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### **KARTING STILL GENERATES THRILLS**

events worldwide. The title "World Champion" is sometimes misused by one-make championship winners in Is karting still as magical in 2015? This be classes that do not have the official status. The FIA has jealously protects its competitions and titles, and there's nothing wrong with keeping the magic of a real World Championship.

the new karting circuit at Le Mans. A legendary venue whose very name evokes the legend of the 24 Hour race created in 1923 by the ACO. Karting also has a great history at Le Mans is also available in the version with 6th place of Ayrton Senna in the 1978 World Championship, his first European race, the Junior World Vice Champion in 1985 for

eptember opens the period of major Michael Schumacher or Jarno Trulli's memorable victory in Super A in 1991.

answered by referring to the ovation at Le Mans when Kozlinski completed the first lap of the final ahead on his Sodi or where De Conto was joined on the last lap by Pex and especially Ardigo who came back from afar. But the very beautiful Le Mans International The KZ event has just ended in France, on Karting track is not really conducive to battles that produce goosebumps, as the current karts are undoubtedly too complex and too heavy to promote daring moves, the tyres too delicate to allow the real geniuses of the steering wheel to express themselves and the sometimes very restrictive regulations make it hard to put on a real show. However, karting does not live in a bubble, the world

changes constantly and we must make the best of it.

So we welcome the planned show - although it is no longer inevitable - and will look for the true achievements where they are and will not let it spoil our enjoyment. Especially when it is run as a single event, a karting World Championship remains an exciting show to watch live at the trackside or on a screen. Congratulations to Jorrit Pex, a Dutch driver racing with a (large) family team, which has added its name to the prestigious list World Champions, the French driver Thomas Laurent, a driver at the private Cédric Sport team, who managed a masterstroke in the KZ2 International Super Cup and to all of the other drivers who made this event a SUCCESS















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## FFSA HOW OLD FOR EACH CATEGORY?

A reminder of the age ranges for the federal categories.

#### MINIKART

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(7 years old for the holders of an EFK gold or silver wheel , or 8 years of age after an on-track test)

#### MINIME FROM 9 TO 12 YEARS

CADET

11 TO 15 YEARS

#### NATIONALE

FROM 13 YEARS

For all other Senior categories, drivers must be aged at least 15 years, and at least 32 years for Gentleman categories. Unless otherwise indicated, it is the year the age is attained.



ecognizing the importance of Minikart in the development of karting, Sébastien Caranta is currently refining a big project to promote the debut of young drivers in competition. "Minikart is increasingly attractive," says the boss of Sonic Racing Kart. "The introduction of the Micromax engine has restored élan to the class. However, the level of competition is quite high and we often meet confused parents who are struggling to help their children. It is especially important that not they get discouraged due to lack of racing experience. This is why Sonic is establishing a true Junior Team, designed as a school of competition for Minikarts. This is to teach them the basics of the discipline for very young drivers so they can enjoy their first races without worries using our experience."

It is a good idea indeed to oversee and support the competitive debut of the young drivers, especially as the creation of a pool of drivers is essential for the future of karting. Sonic Racing Kart offers a range of services, from engine hire to the full package, in the PACAC region as well as in national events, with a constant concern with driver training.

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## WINFIELD RACING SCHOOL WELL REPRESENTED IN KRISTIANSTAD

After 15 years of absence, the legendary Winfield school is back under the name Winfield Racing School. Under the direction of Frédéric Garcia and Gwen Lagrue, the Winfield team is preparing for the launch of a new concept of winter selection in January 2016, Winfield Winter Selection, with well-established educational aims, which will take place at Paul Ricard.

ting Championship like Kristianstad is very important." explains move from karting to single-seaters soon.

season in F4 with Prema Powerteam."

contact with young talents who plan to Team, Gwen Lagrue will be closely monitoring his protegee, Juan Correa, racing The Winfield Winter Selection was created in the European Championship in KF as to give them a solid training before star- well as having the opportunity to watch ting a career in single-seaters. In the two some young drivers closely. "The Winfield weeks WWS will last, they will have to Talent is a nice tool that we are putting drive 4000 km in a FIA Formula 4 car and in place based on the observation that compete in no less than nine races at Paul many talented drivers fail to achieve as

Our presence at a European Kar- Ricard. The winner will be offered a full they deserve due to lack of training during their transition from karts to cars. I am delighted with our welcome at the Eu-Frédéric Garcia. "It is essential to be in Also responsible for the Lotus F1 Junior ropean Championship in Sweden. This is a good sign for the future!"

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## **ALPHA KARTING TO DISTRIBUTE** THE VROOAM RANGE

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The young Dutch brand, which has quickly built a solid reputation for quality in motorcycle, speed, cross and enduro, is also used by

the best in karting. The flagship product, VROOAM Factory Racing 2T oil, has been crowned this weekend in Sweden with the European KF Championship won by Ben Hanley (Mad Croc chassis and TM engine).

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## LONG CIRCUIT: 3<sup>RD</sup> RACE OF 2015 AT PAU IN NOVEMBER

FFSA this year, the 2015 French Long Circuit Championship will run three races as advertised.

he National Karting Commission has just approved the organisation of the third and final meeting of the season on the Pau-Arnos

Actively supported by the circuit on 14th and 15th November. Registration will open soon online on the website www.ffsakarting.org.

> The Pau-Arnos circuit, which should not be confused with that of Pau City. offers a varied track of 3030m packed with thrills in the Pyrenees-Atlantiques. The November karting competition will include KZ2 and KZ2 Gentleman for the French Long Circuit Cham-

pionship and participants in the Trophy Long Circuit TTI Carbone. Two days of special karting testing have been organised by the Pau-Arnos circuit on 8th and 9th August. All information is available at www.circuit-pau-arnos. fr and the official Facebook page of the circuit https://www.facebook.com/ pages/Circuit-Pau-Arnos-Page-Officielle/233513140155795

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## EXTRAORDINARY DOUBLE FOR HADRIEN DAVID FOR MINIME AT ST-AMAND



At week Parf, Hadrien David has had two major national successes in Minime at the circuit of Saint-Amand.

e knew he was quick from the beginning of the season, given its impressive collection of victories on all fronts. But the young driver, spotted by the FFSA 10-15 Programme, took a step further at Saint-Amand by winning first in the NSK, both victory and title, then again during the French Cup. Is he unbeatable?

Anyway, Hadrian is a leading protagonist this year in the category for 9-12 year olds at the wheel of his Team CBK Zanardi / Rotax and the circuit of Saint-Amand has been particularly successful for him. For the second and final round of NSK in Minime, he won everything in the heat. Pole position from timed qualifying, three heat wins, winning the prefinal and the final by over 10" ahead of his opponents and the fastest lap of each race, so the outcome was clear. After dominating in the final at Le Mans, Hadrian took over the lead again in Saint-Amand to win overall.

A week later, the field of the French Cup was more consistent, but the result didn't change. With the fastest lap time among the 42 involved, Hadrian won without pressure in each of his three qualifying heats. He then took off in the dry with the best lap in the prefinal and confirmed this on a very wet track in the final, still the fastest, crossing the finish line 18" from second. The FFSA French Cup is his first success after his victory in the NSK.

"I would first like to thank Cédric Boisroux and the CBK team for preparing top equipment for me during these two weekends!" Hadrien said with modesty. "The training races during

the 10-15 Programme also helped me, especially on a physically demanding circuit like St. Amand. It was necessary to differentiate the start and in the opening laps to ensure good results every time, even though I never dropped the pace to the finish. The year had started well and now it has all come together perfectly. "

Hadrien David will be even stronger in the Rotax International Cup at Angerville and the French Championship at Aunay les Bois, the two major events of the end of the season.



elipe Drugovich and Caio Collet, the two Brazilian drivers at Kosmic Racing Department, have finished in the top five of the final of the European KF-Junior Championship at Kristianstad. The performance is even more remarkable as the competition was disrupted by numerous incidents and the changing weather conditions greatly complicated the task of the drivers and technicians.

"Frankly, I'm very happy with this result!" admitted Olivier Maréchal. "The Swedish race was difficult for everyone, we had to overcome many pitfalls to complete it successfully. The team reacted very well during changes in grip and we were always quick. The drivers performed well in such conditions, even though all they didn't all achieve the same success. The progress from Drugovich and Collet since the beginning of the season is a great satisfaction for the team."

Driving his Kosmic / Vortex, Felipe Drugovich was fastest in KF-Junior, 3rd in timed qualifying and in the top three in the heats, only delayed by a rear bumper hook. He came back to 3rd in his prefinal and ended up taking 2nd place in the Final with the third fastest time in the race after a very convincing drive. Caio Collet was also very solid.

despite his lack of running. After dropping out in a heat, he managed a superb Prefinal and fought in the top four of the Final before finishing 5th, which secured him 6th position in his first European Championship. Delayed in the heats, heckled in the prefinal, Charles Weerts would otherwise have earned his place in the Final in view of his performance, beginning with taking 9th in Qualifying.

Karol Basz was once again among the best in KF, with 3rd in Qualifying, his two victories in qualifying heats and matching the best time with impressive rises. But a cascade of trouble put paid to his legitimate podium ambitions and he could do no better than 6th in the Final. At her home race, Jessica Backman failed to qualify because of a stampede in the Repechage, whereas she had gained 15 places during the qualifying heats.

The next event is at La Conca for the World KF & KF-Junior Championship where Olivier Maréchal's team are undoubtedly title contenders!

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hether using the Orange brand OK1, or the blue of Praga, the IPK chassis are on the rise among young drivers! In the French Minikart Championship at Angerville, they again performed well.

Mathys Jaubert (OK1 / Rotax) fought for victory until the last metres of the French Cup at Belmont. At Angerville, he was again one of the two best out of the 48 drivers entered. 2nd fastest in qualifying, he won twice in the qualifying heats with the fastest time. Mathys was then the only one to challenge for the lead against the future champion, especially at the starts. Fast and steady, he finished the competition on the second step of the podium and became the first French Vice-Champion in Minikart.

Educated at Kart Driver Academy (http://www.actionkarting.fr) in Lyon, the young Leny Reveillere (Praga / Rotax) is currently making a remarkable breakthrough at national level. Ranked 12th in the French Cup, he significantly upped the pace a month later at Angerville. Starting with 18th in qualifying he recorded a constant progression throughout the event. In the top 10 after the qualifying heats, he gradually moved closer to the top five. Forced to retire in Final 3, he has still finished his first French Championship in 5th position, revealing amazing potential.

The French importer of OK1 and Praga brands, Action Karting (http://www.action-karting.fr/) warmly congratulates these two young talents.



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tor of Event Promotion Garett Potter. "The XZ41T46 and pin: MAX. response we've received on the US Open series has been overwhelmingly positive, "We look forward to seeing everyone in going to be incredible both on and off the rental information. track."

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and we are set to cap off our season in Sin Las Vegas," continued Potter. "Be ready to City with our biggest and best event yet! #RaceTheRio!" Stay tuned for more infor-With parties planned and Halloween on the mation to be released soon, including the Saturday night of the event weekend, it is track layout, event schedule as well as tent

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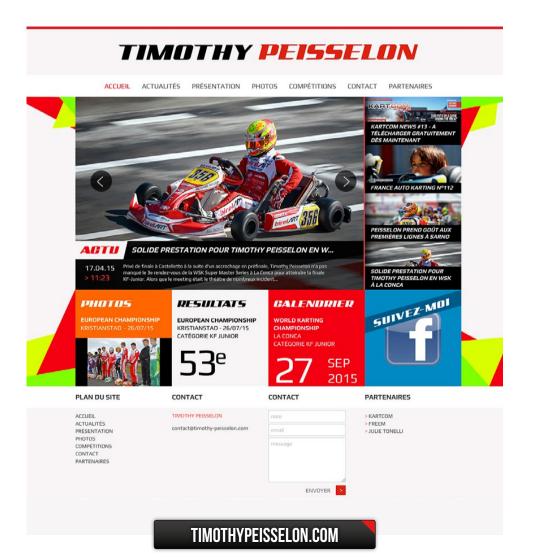


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## TIMOTHY PEISSELON **NOW ONLINE**

The young French hopeful from the Cadet category (2nd in the Coupe de France, 4th in the 2014 French Championship), Timothy Peisselon made his international debut this season in KF-Junior under the protective gaze of Philippe Bianchi.

His new website www.timothypeisselon.com follows his day to day progress with photos, news and race results. The big event of the year will be at the end of September at La Conca for the World Championship for KF-Junior.





## MAXIME POTTY VICE-CHAMPION OF BELGIUM

Arriving at Ostricourt the leader in the Belgian X30 Senior Championship, Maxime Potty left the Lille region as vice-champion.

Ithough the disappointment - quite legitimately at missing the title by a single point was there, the season for the young driver Hamoir still deserves praise. At only 15 years old, Maxime was the youngest of the contenders for the title and his scope for growth is still significant!

tty knew that the Belgian Senior X30 Championship had in the final round of the Belgian Karting Championship at

escaped him. "Fifth is my worst result of the season," he sighed. "I needed to finish in the top two to take the crown. But we did not find the ideal set-up and I raced all of the Final with a kart that was very difficult to drive and could not have done better!"

By crossing the finish line in 5th in the Final Maxime Po- For Antoine, Maxime's younger brother, was also racing

Ostricourt. As one of the outsiders of the X30 Cadet category, the young man was almost always in the top five. He also took the chequered flag in 5th in the Final. And that was the position in which he finished in the national whose behaviour was deteriorating as the laps went on. I competition! "Throughout the season, we alternated good and bad times," said Antoine. "At Mariembourg, I was very successful and on the podium. Unfortunately, it was a little harder at Francorchamps and Ostricourt. But I learned a lot and I am looking forward to the rest of the year, particularly the Victory Challenge, the final race of the Belgian ASAF Karting Series."



The CIK-FIA has met its commitments by fixing the 2016 sporting calendar very early to allow Drivers, Teams and ASN's to plan more comfortably for next season. The proposal submitted by the promoter WSK Promotion has been accepted by the CIK Commission. Unfortunately it was not possible to reach an agreement with the organisers to hold a Competition in Germany or Great Britain. To be approved definitively, the 2016 CIK-FIA sporting calendar must be validated by the vote of the next FIA World Motor Sport Council, on September 30th, 2015 in Paris (FRA).

## APRIL 24TH

ESSAY (FRA)

CIK-FIA European Championship for KZ, 1st Round / CIK-FIA European Championship for KZ2, 1st Round / CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy, 1st Round

## MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

ZUERA (ESP)

CIK-FIA European Championship for OK, 1st Round / CIK-FIA European Championship for OK-Junior, 1st Round / CIK-FIA European Championship for KZ, 2nd Round

### JUNE $5^{\text{TH}}$

ADRIA (ITA)

CIK-FIA European Championship for OK, 2nd Round / CIK-FIA European Championship for OK-Junior, 2nd Round / CIK-FIA European Championship for KZ2, 2nd Round

## JUNE 26TH

PORTIMAO (POR)

CIK-FIA European Championship for OK, 3rd Round / CIK-FIA European Championship for OK-Junior, 3rd Round CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy, 2nd Round

## JULY 31TH

GENK (BEL)

CIK-FIA European Championship for KZ, 3rd Round / CIK-FIA European Championship for KZ2, 3rd Round / CIK-FIA European Championship for OK, 4th Round / CIK-FIA European Championship for OK-Junior, 4th Round

### SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

KRISTIANSTAD (SWE)

CIK-FIA World Championship for KZ / CIK-FIA International Super Cup for KZ2 / CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy, 3rd

### NOVEMBER 20TH

SAKHIR (BHR)

CIK-FIA World Championship for OK CIK-FIA World Championship for OK-Junior

negotiations between the Bahrain organizer and WSK Promotion, a great package has been created which ensures an attractive offer to the Drivers and Teams. The Competition at Sakhir will receive significant financial support from the Bahrain International Circuit to reduce transport and accommodation costs. From Sunday 13th November to Sunday, November 20th, the Bahrain International Circuit will provide each driver with a double room in one of the finest Bahrain's hotels. including breakfast and buffet lunch and dinner every day at the circuit. A free shuttle service between the airport, hotel and the circuit will be set up for the duration of the stay. All transport costs for shipping and storage of equipment for the teams will be paid between Italy and the circuit, each way return. The delivery of the necessary equipment, up to 100 kg per Driver, will be provided by a specific air service. Complete assistance will also be provided for all customs formalities to and from to the port of Bahrain. These exceptional Competition conditions will ensure that Sakhir will be at least as accessible as a European Competition, if not better.







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#### ADJUSTMENT OF THE TIME PENALTY CONCERNING FRONT FAIRINGS

Article 31 of the CIK-FIA Specific Prescriptions has been amended to clarify that the penalties when the front fairing is incorrectly positioned after an impact, are to be reduced from 30 to 10 seconds and automatically imposed without appeal. Any Driver found to have intentionally placed their front fairing out of position on the final lap or after the chequered flag will be excluded from the Competition. This decision takes effect immediately, with the sole exception of the 2015 CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy which has already completed two of its three Competitions according to the previous regulation.





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## FIA LAUNCHES KARTING SCHOOLS

The FIA has launched an initiative that will enable children around the world to discover karting and receive structured training through approved National Karting Schools.

he concept behind the scheme is to build a worldwide network of schools that make use of standardised guidelines and accreditations. They will provide a programme through which young people can take their first steps into karting and increase the number of racing licenceholders around the world.

Introduced during the recent FIA Sport Conference in Mexico, the platform gives National Sporting Authorities (ASNs) the opportunity to create approved schools that will utilise a set of global parameters to tutor children aged six to 11 in the fundamentals of racing.

ASNs, in conjunction with their nominated circuits, will have to prove that they can meet criteria laid out by the FIA, including having qualified instructors, adequate facilities and homologated circuits and equipment that satisfy safety standards. In return, the FIA will certify the ASN and the circuit to establish a school and provide them with the guidelines and support necessary to do so.

Once established, the schools will provide structured tutoring to students, who will be able to progress through three levels of accreditation as they learn about safety on the track and on public roads,

driving skills and the mechanical aspects of the sport. Instructors will be provided with criteria to evaluate the development of each driver, with bronze, silver and gold 'laurels' attainable. For each level attained, the driver will receive a diploma as well as a badge that can be sewn onto their overalls.

Morgan Caron, FIA Head of Transverse Motor Sport Projects and Manager of the Drivers' Commission, said: "The main objective is to provide a platform that will allow children in different countries to discover karting and provide them with practical skills."

Caron, who spent 15 years working for the Fédération Française du Sport Automobile, France's ASN, points to the example of a similar programme he was a part of there: "We had set up this kind of project in France and that has been a great success. That is why we are thinking this kind of project can develop in countries around the world."

Young French stars Esteban Ocon and Pierre Gasly both came through the French programme. With the launch of its new karting school, the FIA is hoping to provide similar opportunities to youngsters worldwide. Caron said: "We are now fully open to receiving applications from countries that are interested in running a karting school."

### SEPTEMBER 2015

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20/09 Varennes / Allier - National Series Karting	X30 Senior / X30 Master / DD2 / DD2 Master / Rotax Master / Rotax Max / Nationale
20/09 Shenington - Little Green Man Series	X30 Junior / X30 Senior / X30 Cadet
20/09 Ugento - Italian ACI Karting Trophy	KF / KF Junior / 60 Mini / KZ2
27/09 Angerville - Champ. Regional lle de France (5e)	X30 / Rotax Master / Rotax Max / Nationale / Cadet / Minime / Mini Kart
27/09 La Conca - World Karting Championship	KF Junior / KF
27/09 PF International - Super One British Champ.	X30 Junior / TKM Extrem / Junior TKM / X30 Senior / X30 Cadet / Rotax Senior Mini Max / Honda Cadet / Rotax Junior

OCTOBER 2015		
04/10 Kerpen - Deutsche Kart Meisterschaft		KF Junior / KF / KZ2
04/10 Le Vigeant - Championnat de France		Superkart
04/10 Varennes / Allier - Coupe de France		Nationale
04/10 PF International - Little Green Man Series		X30 Junior / X30 Senior / X30 Cadet
04/10 Varennes / Allier - Championnat de France		KZ2 Gentleman / KZ2
11/10 Genk - Belgian Max Challenge		Mini Max / Rotax Senior / Rotax Gentleman / Micro Max / Rotax Junior
17/10 Lonato - ROK Cup		Shifter Rok / Mini Rok / Super Rok / Rok / Junior Rok
18/10 Le Mans - IAME International Final		X30 Shifter / X30 Master / X30 Senior / X30 Junior
25/10 Aunay-les-Bois - Championnat de France		Feminine / Cadet / Minime
25/10 Adria Rovigo - Rotax International Open		Rotax Senior / DD2 / DD2 Master / Rotax Junior
25/10 Mariembourg - Belgian ASAF Karting Series		X30 Shifter / X30 Master / X30 Cadet / X30 Senior / X30 Junior / Mini
25/10 Lonato - Trofeo delle Industrie		KF / KF Junior / 60 Mini / KZ2

INOVEIVIDER 2015		
01/11 Angerville - Stars of Karting	KZ / KZ Master / X30 Master / X30 Senior / X30 Junior / Rotax Master / Rotax Max Nationale / Cadet / Minime / Mini Kart	
01/11 Adria Rovigo - WSK - Final Cup	KF / KF Junior / 60 Mini / KZ2	
01/11 Genk - Belgian Max Challenge	Mini Max / Rotax Senior / Rotax Gentleman / Micro Max / Rotax Junior	
08/11 Arce - Coppa Italian ACI Karting	KF / KF Junior / 60 Mini / KZ2	
08/11 Angerville - Challenge de l'Armistice		
14/11 Portimão - Rotax Challenge Grand Finals	Rotax Senior / DD2 / DD2 Master / Rotax Junior	
15/11 Pau Ville (Auto) - Champ. de France (Long circuit)	KZ2 Gentleman / KZ2	

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# LUNDGAARD WINS THE RACE AND TITLE

he Danish driver Christian Lundgaard at Ward Racing (Tony Kart / Vortex) secured the title of European Champion in KF-Junior with a beautiful victory. After a good recovery, Presley Martono (Tony Kart / Vortex) clinched 2nd place in the standings by finishing 7th in the final. After taking pole he was then delayed by a series of troubles, so Kenny Roosens (Kosmic / Parilla) could not even qualify, but still took 3rd position in the Championship ahead of Marta Garcia (FA Kart / TM) and Clement Novalak (Tony Kart / Vortex).







## ROTAX JUNIOR

wo new drivers were at the front of the Junior category at Wackersdorf. Nicolas Schoell (Tony Kart - Strawberry Racing) won the Prefinal, Dean MacDonald (Kosmic -Aim Motorsport) took 2nd after a penalty for Tom Gamble (Tony Kart - Strawberry Racing). The final was marked by a series of collisions that ousted several contenders for victory at the end of the race. Zak Fulk (Tony Kart - Coles Racing) won by just two thousandths of a second against Jack McCarthy (Tony Kart - Strawberry Racing), while Alex Quinn (CRG - CRG Spa) took 3rd place after going through the Repechage. Of the French, Jean Nomblot (Sodi - KPR) returned to the top 10 in the Prefinal and Adam Eteki (Tony Kart - SG Drivers) finished 7th in the final.

# ROTAX SENIOR

hampionship leader Pierce Lehane (Tony Kart - Strawberry Racing) consolidated his position thanks to his two victories. In the Prefinal, he first took the lead ahead of Rinus van Kalmthout (Tony Kart - Daems Racing) and Dennis Mavlanov (Tony Kart - KR Sport). The Australian then faced Sam Marsh (FA Kart - Dan Holland Racing), while John Stewart (Tony Kart - Strawberry Racing) grabbed 3rd position from Niki Kresse (Kosmic - KSB) and van Kalmthout.





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nthony Abbasse (Sodi - Sodikart) took pole position and his new team-mate Bas Lammers won the DD2 Prefinal. But Paolo De Conto (CRG - CRG Spa), who had already been 2nd in the Prefinal, clinched the overall victory ahead of the poleman in qualifying Luka Kamali (CRG - CRG Spa) and Kevin Lüdi (Kosmic - Spirit Racing). Lammers finished 4th ahead of Abbasse. Less fast than usual, Ferenc Kanscar (BirelART / KMS) had to settle for 8th position.

# MASTER

gor Mukhin (CRG - CRG Spa) had a beautiful event in DD2 Master. Fastest lap, leader of the heats, he only conceded the top spot in the prefinal to Kawase Tomokazu (Uniq Racing Team), before resuming the ascendancy in the Final, thus increasing his capital significantly in the championship. Geza Fodor (Ricciardo - KMS) and Tamsin Germain (CRG - DG Racing) completed the podium.





Ithough he has not really been rewarded for his efforts in national competitions for the moment, Adam Eteki put in an outstanding performance against field that is usually at a higher level, the Rotax Max Euro Challenge. With his recently acquired 7th place in the final in Wackersdorf, the young French driver has moved into the top 10 in the provisional classification of one of the toughest championships.

Driving his SG Driver's Team Tony Kart / Rotax, Adam began the German event with a modest 29th in Junior qualifying. With a good 4th place in the first heat, he then encountered a few obstacles and was unable to improve his score in the intermediate classification. In contrast, Adam gave his best in the finals thanks to his sense of attack and excellent lap times. The celebration began in the prefinal for Eteki with a magnificent gain of 15 places. At this level, it is a big achievement! Adam continued his momentum in the final and this time gained five positions, a tough challenge among the best specialists, and crossed the finish line in 7th place.

Progressing steadily since his debut in the Euro Challenge at Salbris, Adam is now in 10th place in the championship after three races, very good for a first international season. Racing this weekend in the French National Championship at Angerville, Adam will race in the final round of the Rotax Max Euro Challenge in September at Genk.









#### **ROTAX**

# DD2

he fight for the DD2 title was cut short with the retirement of Paolo De Conto (CRG - CRG SPA) in the prefinal, with a broken rim. Ferenc Kancsar (BirelART / KMS) was crowned by winning the prefinal and finishing 2nd in the final behind Roope Markkanen (Tony Kart - TRV) who has enjoyed a hectic start to take advantage. Tucked up in 5th place, De Conto still took 2nd in the championship against Roope Markkanen, Marcel Schirmer (Tony Kart - RS Competition) and Rasmus Markkanen (Tony Kart - TRV) completed the top five. The French driver Nicolas Picot (Sodi-KPR) took 6th place in the final.



gor Mukhin (CRG - CRG Spa) was not on it this weekend. He even had time off on Saturday for personal reasons. His championship lead even allowed him to be crowned against the winner of the final Kawase Tomokazu (Kosmic - Uniq Racing Team) and Tamsin Germain (CRG - DG Racing), while Christophe Adams (BirelART / KMS) won the prefinal.

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Le Mans International Karting Circuit - 1384m

Second KZ World Championship in France • Legendary venue of Le Mans • Variable weather, but dry finals . Bridgestone tyres • De Conto the leader in qualifying and in the heats • Pex wins in the prefinal and final for his first world title • Impressive recovery from Ardigo,

with the fastest lap in the final • Suspense until the last metres • Kozlinski in the top three • Sodi in 3rd, 4th and 5th places



## CIK-FIA WORLD KZ CHAMPIONSHIP - KZ - LE MANS

## JORRIT PEX BECOMES CHAMPION ON THE LAST LAP







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## 3 SODIS IN THE TOP FIVE IN WORLD KZ

held this weekend on the Le Mans Undoubtedly, Sodi is back to stay! International Karting circuit, brought seeing three of the four contenders finish an engine failure. Several KZ2 drivers also had the opportunity to shine with Sodi in Bertrand Pignolet, the director of Sodikart.

he 2015 World KZ Championship, Championship for the second time in KZ1. recognition it deserved in competition. So

to return to the highest level of global in competition early in the season to competition. Sodi had the satisfaction of demonstrate the full extent of its technical expertise. The entire company has invested in the top five of a notably tough meeting. in the project, the production unit as well Kozlinski managed to take 3rd place in front as the race Research & Development unit, of Iglesisas and Lammers, while Abbasse, by creating a new racing service and with

the International Super Cup and at the takes stock of this new orientation: "We same time Henry Easthope won the British were convinced that Sodi did not get the

we worked hard to demonstrate the quality of our race chassis. For the first year, the rewards for the work done by Sodikart Sodi decided to strengthen its involvement results are very positive; placing three Sodi drivers in the top five in World KZ is a great result that motivates us all to aim for big wins in the near future!"

Equipped with TM Racing factory engines. the Sodi boys were already on the pace also in the game until then, retired with enhanced training with professional drivers. at Le Mans from the free practice of the World Championship, but a bold set-up for qualifying didn't pay off. The team went back to work to make adjustments and move up in the rankings.

The Dutch champion Bas "We had already had the Lammers, a newcomer to the oppor Sodi factory team, dropped in or the heats after a wrong tyre choice between rain showers, the co then a track incident when he is really our first big si was back to 5th place. With his confided Julien Dexmier, the usual bravery, he managed to Team Manager. climb from 33rd to 16th place bette in the prefinal and then to 5th everyone the desire to excel place during the final, one of especially as we felt that the the biggest achievements of the whole company was behind us. weekend.

Champion has was shown! prefinal. Courageous in adversity, he rose brilliantly from 19th to 6th Sodi is pleased to greet the place in the heats. With fantastic second British Super One KZ1 starts, he took 4th place in the Championship won by Henry prefinal and continued his effort Easthope this weekend at to finish 3rd in the final, an Shenington. The British driver had extraordinary performance at already been crowned U18 World this level of competition.

unity to shine on a few

In the KZ2 International Super Anthony Abbasse was the Cup, the current equivalent of unluckiest of the team. 2nd in a World Cup. Nicolas Gonzales his first heat with the fastest (Sodi-TM-CPB Sport) managed lap, he was the victim of a a fantastic pole position in blown engine in the second, but qualifying against 95 other quickly gained six places in the contenders. Twice 2nd and prefinal. Unfortunately, a second once 1st in the heats, he was engine problem early in the final delayed by incidents and had prevented him from keeping to push to return 4th in prefinal 1. He also regained ground in the final and was fighting for a The CPB Sport driver Jérémy long time for 3rd position before Iglesias was strong early in being surpassed at the end of the meeting before ramping up the race and finished 4th. Two impressively in the final, moving other drivers brilliantly defended from 11th to 4th position at the Sodi colours before being foot of the podium thanks to the ousted in the final. The young remarkable work of his team. Pierre Loubère (Sodi / TM) set the fourth fastest time and took The best Sodi performance 2nd place in his prefinal, while of the meeting was to the the experienced Charles Fiault credit of Arnaud Kozlinski. The (Sodi / Parilla) went up from 30th experience of the 2009 World to 6th in the third heat and his

Champion in 2012 with Sodi.











homas Laurent (Tony Kart / Vortex) was not the fastest during practice, but the team Cédric Sport corrected this perfectly to allow him to return in prefinal 2, where he made a perfect start in the final and his opponents only saw the back of him. Nicolas Gonzales (Sodi / TM) of Team CPB Sport set the fastest time, almost a tenth ahead of the factory CRG driver Pedro Hiltbrand (CRG / Maxter). He won four of his five heats and his prefinal. However Joel Johansson (Energy / TM) of the Energy Corse factory had recovered his deficit since qualifying and won his prefinal. While he was in the top three in the final he was a victim of a disastrous attack from Fabian Federer (CRG / Maxter) placed which left the field open to Johansson. Slower than before, Gonzales managed to control the chasing pack until the last lap. Hiltbrand then tried a robust pass that changed the situation. Excluded for this manoeuvre, he yielded 3rd place to Alberto Cavalieri (Righetti Ridolfi / Modena) who had good performances throughout the weekend. Gonzales took 4th position ahead of Stan Pex (CRG / TM), the younger brother of the new World Champion.









# MINIME

Hadrien David (Zanardi / Rotax) dominated without sharing in the Minime category, achieving a flawless route to victory and the title. "I owe my victory to the excellent work of the CBK team" said Hadrien at the finish. "The races have not been easy, particularly at the start and in the first two laps." In 2nd position in qualifying and in the heats, Enzo Costet (CRG / Rotax) lost his footing in the final stages and Daniel Augereau-Scott (Tony Kart / Rotax) had the honour of the second step of the podium in front of a amazing new driver, Charles Christen (Nowa). Sami Mégéutounif (CRG / Rotax) was not unworthy, returning to 2nd place in the prefinal after a complicated start to the meeting; he finished also 2nd in the championship in front of Esteban Masson (Sodi / Rotax).

# CADET

n Cadet it was a perfect meeting for Theo Pourchaire (Exprit / Rotax) and the Jana Racing team. Pourchaire won all his races and therefore regained the advantage on Victor Martins (Sodi / Rotax) in the championship. "The competition was not as easy as it sounds!" explained the new champion. "I pushed to the maximum from start to finish. The team has worked hard to return to the level of the top chassis." Martins was fast in the heats, but Theo Nouet (CRG / Rotax) recovered well in the finals by finishing in 3rd place behind Sophie Perrin (Zanardi / Rotax) who was back like a rocket after being disqualified in qualifying. The consistent Thibaut Clement (CRG / Rotax) took 3rd place in the championship.





# NATIONALE

nzo Valente (Sodi / Rotax) was the strongest in the National category until a loose clutch in the final broke his momentum. Returning to 2nd in the prefinal, François Villotte (Tony Kart / Rotax) had plenty of space to win the last race. "This is my first major victory in National!" confided Cedric Sport driver. "I gradually got my bearings on a track that I learned and my machine was getting better and better." Florian Venturi (FA Kart / Rotax) was delayed twice and ended up only 7th. Constantly at the front, 4th in the final, Jules Bollier (Sodi / Rotax) rose to 2nd place in the championship behind Valente, while Jean Nomblot (Sodi / Rotax) was on the third step of the podium. Jacques Missimily (FA Kart / Rotax) completed the top five of the race.

# BEAUTIFUL REVENGE FOR RICCI IN X30 SENIOR

"Everything went well this time, I was able to win fair and square. I won everything, but was not always the fastest so victory is all the more beautiful! A big thank you to LM Karting." This is what the X30 Senior winner Thomas

Ricci (Tony Kart / Parilla) said. Anthony Costa (Tony Kart / Rotax) did not let the lead go in the heats while Luca Midali (Sodi / Rotax) took over in the closing stages. Vincent Fraisse (Sodi) was gaining until the prefinal when he

was downgraded. He still managed to climb to 3rd place overall. Ricci took the lead in the championship in front of Giacomo Napolitano (Tony Kart / Rotax) and Fraïsse.



sed to the Saint-Amand track, Arnaud Sarrazin (Sodi / Rotax) perfectly mastered the Evo Max category. "My victory is the result of a lot of focus. Early in the meeting, it was not easy and the performance came for the final victory. I do not do the calculations for the championship, what interests me most is to win races." However, his opponents didn't fail, starting with Nicolas Picot (Sodi / Rotax), the poleman who was penalised subsequently, then Julien Hermouet (Tony Kart / Rotax) who was 2nd in the heats or Matthew Melet (Tony Kart / Rotax) who even moved up to 2nd position in front of Emmanuel Reviriault (CRG / Rotax). Sarrazin leads the championship ahead of Reviriault with Picot slightly behind.

"I am very happy because it was not won at the start!" said the Rotax Master winner. "Starting 9th in the prefinal, I managed to win the race before confirming in the final. I used all my experience to win the older event!" Charly Hipp (Tony Kart / Rotax) managed to consolidate his championship lead, against Laurent Aubin (Sodi / Rotax) who was very effective in Saint-Amand. The rapid Fabien Mihoub (Sodi / Rotax) took 3rd place. 6th in the final, Mathieu Camus (Sodi / Rotax) is 3rd in the standings behind Sarrazin and Aubin. There was a lack of success this time for Jeremiah Charon (Ricciardo / Rotax) and Nicolas Duchateau (Tony Kart / Rotax).

The DD2 drivers were not very numerous, but the competition was nevertheless hotly contested. After the pole for Barrie Pullinger (FA Kart / Rotax) against the clock, Alexander Anstett (Birel / Rotax) dominated the heats. Nicolas Picot (Sodi), however, took over the lead in the finals. "After the misadventures of Le Mans, it's a great satisfaction to win here at Saint-Amand," explained the KPR driver. "It was not easy in the heats, but it was better on Sunday." Anstett retains the championship lead ahead of Jean-Baptiste Pennequin (Tony Kart / Rotax) who was 3rd in the final and Jules Cousin (FA Kart / Rotax).

KEY POINTS

#### FRENCH CUP FOR MINIME/CADET - SAINT AMAND

# HENRION AND DAVID WINNERS AFTER THE RAIN



## HADRIEN DAVID ADDS THE FRENCH CUP TO HIS CV

adrien David (Zanardi / Rotax) was certainly the best of the category Minime at Saint Amand. Already very fast in the dry, he dominated from qualifying to the prefinal, before flying to the final victory when weather conditions

deteriorated, the big winner by 18 seconds. The fight for 2nd / Rotax), Evann Mallet (CRG / Rotax) and Enzo Costet (CRG / Rotax). Baptiste Gorge (CRG / Rotax) was isolated, finishing in

5th place in front of the chasing pack led by Victor Bernier (Sodi place was fierce until the last lap between Dylan Leger (OTK / Rotax) in full ascent. Although he started in 3rd position, the first lap was fatal to Sami Meguetounif (CRG / Rotax), who then managed to climb to 11th.



# CADET GILLIAN HENRION TRIUMPHS AGAINST THE ELEMENTS

heo Pourchaire (OTK / Rotax) seemed unbeatable in qualifying, in the heats and in the prefinal. But the wet track after a downpour shortly before the final tripped up the Champion. Gillian Henrion (CRG / Rotax), his closest rival since the start of the day, suddenly assumed the role of leader and held it with great gusto during the 20 laps of the race to win alone. Theo Nouet (CRG / Rotax) was defeated by Thomas Mialane (Zanardi / Rotax) who took 2nd place, far enough in front of the chasing pack. Simon Lambert (CRG / Rotax) was awarded 3rd place in extremis against Victor Martins (Sodi / Rotax) and Teo Grasset (Zanardi / Rotax) at the end of the race, while Simon Pereira Lapa (Alpha / Rotax) made a spectacular recovery of 23 places to rank 5th in front of Kilian Fraysse (Zanardi / Rotax) and Orso Escartin (CRG / Rotax), who set the fastest lap.





#### FRENCH HANDIKART CHAMPIONSHIP - SAINT AMAND

## TURKAWKA THE FIRST FRENCH HANDIKART CHAMPION



July 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>

LOCATION

18 drivers / 1 Category

ENTRY

International Circuit Saint-Amand - 1037 m

First French Handikart Championship • Tight battles in the absence of Claude Zéfirini • Rodriguez sets the fastest time • Hermer ahead in the heats and Final 1 • RESULTS

the heats and Final 1 • Turkawka wins two final victories and the title • Dubois wins the Philippe Streiff Award



etween the pole position achieved by Melwynn Rodriguez (Sodi / Rotax) on Saturday and the final victory for Adrien Turkawka (Tony Kart / Rotax) late Sunday afternoon, there was plenty of action in the first French Handikart Championship. Firstly Pascal Hermer (Praga / Rotax) then Rodriguez held the top of the hierarchy at the end of the heats. Hermer retained this position in Final 1, as the French Championships are now using a sporting programme of three finals, the worst being dropped after the addition of the three results.

Starting 4th in Final 2, Turkawka completed an incisive beginning start to the race and got the better of Hermer and also Benedict Thibal (Alpha / Rotax), 2nd again. The Championship was fought between these three men in the last final in the rain. Turkawka managed to take a new victory against Thibal and Hermer. The accumulation of the three races crowned Turkawka ahead of Hermer and Thibal. Several other drivers enlivened the race, including Nicolas Godard Donville (Birel / Rotax), in 4th. Behind him, Omar Megari (Sodi / Rotax), Gilbert Meneur (Tony Kart / Rotax) and Christophe Giraud (Sodi / Rotax) were the most consistent.

A podium rewarded the disabled drivers by 3 or 4 members of the Philippe Streiff Prize. Fabrice Dubois (Sodi / Swiss Auto) was on the top step ahead of Vianney Chan-Tsin and Jean-Claude Planque.

KEY POINTS

#### **KEY POINTS**

FRANCE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MINIKART & NATIONAL - ANGERVILLE

31st Jul. to 2nd Aug. 138 drivers / 2 categories

ENTRY

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 Almost perfect event for Creton, the National Champion
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CRETON AND AMAND: TWO CHAMPIONS AHEAD OF EVERYONE







# CRETON TAKES HIS REVENGE IN NATIONAL

ery determined, Harald Creton (Kosmic / Rotax) cleverly managed his uncontested races win a beautiful French Championship in 2015. After a pole position in qualifying and dominating the heats as well as being the winner of three finals, he was the strongest at Angerville. Sébastien Gibier (Tony Kart / Rotax) and Enzo Coursimault (Kosmic / Rotax) along with the young rookie Adam Eteki (Tony Kart / Rotax) were the main rivals to Creton. While Coursimault and Gibier were on the podium, Adrien Renaudin (Sodi / Rotax) finally finished 4th in front of Eteki and Maxime Sabin (Tony Kart / Rotax) who were riding high in the finals.



# MARCUS AMAND, THE BOSS OF MINIKART IN 2015





# MINIKART

n Minikart, Ilann Dupont (CRG / Rotax) Rotax) having retired early in the race. Other racers in the category for 7-10 year olds, Louis start of the competition, but a final penalty gave the top step of the podium to Lorenzo Cioni (Kosmic / Rotax), Tim Mérieux (Sodi /



Arnaud Sarrazin (Sodi / Rotax) from Team PKS top five. progressed throughout the meeting and won well

he represented group with 41 drivers, in the final against Victor Compere (FA Kart / Rotax) Rotax Max Evo saw Joel Deptuch (Kosmic and Deptuch. Charles Tesnière (Sodi / Rotax) and / Rotax) dominate until the prefinal, but Paul Fourquemin (FA Kart / Rotax) completed the



MASTER

line, he was unfortunately penalised three climbed on to the podium.

fter the pole position for Nicolas places for going out of his corridor so Duchateau (Tony Kart / Rotax), Duchateau (Team JSP), who set the fastest Olivier Paris (Sodi / Rotax) took lap, was declared the winner. The great over by winning the prefinal and the heats leaders of the class, Jeremie Charon (Birel in Rotax Max Master. 1st on the final finish / Rotax) and Fabien Mihoub (Sodi / Rotax)



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#### FRENCH OUP FOR SUPERKART - OROIX EN TERNOIS

# GOULLANCOURT WINS WITHOUT REAL OPPOSITION





Ranoarimanana (MS Kart / DEA) and (MS Kart / VM) could challenge Thierry Vandemeulebroucke (PVP / Vandemeulebroucke's position, but FPE). Ranoarimanana had however he had to retire so finally Jean-Marc taken control of race 3 for a while, the Fernandes (EMA / F1000) took 3rd decisive final, and the fastest lap, but place and the first podium with his then lost ground due to a fuel leak. new Suzuki engine. Vandemeulebroucke took the second

ulien Goullancourt (Anderson- step of the podium accordingly FPE) won everything at Croix, behind the winner of the weekend. despite the efforts of Kevin Goullancourt. Pascal Delcroix

#### **KEY POINTS**

8 drivers / 1 Category

Circuit de Croix en Ternois. France - 1900m

17th edition of the Nations Trophy • Small entry for the French Cup • The French Long Circuit Championship and TTI Long Circuit Trophy complement the poster • British

presence with the Karting tion • Rain in the Pas de perimental Meeting • Full marks for Goullancourt











# LAURENT TAKES OFF IN KZ2

ot always dominant in the heats, the Cedric Sport driver Thomas Laurent (Tony Kart / Vortex) was not worried In the final stages. His championship lead virtually assures him the title before the third round at Pau in mid-November. The Leuillet brothers, Tom and Gabin, newly moved to Sodi / TM with CPB Sport created a surprise by setting the two best lap times. Simon Ellis (CRG / Vortex) was behind Laurent on the prefinal grid and led in the final. But Laurent returned to the lead and flew to victory while Nelson Bondier (Tony Kart / TM) took his revenge in his prefinal and finished 2nd to Ellis.

The KZ2 title is almost settled and Thomas Laurent leads with 200 points against Lopez (134 pts) and Bondier (105 pts), knowing that a result must be counted.

# KZ2 GENTLEMAN THE OTHER SAVARD TAKES CONTROL

ranck Savouret (FA Kart / Vortex) set the fastest lap and along with Yannick Savard (CRG / Modena) and Vincent Fontenille (CRG / Modena), the trio played the slipstreaming game perfectly to gain an advantage in the qualifying heats. Grégory Guilvert (Birel / TM), Teddy Legendre (Tony Kart / Vortex), Emmanuel Galichon (BirelART / TM) and Thomas Bailly (TB Kart / Modena) dropped out. The infernal trio continued in the prefinal, but Bailly managed to infiltrate in the final and Guilvert came back to fight for victory in an epic last lap. Savard was ahead on the wire in front of Fontenille and Guilvert. In the overall rankings, Yannick Savard is looking good for the title (172 points), but Guilvert (129 pts) and Savouret (122 pts) are still in the race, and Fontenille (96 pts) and Bailly (87 pts) can also move up.

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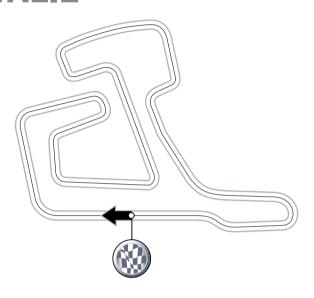
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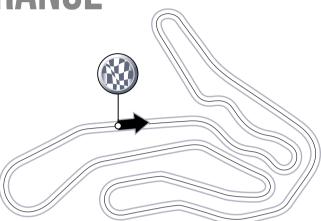
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#### QUALIFYING CONFIRMS THE TOP THREE

Once again the two fastest times in qualifying went to Valentin Moineault ahead of Sacha Fenestraz and Gabriel Aubry reflects the situation, as well as the superb 4th position for Kami Laliberté.

# MOINEAULT DOMINATES RACE 1

It was a familiar story for Valentin Moineault: a good start and a race ahead of Sacha Fenestraz and Gabriel Aubry who were however closer to the leader than usual. Kami Laliberté ensured 4th place against Reuben Kressner and Simo Laaksonen.

# A ROUT OF THE FAVOURITES AND A WIN FOR LAAKSONEN

Michael Benyahia started from pole position for the first time thanks to the reverse grid. He managed beginning of the race perfectly before being decapitated by Axel Matus. Simo Laaksonen came back and won while Valentin Moineualt and Gabriel Aubry retired, one going off the track, the other after a collision, and Fenestraz damaged his car.

#### MOINEAULT AGAIN

It was the second win of the weekend for Valentin Moineault followed closely by Gabriel Aubry, while Sacha Fenestraz had to give way to Julien Darras who was up to 3rd. Kami Laliberté finished in the top five to conclude his best weekend of the season.







performance in Hungary. wheel of his F4 with a brilliantly clear purpose when resuming the French Championship at Magny-Cours. Although an incident broke his to pass Fenestraz on the second lap momentum in Race 2, he was on the of Race 3, But Moineault had had podium twice, 3rd in Race 1 and 2nd in time to gain a small advantage which Race 3. Increasingly fast and confident in his potential, the member of ACO Paris has high ambitions for the end of his first season in single-seaters.

"The results of the event at Magny-Cours are very satisfactory," Gabriel Aubry said after the competition. "I was much closer to the leader Valentin Moineault at Hungaroring and I had a nice card to play. I must admit that Race 2 was very frustrating. I returned quickly from 8th to 3rd place, but Still 3rd in the provisional standings experienced problems."

break, Gabriel did not take long to a taste for victory in Budapest. "It's regain his feel on the track. In the qualifying session, he has twice set the third fastest lap. "I probably would have done even better if my best have fought very sportingly and it sectors on a single lap were combined, but therein lies the difficulty of the exercise. This is a point on which I will have to seriously work on in the future to increase my chances in the race."

Gabriel retained its place, 3rd, during Race 1. In the direct wake of Moineault

n the wake of his good and Fenestraz he did not want to take excessive risks by attempting a Gabriel Aubry took over the simultaneous attack on two leaders. who always stayed too close to be passed one after another. Scalded by this experience, Gabriel did not wait was not easy to overcome despite the sometimes slightly better times by the driver of car # 8. "We were driving at the same pace, Valentin and me. The gap has changed little, but at least he was not as far away as in Hungary. To hope to beat him, I'll have to stay with him early on, which needs better qualifying. This objective motivates me even more now I feel it is within mv reach."

a driver hit me on the 5th lap and I of the French F4 Championship. could not restart. But I feel able to Gabriel is closing on 2nd and is not target another victory which is all at all resigned to finish the season the more important as my rivals have in that position. Making progress since the start of the competition, he hopes to soon reap the rewards of In full fitness after the long summer his steady growth, having acquired less complicated now. I fight against two good drivers who have mastered their subject. For several races we encourages me to excel."

> The next meeting is in less than three weeks in Spain on the Navarra circuit near Pamplona for the penultimate round of the 2015 championship.

# MICHAEL BENYAHIA ON THE ATTACK AT MAGNY-COURS

n his return to the French F4 the lead for more than two laps. Unfortunately, his showed good progress in terms of performance. Thanks to more consistent experience and good "It's a shame because I felt good and I was preparation, the young driver was able to up the managing the situation calmly," said Michael. "I tempo significantly. For the first time, he even was fast enough to get a very good result and completed a few laps in the lead. Undoubtedly maybe a victory! I moved to avoid contact when I another step has been taken in his car driver saw Laaksonen in my mirrors braking at the limit, learning.

The speed of the youngest driver in 2015 French I was very disappointed ..." F4 now increasing quickly. Significant variances to focus in particular on attacking under braking and overtaking strategy. and the load transfers.

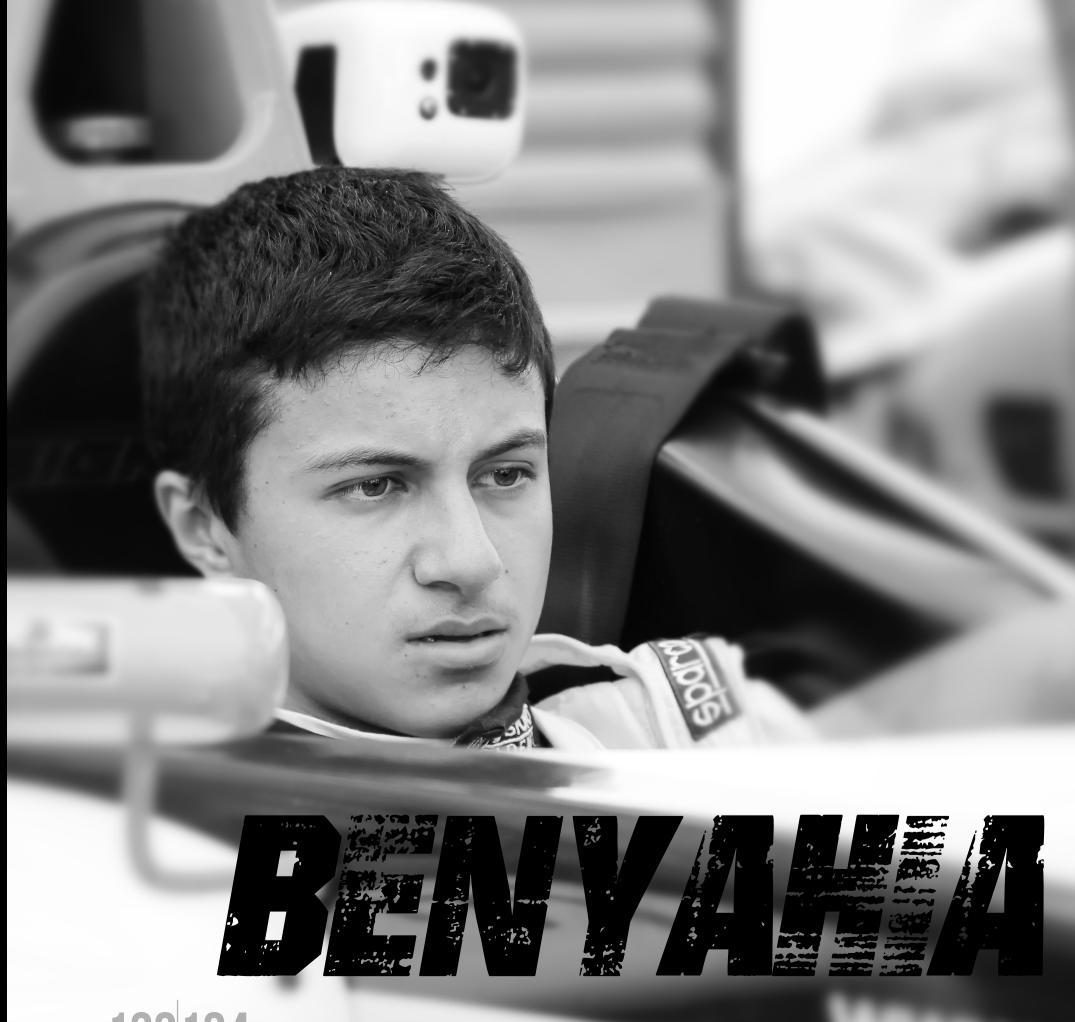
competitors with great confidence under braking his discovery of the world of motor racing. at Adelaide. He surprised observers by keeping

Championship on the famous Magny- achievement was interrupted by an indiscriminate Cours circuit, Michael Benyahia attack from rivals who sent him off the track.

> but I hadn't done anything against Matus, who was too optimistic at the same time. At the time,

recorded when he was a complete beginner are Michael set off again on the attack in the last no longer relevant and he is capable of running race of the meeting and this time moved up five only a few tenths off the fastest times. The long places to finish 9th, his second top 10 of the summer break has allowed Michael to reflect on weekend. Beyond the frustration, legitimate but the start of the season and his approach to driving temporary, to lose out on an important result, is working effectively, significantly different from Michael is aware of his recent progress and is what he had known in karting. Better prepared displaying a new confidence that allows him to thanks to the testing this summer organised by revise his objectives upwards. Now he is fast, he Auto Sport Academy at Magny-Cours, he was able will focus on improving his management of races

The next event will be contested in Spain on the In Race 1, his ability won him four places to Navarra circuit at the end of the month. It will not finish 10th, a strategic position that afforded him, be easy as he was unable to participate in testing because of the reverse grid, his first pole position with the Auto Sport Academy on the Iberian in car racing for the start of Race 2. Unintimidated, track because of his studies, but Michael will he started without hesitating and held off his nevertheless have a new basis to further perfect





young Canadian Kami Laliberté was rewarded for his work and efforts during the fifth round of French F4 Championship. He was inspired by the Formula 1 circuit of Nevers Magny-Cours and throughout the weekend was top of the standings. He even managed to take his first podium of the year by climbing to the second step of the podium in Race 2 while being recognised as the top Junior in the Championship. After the meeting. Kami returns to the top 10 in the overall standings.

From qualifying on Friday, Kami was in the lead pack and rivalled the top drivers in the Championship. He confirmed his good form in qualifying by securing the fourth fastest time, quaranteeing him the second row on the grid for Races 1 and 3.

For the first race of the Nivernais weekend. Kami made a great start and managed to keep up with the race pace set by the leaders. Demonstrating great fighting spirit, Kami fought beautifully to compete for the top step of the podium. But he failed to shrug off his opponent and had to settle for a brilliant fourth place, proving his speed with the fastest time in the first race.

For the start of the second race, and according to the principle of the reverse grid for the top ten classified in race 1. Kami Laliberté dropped to the fourth row. Starting from 7th place, Kami again made an excellent start and managed

to gain an advantage over many competitors on the early laps. Very lively on the Magny Cours track, Kami did not relax his efforts and continued his race to finally cross the line in second position, the first of the junior drivers.

The last race on Sunday at the Circuit Bourguignon was again the scene of a great race for Kami who managed to cross the finish line 5th after a valiant struggle with the Championship leader.

This successful Nivernais weekend allowed Kami to reioin the top ten in the provisional standings before of the next round to be held in late September in Spain on the Navarra circuit.

Kami Laliberté: "I am very satisfied with my weekend at Magny Cours where I achieved my best results since the beginning of the year. From free practice until the last race I felt very comfortable. Running at the front throughout the weekend is a source of satisfaction and I gained a lot of experience. The work I have done since the beginning of the season is beginning to bear fruit and I do not intend to stop there. I can not wait to be back in Navarra for the next round and to confirm my performance in Magny Cours."

The next meeting of the French F4 Championship will be at Navarra with the GT Tour on 25th. 26th and 27th September in Spain.

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# GIULIANO ALESI ALWAYS IN THE RACE

t the end of the fifth round of the French F4 Championship, Giuliano Alesi's racing weekend was subdued. But the difficulties encountered on the renowned Circuit Nevers Magny-Cours have not affected his motivation and the ultimate goal of the young driver from Avignon. In the penultimate meeting held in Spain at Navarra from 25th to 27th September, Giuliano Alesi plans to remain competitive and will not skip any phase of his preparation.

The difficulties began in the qualifying session on Fridav. where Giuliano was not able to establish a good time for the starting grids in Races 1 and 3.

Qualifying in 12th position for the start of the first Nivernaise race, Giuliano didn't manage to get away from a very agitated pack and ended up being the collateral victim of a clash between two competitors, making him lose the tenth place that meant pole position for the second race of the weekend. Despite the disappointment of Race 1, Giuliano managed to express himself fully during the second race by making a great comeback to 5th position. Very motivated for the conclusion of his Bourguignon weekend, Giuliano showed steely morale at the start of Race 3. Unfortunately, he encountered a mechanical problem during the formation lap. He nevertheless took the start but had to deal with a car with cruel lack of top speed. Fighting valiantly to stay in the points, he would again be a victim of his competitors and retired before the chequered flag was waved.

Despite the disappointments encountered, Giuliano Alesi departed the Nièvre confident for the rest of the Championship because nothing is settled yet and he can still achieve podium positions.

Giuliano Alesi: "It was a very complicated weekend but again very informative. From free practice onwards, I encountered problems with my brake balance and I was enormously handicapped for qualifying. In Race 1, I found satisfactory race pace and I had managed to move up the rankings when two competitors crashed in front of me.





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