprit/TM) won the Prefinals, but the battle continued in the Final. Kirill Kutskov (KR/lame) came back from 40th in Qualifying and controlled Maksimilian Popov (Tony Kart/Vortex) until the finish line to take a convincing victory. Akshay Bohra (KR/lame) took the third step of the podium ahead of Dedecker. Deligny concluded a superb weekend in the top five.

WSK SUPER MASTER SERIES  
OKJ PROVISIONAL STANDINGS

1	Alex Powell (JAM)	180 points
2	Akshay Bohra (SGP)	160 points
3	Kirill Kutskov (RUS)	123 points
4	Maksimilian Popov (RUS)	122 points
5	Freddie Slater (GBR)	101 points



OK

ANTONELLI

BACK ON THE

WINNING TRACK

Arvid Lindblad (KR/lame) had taken pole position and remained in the top four in the heats, but disappeared in the Prefinal. Andrea Kimi Antonelli (KR/lame) won the heats, the Prefinal and the Final, which he won after leading from start to finish. Rafael Camara (KR/lame) was his main rival, but a difficult start in the Final relegated him to 4th place. Tuukka Taponen (Tony Kart/Vortex) took 2nd place ahead of Artem Severiukhin (Tony Kart/Vortex), while Egor Cepil came 5th. Like Lindblad, Ugo Ugochukwu did not qualify. Arthur Rogeon (CRG/lame) was 27th.

WSK SUPER MASTER SERIES

OK PROVISIONAL STANDINGS

1	Rafael Camara (BRA)	255 points
2	Andrea Kimi Antonelli (ITA)	196 points
3	Tuukka Taponen (FIN)	157 points
4	Arvid Lindblad (GBR)	145 points
5	Artem Severiukhin (RUS)	123 points







**KREMERS  
AGAINST  
VALTANEN**

## WSK SUPER MASTER SERIES KZ2 PROVISIONAL STANDINGS

<b>1</b>	Juho Valtanen (FIN)	174 points
<b>2</b>	Marijn Kremers (NLD)	131 points
<b>3</b>	Viktor Gustavsson (SWE)	101 points
<b>4</b>	Danilo Albanese (ITA)	100 points
<b>5</b>	Simo Puhakka (FIN)	93 points



# birelART

## SUPERB VICTORY FOR KREMERS IN SARNO



In a weekend of contrasts at the new Sarno track, Birel ART Racing scored a highly convincing win in KZ2 thanks to the brilliant performance of Kremers, whilst two of its other drivers finished in the top six. Kucharczyk was once again very competitive in OK, while Van Langendonck made a stunning comeback in Mini.



**“T**he level of competition is extremely high since the start of the WSK season”, said Luca Filini, team manager of Birel ART Racing. “Marijn Kremers has made a magnificent comeback, which proves that we are at the top in a category that is even more competitive than last year. Giuseppe Palomba made a good return in 4th position, while Riccardo Longhi, who was ill at the beginning of the meeting, recovered well by moving up to 6th. This is a good indication of our work in the off-season and gives us more confidence. Tymoteusz Kucharczyk was once again very combative in OK and he has a great card to play in the championship.”

The 2019 World Champion, who was runner-up in 2020 with Birel ART Racing, put in a dominant performance in his first race of the season. Without overplaying his hand, he set the second fastest time, held 2nd place in the heats

before winning the prefinal and the final by more than a second on the new Sarno track. The young Dutch driver is now in a close 2nd position in the ranking. His team-mates started further back after qualifying and encountered some setbacks. This did not prevent Giuseppe Palomba from setting a fastest lap in a heat before moving up to 2nd place in his prefinal and taking 4th place in the final while setting the fastest lap. Riccardo Longhi gradually recovered his strength to progress from 24th to 6th place during the Final stages. Alessio Piccini returned to 14th place and Sutumno Thanapongpan was able to finish 23rd by making up 11 places in the Final. Marcus Funda just missed out on qualifying for the Final.

The Polish driver Tymoteusz Kucharczyk and his RK/TM kart from the Lissone factory put up a good fight in the OK-Junior class. Tymoteusz finished 4th with the best lap in his prefinal before

fighting in the top five and occupying P2 for a while at the beginning of the final. Carburettor problems prevented him from maintaining a good pace and he had to cross the finish line in 12th position.

Cristian Bertuca has had to deal with persistent rib pain since the meeting in La Conca. To qualify for the Final and to finish 23rd was already an achievement in his condition. Matheus Morgatto scored a nice 12-place improvement during the heats, but retired in the prefinal. Maksimilian Angelard was not able to reach the final after being penalised for a loose spoiler and Nicolay Violentii retired in the prefinal.



The whole Birel ART Racing team will soon be back on a circuit it particularly appreciates, at Lonato for the first meeting of the WSK Euro Series from 8th to 11th April.





# PAROLIN

## SARNO: PAROLIN CONTINUES TO GAIN MOMENTUM

The new Sarno track is still very fast, but it was a big change from the old Neapolitan track and again provided the setting for some tough battles. The Parolin Motorsport team confirmed its rise to prominence in KZ2 with the sustained presence of Celenta in the front ranks and Wharton's convincing debut in this elite category. Deligny finally registered his name among the best Juniors while Costoya and Orjuelas confirmed their roles at the front of Mini.

"In Sarno we were deprived of three major elements," explained Marco Parolin. "Valerio Rinicella and Rashid Al Dhaheri tested positive for Covid-19 and could not leave home, while Kai Sorensen had to pull out, not yet recovered from his injured ribs after La Conca. We are also very proud of Enzo Deligny's progress under our colours. He proved his worth with an excellent meeting that ended in the top five of OK-Junior. We have two reasons to be satisfied in KZ2 with Francesco Celenta's top performances until his incident in the Final and James

Wharton's quick adaptation to the gearbox kart. Parolin Racing Kart was still the number one manufacturer for Mini chassis with five of them in the Final top eight. Christian Costoya still leads the championship and Matias Orjuela moved up to 4th place, while Simas Baciуска reached 15th position in the Final."

### GOOD WORK IN KZ2

With a victory with the fastest lap in his last heat, 3rd in his Prefinal and fighting for the Final top three before a collision,

Francesco Celenta is definitely one of the protagonists of the category. Parolin also enabled James Wharton to succeed in his first competition in KZ2, as the young Australian progressed steadily until he finished 11th with a gain of 10 places in the Final. Slavik Putiatin, who climbed six places to 11th in his Prefinal, had to retire on the second lap of the Final.

### DELIGNY TAKES OVER IN JUNIOR

Enzo Deligny, who finished 5th among 80 participants, took another step forward this weekend. He was in 2nd position after the heats and won his Prefinal. He fought brilliantly until the end of the Final to add a first top five to his list of achievements. Guillaume Bouzar and Nando Weixelbaumer did not qualify for the Final.







## STILL FIGHTING FOR VICTORY IN MINI

With three heat wins and a best time, Christian Costoya started strongly. The Spaniard won his Prefinal and fought for the lead in the Final. The epic battle of the last lap saw him drop to 8th place, but he retained the lead in the championship standings. Matias Orjuela

gradually recovered from Qualifying with solid heats. 5th in his Prefinal, he made up another three places in the Finals to finish just outside the top five. Simas Baciуска achieved the feat of regaining 11 places in the Prefinal and finishing on a positive note in 15th position in the Final. Finally, Oliver Kinmark made a spectacular comeback to 3rd place in the heats, but was unable to make it into the Finals.

## DIFFICULT MISSION IN OK

The Parolin Motorsport OK team was held back by distant positions in Qualifying and only Danny Carenini's progress in the Prefinal allowed them to reach the Final. Jesse Alejandro Carrasquedo and newcomer Mario Schettino missed their target in the Prefinal.







# GOWDA ON POLE POSITION IN SARNO



**A third pole position in four races was the third time RFM's Kosmic/Vortex drivers have been on pole position by the end of March. On the new Sarno track, Dion Gowda set the fastest time in OK-Junior Qualifying for the first time in the third round of the WSK Super Master Series, while Freddie Slater was 3rd. At the end of a weekend marked by the intensity of the sporting confrontations as it is often the case at the foot of Vesuvius, the reigning World Champion was back in the top five of the series.**

The data has changed with this new version of the Circuito Internazionale Napoli. However, the Sarno track has lost none of its speed or selectivity. The British team has worked hard to understand the subtleties of the track and to prepare for the two other important races that will take place there, the WSK Euro Series and the FIA Karting European Championship.

Dion Gowda set a remarkable pole position, but lost ground in the Qualifying Heats before coming back to 5th place in his Prefinal and battling in the top 10 for a long time in the Final. Freddie Slater was the fastest of the third group in the timed sessions and started in the top three of the heats. He was back to his best in the Final where a nine-place improvement put him in 7th position. Maxim Rehm's progress in the heats was delayed by a retirement, but the young German persevered to gain eight places in the Final.

Edgar Anpilogov's momentum was interrupted in Prefinal A when an incident sent him from 7th to last position. Maxens Verbrugge returned to the WSK after a month away from

the circuit but difficult heats and a withdrawal in the fourth lap of Prefinal A deprived him of a Final. Two newcomers from 60 Mini last year joined Ricky Flynn Motorsport in Sarno. Swiss driver Enea Frey made up a lot of places in the heats despite a retirement in the first race, but he only completed two laps in the Prefinal. The race was also difficult for Colombian

Salim Hanna Hernandez who couldn't get through the Prefinal.

In a fortnight's time, RFM will return to the familiar Lonato track for the first meeting of the WSK Euro Series, from 8th to 11th April 2021.





# JAMES WHARTON

## A SUCCESSFUL AND PROMISING DEBUT IN KZ2

As he had hoped, James Wharton took part in his first race in the KZ2 category, which uses powerful 125cc gearbox engines. On the demanding Sarno circuit near Naples in Italy, the Australian racer mastered his first steps among the most experienced competitors on the international scene. The Ferrari Driver Academy driver made up 10 places in the Final to move up to 15th in this WSK Super Master Series event.

Charles Leclerc and Max Verstappen chose to continue their motorsport apprenticeship in a gearbox category in their final karting season in 2013. James Wharton also decided to go down this route, in agreement with All Road Management and the Parolin Motorsport team. "It was the right decision to make,"

confirms the young Australian. "I am very excited and motivated by this new challenge. A week before the WSK Super Master Series, I had the chance to participate in the Grifone Trophy. This enabled me to learn more about my new kart and to discover the Sarno track which was redesigned this winter. From the start I managed to take pole

position ahead of drivers who were much more experienced than me in this category. In the Prefinal, my start was difficult, I crashed in 5th position, but I still managed to get on the third step of the podium at the end of the Final."

### A LOT OF POSITIVES TO REMEMBER...

With 52 drivers, the WSK Super Master Series event was obviously more difficult. "The meeting brought together both the drivers who will be competing in the European KZ Championship this season and my future opponents from the European KZ2 Championship. The objective was to measure myself against them and, in this context, the

result is extremely positive, because I was regularly in the top 10. I made a clear run in all three Qualifying Heats. Only the Prefinal did not meet my expectations. I lost some precious places, which I quickly recovered in the Final."

Starting from 25th position, James Wharton managed to gain 10 places thanks to fierce determination, constantly improving performances and magnificent overtaking. With this first

top 15, the Australian scored his first points in KZ2 in the WSK Super Master Series. "I know I still have a lot to learn in this class, but I feel that I have already progressed in many areas thanks to the work done with the Parolin Motorsport team and my engine supplier. There are a lot of good things to take away from this event and I am already looking forward to the next one."





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# FRENCH JUNIOR KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP

## FIRST SEMINAR FOR THE 2021 JUNIORS IN LE MANS



The FFSA Academy welcomed 16 of the 17 drivers selected for the fifth season of the 2021 French Junior Karting Championship at Le Mans for the first seminar of the federal series for detecting and training young talent aged 12 to 15.

This seminar allowed for physical and psychological evaluations, a physiotherapy assessment and theoretical training in the classroom. It was also an opportunity to discover the many possibilities of the federal training centre, particularly with regard to the drivers' education. Under the guidance of Marc Berteaux, the young academicians got to know three of the coaches who will follow and advise them during the season: Anthony Abbasse, Adrien Renaudin and Rodolphe Besnard.

The reinforced infection-control rules were presented and applied according to the protocol in force to guarantee the safety of all, a negative PCR test being required for everyone.



The driving sessions on the Le Mans international karting circuit followed one after the other at the wheel of the Exprit/Vortex/Vega one-make kart. The young drivers of the 2021 squad, all of whom are entering the Championship for the first time, were able to start familiarising themselves with the training centre's working methods. The search for pure performance was not the aim of this phase on the track, they had to concentrate on the analysis of their performances according to precise criteria during the debriefings with the coaches following each session. Starting, consistency, tyre preservation and kart dynamics were all on the day's agenda, in order to define specific objectives for the following session. This approach, unique to the FFSA Academy, has proved its worth in guaranteeing significant progress for each of the young people who place their trust in

the federal structure.

### LIST OF DRIVERS FOR THE 2021 FRENCH JUNIOR KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP

- PAUL ALBERTO
- AUGUSTIN BERNIER
- RAPHAËL FOURNIER
- ENZO GAL
- EDOUARD GIURCA
- HUGO HERROUIN
- PAUL JÉRÔME
- CLÉMENT LOEUL
- THÉO MIGOULE
- ANTOINE MALHER
- TOM MONTAGNE
- LUCAS MORILLON
- NATHAN PAYET
- ENZO PERROT-THOMMEROT
- CORENTIN ROUSSEAU
- LENY REVEILLÈRE
- RAFAEL THEVENY

### PROVISIONAL CALENDAR FOR THE 2021 FRENCH JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

#1 LA HAGUE (50) 4-6 JUNE  
( LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP )

#2 SALBRIS (41) 25-27 JUNE  
( LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP )

#3 ANNEVILLE (76) 30 JUILLET - 1 AUGUST  
( NORMANDY CHALLENGE )

#4 SAINT-AMAND (18) 20-22 AUGUST  
( FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP MINIME, CADET )

#5 AUNAY-LES-BOIS (61) 8-10 OCTOBER  
( NORMANDY CHALLENGE )

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LE MANS  
Séminaire 1 Junior 2021 - Session 2 - 10:20 - Junior FFSA 16/03/2021 - 11:00

Rang	Nom	Temps	Rang	Nom	Temps
1	100 AUGUSTIN BERNIER	03:00	11	101 RAPHAEL FOURNIER	04:30
2	102 GABRIEL KOUSSER	03:10	12	102 LÉVY HUGO	04:40
3	103 PAUL ALBERTO	03:15	13	103 NATHAN THÉVENET	04:45
4	104 HUGO HENRIQUEZ	03:20	14	104 ANTOINE MAULIER	04:50
5	105 TOM MONTAGNE	03:25	15	105 LUCAS MORILLON	04:55
6	106 ENZO PERDUT THOM	03:30			
7	107 PAUL JONCHE	03:35			
8	108 CLÉMENT LODE	03:40			
9	109 ENZO GAL	03:45			
10	110 EDUARDO GUERRA	03:50			

Historique des temps

Nom	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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102 GABRIEL KOUSSER	03:10	03:20	03:25	03:30	03:35	03:40	03:45	03:50	03:55	04:00	04:05	04:10	04:15	04:20	04:25
103 PAUL ALBERTO	03:15	03:25	03:30	03:35	03:40	03:45	03:50	03:55	04:00	04:05	04:10	04:15	04:20	04:25	04:30
104 HUGO HENRIQUEZ	03:20	03:30	03:35	03:40	03:45	03:50	03:55	04:00	04:05	04:10	04:15	04:20	04:25	04:30	04:35
105 TOM MONTAGNE	03:25	03:35	03:40	03:45	03:50	03:55	04:00	04:05	04:10	04:15	04:20	04:25	04:30	04:35	04:40
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# MASSON IN COMMAND, BARTER WELL ON THE WAY

FRENCH  
F4  
CHAMP  
1/7, NOGARO

## KEY POINTS

### ORGANISER

FFSA Academy

### LOCATION

Circuit Paul Armagnac, Nogaro,  
France - 3636 m

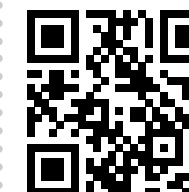
### DATE

3rd - 5th April 2021

### ENTRY

16 drivers - 1 category

FFSA Academy Championship • Renault Sport 1.3 turbo engine • Pirelli tyres • Very international grid • Satisfactory number of drivers for the circumstances • Three races during the weekend • Good weather



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The first race weekend of the 2021 season started on time at Nogaro with Esteban Masson (FRA) taking a double pole position, followed by Hugh Barter (AUS) and Owen Tangavelou (FRA).

After a good start, Masson quickly extended his lead to secure victory in Race 1. Tangavelou and Daniel Ligier (FRA) were delighted to be on the podium, while Barter, in 4th, was unable to make up the places lost at the start. Macéo Capietto did not take the start due to a

technical problem on the formation lap. In Race 2 with a reversed grid for the top 10, Thanapongpan Sutumno (THA) seized the opportunity to take his first victory with a comfortable lead.

Andy Noah (FRA) was in 2nd place for a long time, but then crashed out. Alessandro Giusti (FRA) and Gaël Julien (FRA) were on the podium.

At the start of Race 3, Masson stalled

and started last. Barter took the lead and controlled the recovery of Capietto until the finish. Masson did his best to reduce the gap and took a superb 3rd position ahead of Aiden Neate (GBR) and Julien.

PROVISIONAL FFSA ACADEMY FRENCH F4 CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS AFTER NOGARO (1/7)		
A. NEATE		
1	Esteban Masson (FRA)	47 pts
2	Hugh Barter (AUS)	39 pts
3	Aiden Neate (GBR)	30 pts - 1er Junior
4	Gaël Julien (FRA)	26 pts
5	Thanapongpan Sutumno (THA)	22 pts
6	Daniel Ligier (FRA)	21 pts
7	Macéo Capietto (FRA)	21 pts
8	Alessandro Giusti (FRA)	20 pts
9	Owen Tangavelou (FRA)	18 pts
10	Dario Cabanelas (CHE)	16 pts



# FIA GIRLS ON TRACK

## RISING STARS GATHERS EVEN GREATER MOMENTUM

Following the success of the first edition of the FIA Girls on Track – Rising Stars programme, the FIA Women in Motorsport Commission is delighted to announce an extension to its contract with Ferrari and a new partnership with the Iron Dames project.

The FIA Women in Motorsport Commission's innovative programme to detect and nurture the female racing talent of the future has gained further endorsement following the success of the first edition of FIA Girls on Track – Rising Stars.

The Commission is proud to announce that Ferrari is extending its agreement with the FIA, to potentially have four female drivers become members of the Ferrari Driver Academy (FDA). In addition, Deborah Mayer's unique Iron Dames women in motor sport project has become a main partner of the programme, adding yet further value.

The inaugural edition of FIA Girls on Track – Rising Stars, which concluded in January, saw Maya Weug become the first female member of the Ferrari Driver Academy after months of on and off track assessment during a shoot-out, two separate training camps and the final FDA Scouting Camp. Her journey through the

Academy and into Formula 4 racing began in early February, when she joined seven young men in Maranello, Italy for the start of the new Academy year.

The FIA Women in Motorsport Commission's initial four-year agreement with Ferrari and its Driver Academy spanned 2020-2023, with talent searches, training camps and the final FDA Scouting Camps taking place in 2020 and 2021 – where one driver could be selected to join the Academy each year. This was to be followed by two years of development support for the driver selected by the Academy in both years.

The first Iron Dames crew of Rahel Frey, Michelle Gattling and Manuela Gostner is already supported by the FIA Women in Motorsport Commission. After two highly successful seasons in the European Le Mans Series, and at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the crew will now be stepping up to the FIA World Endurance Championship as one of two all-

female entries. Mayer's commitment to providing concrete support to female racers now sees the Iron Dames project strengthen its pledge by expanding from endurance racing into single-seaters.

Maya's Italian F4 campaign started in March with pre-season testing ahead of the first round of the series at Paul Ricard, France on 16 May. With three races at each of the seven circuits on the 2021 calendar, it will be a steep learning curve for the youngster in her debut season in F4, particularly in a field that often attracts over 30 drivers from around the world.

The second edition of FIA Girls on Track – Rising Stars will be launched shortly, with a call for talented young racers to be nominated by the FIA's national sporting authorities around the world.





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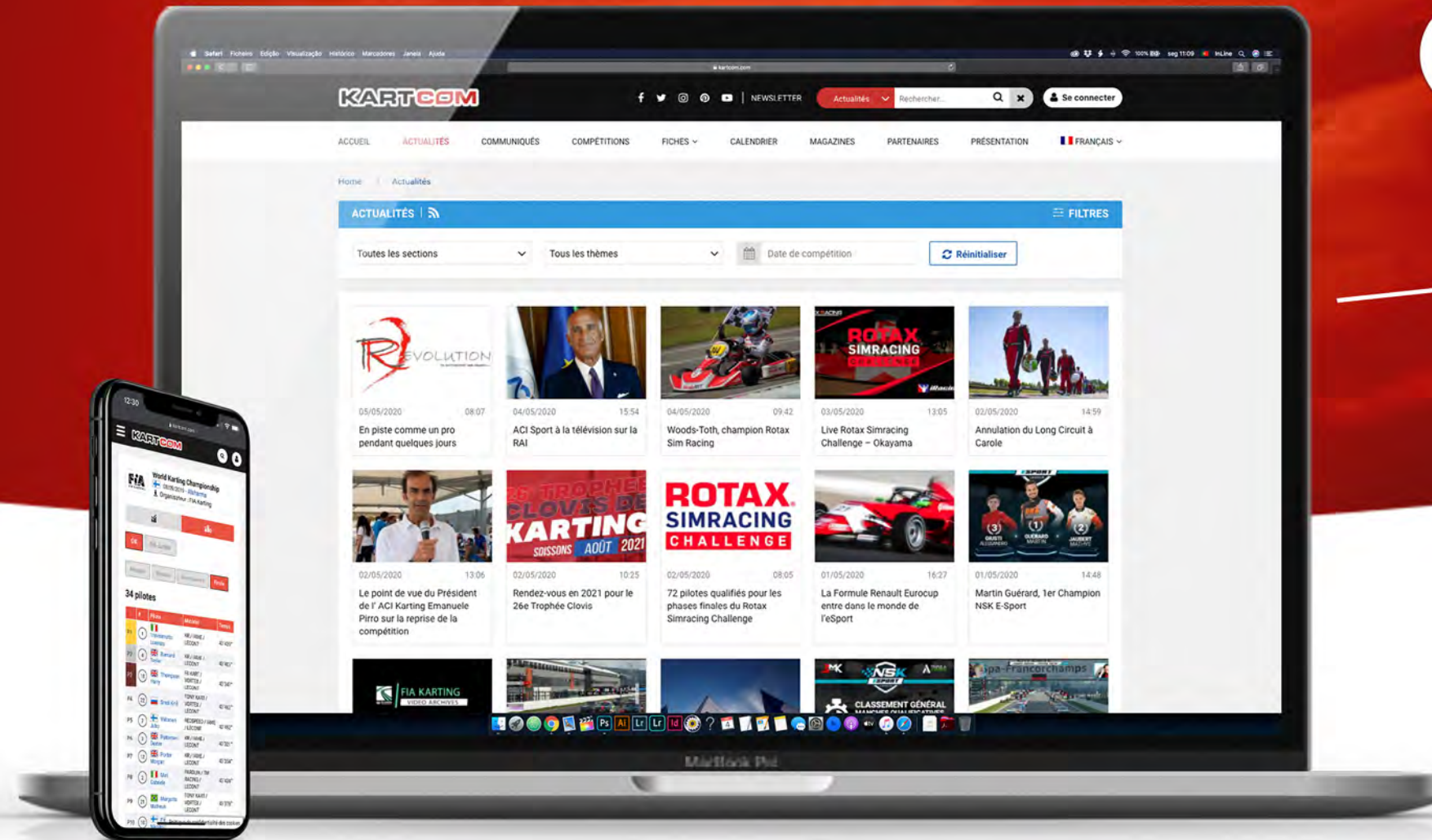
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