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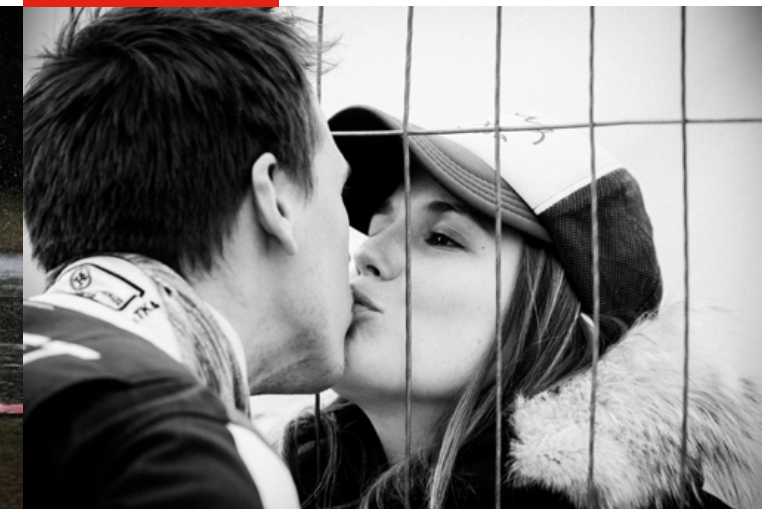
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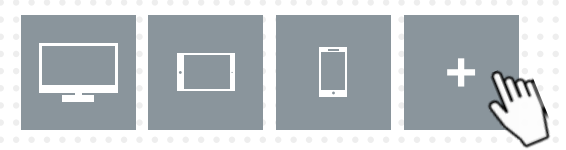


The cold weather that prevailed in part of Europe did not favour the early season competitions. Accidents in NSK at Le Mans, cancellation of the WSK Super Master at Lonato in the snow and a deluge at the Margutti Trophy are the most outstanding examples. Drivers, however, showed the courage to line up at the start of the races. There were a few record highs, particularly in Italy. The OK and OK-Junior categories are doing well in terms of international participants.

Beyond its consequences and the search for responsibility, the Le Mans accident must make people

reflect on the media treatment of such events. Communication has made a lot of progress in the world of karting, but there is still much to be done to make the attractive and sporting aspect of the competition take precedence over the sensational. All of the stakeholders in the discipline must be concerned and work to develop the good image of karting. Organisers, media, and enthusiasts must fight together against the out-of-control social networks at each disaster. Clicking on the link of a video, sharing publications or giving an audience to certain sites is not without repercussions ...

With the expected arrival of spring, the pace of racing will accelerate at all levels. The first regional, national and international deadlines are already in sight. Let's all keep in mind the pleasure of racing, the only real challenge of our sport and savour every moment of this consuming passion that Kartcom News shares every month in order to promote the image of karting. KSP Reportages' free digital magazine will soon be celebrating its fourth birthday and attracts nearly 20,000 readers worldwide to each issue.



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2018 : NEW AMBITIONS FOR EVAN SPENLE

Although he will reach the age of 15 during the year, Evan Spenle has decided to give a new impetus to his racing career by joining the FFSA Academy and the FFSA France Pole at Le Mans. In 2018, he starts both the French Junior Championship and in the CIK-FIA International Championships in OK. Good challenges are waiting for him this season.

After discovering go-karting at the age of eight, Evan started competing the following year in the Ile de France regional championship, already showing some skill. Minime followed Minikart and already brought him some successes, like his victory in the Stars of Karting Championship in 2015. He then took 2nd place of the Ile de France



regional championship 2016 in Cadet and entered the national top 10 with his 8th place in the French Championship and 7th in the French Cup. 2017 was the year of a rewarding experience in Britain, both for mastering the language and for confronting the formidable Super One drivers. A member of the Fusion Motorsport team, Evan took 3rd place in X30 Junior in the Euro Series and neared the top 10 among the 133 Junior drivers at the international meeting of the IAME International Final at Le Mans.

With these more than encouraging results, Evan has sharpened his ambitions for 2018. Always eager to learn more, he joined the FFSA Pole France at Le Mans in January to reconcile his studies with a sporting approach to his discipline. He is also involved in the FFSA French Junior Championship to complete his training in the field in a formula that has already proven itself

in 2017. Well armed thanks to this preparation, he will make his debut in the OK category, that of the international karting elite, competing for the European Championship and the CIK-FIA World Championship. On this occasion, Evan will also be accompanied by Alexis Landais (Optimetal Consulting) and Julien Abelli (Simumotion).

"I am delighted to welcome a young motivated and ambitious driver like Evan Spenle to the FFSA Academy," declared Christophe Lollier, the National Technical Director. "He has understood the importance of training for the job of driver by taking advantage of everything the FFSA puts in place to support young French hopefuls. I am convinced that he is giving himself the best chance of succeeding, which is already a very positive point. I cannot wait to see him progress internationally!"

TEAM BABY RACE PUTS ITS CONFIDENCE IN PAROLIN CHASSIS

The news is a sensation in the industry; Baby Race, one of the biggest international teams, both in terms of performance and number of drivers, has just made the decision to use Parolin chassis exclusively.

"We are pleased to start this collaboration with a major team in the international karting scene like Baby Race. This adds value to the racing programme which we launched in recent years. We are confident of a positive outcome for this collaboration."

"We are delighted to start this collaboration with one of the most important international karting teams like Baby Race," confirms Marco Parolin. "It reinforces the value of the competition programme that we launched two years ago and we are proud that such a prestigious team has chosen our products. We are fully confident in the success of our collaboration."

The Parolin Racing Kart brand is indeed not as well known as it deserves to the general public. A major player in karting for several decades, the factory founded by Albino Parolin has an enviable track record. Professionals have long appreciated Parolin's outstanding manufacturing, which

was also chosen by the CIK-FIA to launch the Academy Trophy in 2010. Following an CIK-FIA Asia Pacific Championship in KZ, an Italian championship and a winner of the WSK Super Master in Mini, Parolin made a great start to the 2018 season in Mini, OK-Junior and KZ.

The Baby Race Team is one of the biggest private teams with indisputable credentials such as a KF-Junior World Championship title, numerous WSK event victories and several championship titles in Italy. Baby Race successfully tested the Parolin chassis at the Winter Cup in Lonato, both in Mini Rok and KZ2. Alessio Lorandi achieved top-notch performances even though he had just received his Parolin the day before the competition. After the second fastest time in KZ2, out of the 94 entries, less than 4 hundredths from pole, he then won three Qualifying Heats. After a few

racing incidents, Alessio came back strongly during the Final with the second fastest lap. The balance sheet turned out to be very positive. The latest track tests have validated the final decision and all Baby Race karts are now equipped with Parolin chassis.

"It's a new adventure starting for us with Parolin Racing Kart," explains Sandro Lorandi. "Our tests with Parolin chassis have been very successful, they are very good products. Our strong agreement with Albino and Marco Parolin is a key element in the challenge we wanted to meet this year. We are convinced that they will do their utmost to give us the means for our drivers to win in all categories."



FRANCE AUTO "KARTING SPECIAL" WINTER 2017/2018

N° 123 of the France Auto magazine Karting Special returns with images of the 2017 season. The digital version is easily available online here.



KARTAGENE CONTINUES TO LEAD THE WAY

Known for their pragmatic approach to kart racing and driver training, Kartagene takes advantage of this great knowledge of the discipline to enter new territories. The latest project is not just about the racing world, but more about educating young citizens through karting.



Kartagene did not have much difficulty in convincing a dynamic school in Salbris, Collège Saint-Georges, to integrate a multidisciplinary programme around karting into its students' curriculum from the 3rd to 5th years. It is a new form of learning combining rigour and professionalism, allied to a situational awareness of the rules of road safety, allowing development for everyone in original activities.

The sporting project will span three years and will fit into the students' schedule, chosen according to their motivation and results, of course in addition to the parents' agreement. Depending on the results obtained, the programme will also be able to move towards more competitive practice. The general objective of the "Mechanical Sports" class, which will open in September 2018, however, remains wider and can benefit a diverse audience.

Local in scope at this stage, the "Mechanical Sports" class is a unique experience developed in partnership with the Collège Saint-Georges pedagogical team. It will be the subject of an official presentation on May 25, 2018 in Salbris. The downloadable presentation booklet below provides more information. Kartagene can moreover answer more precisely all the requests of information to 02 54 97 80 81 or by mail: contact@kartagene.fr.

All the news about Kartagene can be found on its website and on its Facebook page.

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Championnat de France Long Circuit (1/3)
KZ2 - KZ2 Master - KZ2 Gentleman

09-10 Juin : ANCENIS

Championnat de France Handikart
Coupe de France Cadet

07-08 Juillet : ANNEVILLE

Championnat de France OK
Championnat de France Nationale
Coupe de France KZ2 - KZ2 Master - KZ2 Gentleman



14-15 Juillet : ANGERVILLE

Championnat de France Sénior / Master / Gentleman

14-15 Juillet : BELMONT SUR RANCE

Coupe de France KFS

21-22 Juillet : SOUCY

Championnat de France Cadet
Coupe de France Minime

04-05 Août : AUNAY LES BOIS

Championnat d'Europe CIK-FIA OK / OK-J
Trophée International Handikart



25-26 Août : MIRECOURT

Championnat de France Minime
Coupe de France Nationale

25-26 Août : CROIX EN TERNOIS

Championnat de France Long Circuit (2/3)
KZ2 - KZ2 Master - KZ2 Gentleman

15-16 Septembre : LAVAL

Coupe de France Rotax

06-07 Octobre : VARENNES

Championnat de France KZ2 - KZ2 Master - KZ2 Gentleman

10-11 Novembre : PAU

Championnat de France Long Circuit (3/3)
KZ2 - KZ2 Master - KZ2 Gentleman



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CIK-FIA: ONE MONTH BEFORE THE START OF THE SEASON AT SARNO

Under the management of the new promoter RGMMC, the 2018 CIK-FIA season will present several innovations. The

poster of the first meeting, at Sarno from April 20th to 22nd, already allows us to discover some of them. First, the new FIA official logo is in place, while the name of the events has been simplified for the media and general public. Thus the European Championship is renamed "FIA Karting European Championship" in order to give it more visibility outside the specialists in the field. The event itself is called "Karting Grand Prix Italy".

In both cases, membership of the world of motorsport is clearly highlighted as part of an overall strategy of expanded communication.

The CIK-FIA remains at the helm of all this while the promoter RGMMC bursts with new ideas...



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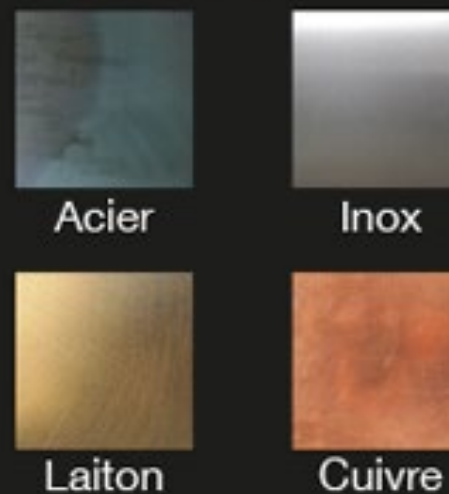


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THE FIA LAUNCHES THE "GIRLS ON TRACK - KARTING CHALLENGE"

On the occasion of the Motorshow in Geneva, the FIA presented its new programme: "The European Young Women's Programme", in the presence of Jean Todt, President of the FIA and Michèle Mouton, President of the Women In Motorsport Commission. Ambassadors of the programme Susie Wolff and Tati-

na Calderón also attended the event alongside Ambassador Peter Sørensen, Head of the European Union Delegation to the United Nations in Geneva. The "Girls on Track - Karting Challenge" programme, co-founded by the European Commission and supported by Yokohama, aims to promote motorsport among girls between 13 and 18 years old.

Girls On Track wants to increase female presence in the motorsport from its roots in karting, based on the slalom format, simple to implement and inexpensive. This two-year project is funded by the EU through the Erasmus + programme, which will allow the Women's Motor Sport Commission to launch it in March 2018.

"We are very proud to be able to launch this ambitious programme of European competition for young female audiences, and I am delighted that the European Union, through its financial support, has become aware of our strong commitment to women's access to motorsport. The FIA has been particularly attentive for many years in ensuring equal promotion between men and women in motorsport," said Jean Todt.

During the first year, karting slaloms will be organised at the national level in large urban centres for girls from 13 to 18 years old. Eight European ASNs are partners of the event: Belgium, Finland, Germany, Holland, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia and Sweden. More than 3000 participants are expected during this phase.

In March 2019, the three women selected in each country will meet at Le Mans for a final confrontation in order to be one of the six drivers of the European Team. The six selected will then participate in driver training through the FIA's sports and education program. The programme will end at a closing event in Brussels in autumn 2019.

The programme will be featured on social media through the hashtag #TheGirlsOnTrack. A page is already dedicated to it on the FIA website: www.fia.com/TheGirlsOnTrack

2018 STARTS STRONGLY IN MINIME FOR MAXENS VERBRUGGE

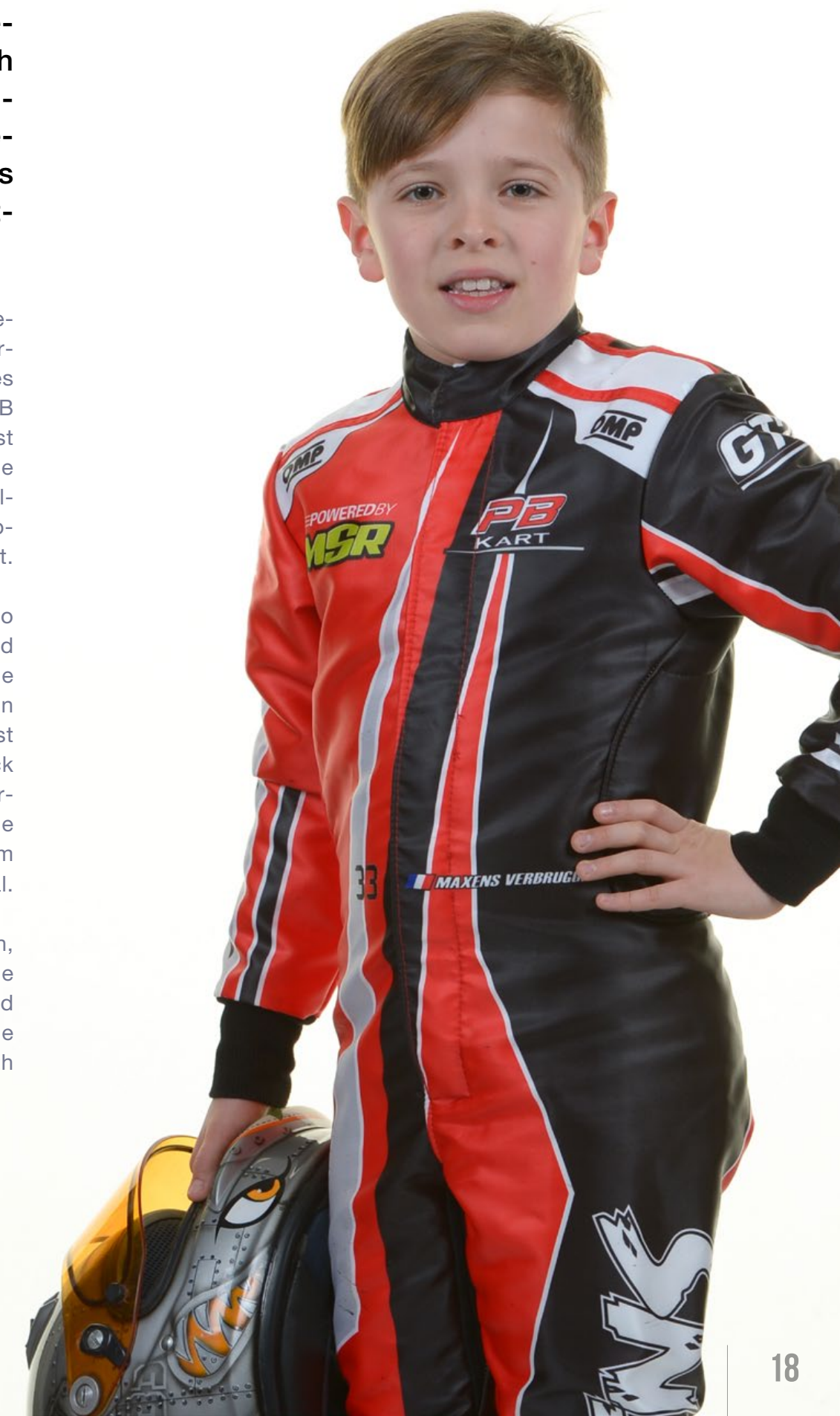


Maxens Verbrugge starts his second season of competition with great ambitions and a full programme. He had already achieved remarkable performances last year in Minime and 2018 attests to his progress.

During the first event of the IAME Series France, contested on the circuit of Brignoles as part of the Jules Bianchi Trophy, Maxens raced with the PB Kart team. First he posted the second fastest time in Minime and confirmed his form in the heats despite a retirement. The Prefinal allowed him to return to 2nd place, but another retirement deprived him of a Final result.

The opening round of the NSK at Le Mans also saw difficult weather conditions accompanied by rain. Maxens was again credited with the second fastest time. He then took a heat win and finished 2nd twice, each time the fastest lap in the race. Although he came off the track in the last heat, he was still 4th in the intermediate classification. The interruption of the meeting on Sunday afternoon did not give him the opportunity to assert his speed in the Final.

With this promising start to the season, Maxens will now focus on the Central League Championship which will start this weekend of March 17th and 18th at Salbris, then the following week on the IAME Euro Series with the Tys Racing team.





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UGO GAZIL'S RISE CONTINUES

In the wake of his superb top five in the United States, Ugo Gazil was eager to confirm his potential on the European continent. The young Lyon racer did not have to wait very long to fight in the big leagues, at the famous Winter Cup in Italy. Against 69 long-time international hopefuls, Ugo was about to enter the top ten, when a minor incident caused him to lose ten places. This is only a postponement...

INCREASED EXPERIENCE AND MATURITY

Ugo Gazil continues to adhere strictly to his plan and to assert himself as one of the most promising French drivers from the beginning of the 2018 season. The Winter Cup has given additional proof. "It's never easy to participate in a race at Lonato's South Garda Karting, because it's the favourite circuit of the international teams and many drivers know it by heart," said Ugo. "For me, it was the first time I had driven there in such changeable weather conditions."

On the subject of weather, the drivers saw everything in mid-February: on wet tyres on a drying track, on slicks on a wet track, with grip on dry tarmac or in the rain! "Ugo has adapted to all these conditions," confirmed his coach Didier André. "He has gained confidence and continues to brilliantly implement whatever the team and I teach him."

AT THE GATES OF THE TOP TEN

With 19th in Qualifying, then 14th after the first three Qualifying Heats, Ugo Gazil managed to climb back to 4th place at the chequered flag of the Super Heat. Although he dropped a few places following a penalty, he still won his qualification for the Final. Starting 15th, he progressed several more places after magnificent overtaking. "I was 11th two-thirds through the race," says Ugo. "But when I overtook the 10th, we touched and my spoiler came off the hook. So I had to settle for 22nd place."

"Ugo was very incisive throughout the race. He had a very positive attitude and continued to move forward. It was again a very good experience. We must also salute the work done by Dino Chiesa's team and the performances of his KR-Parilla ensemble. All this is very encouraging for the future," added his trainer from the DADD (Didier André Driver Development) organisation.





REMARKABLE BEGINNING OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEASON FOR ADRIEN RENAUDIN

Three races, two podiums in the WSK series and a top five in one of the most difficult races of the season, the Winter Cup. Adrien Renaudin has confirmed all the hopes placed in him at the highest level of international karting. At the wheel of his CPB Sport team Sodi-TM, the talented Parisian driver continues to reap the rewards of his commitment, his fighting spirit and his work race-by-race.

TWO PODIUMS TO START WITH!

Adrien Renaudin and the CPB Sport team started early in the 2018 season. "We set ourselves very high goals this year for the major European and World CIK-FIA events," confirms Adrien. "We are now participating in the first winter competitions to fully prepare for the important deadlines that are looming in the coming months."

For a preparation, he completed two very impressive races. At the end of January at the WSK Champions

Cup, he completed a flawless event and climbed on the 3rd step of the podium on the circuit of Adria-Rovigo in Italy. A week later, at the same circuit and an even more brilliant result at the WSK Super Master Series, where he constantly progressed to the forefront.

AT EASE IN ALL CONDITIONS

On the weekend of 18th February, another challenge awaited him with the Winter Cup at Lonato: "This is a race apart, since the drivers of the KZ2 category, to which I belong, are mixed with the best KZ1 drivers, who are often part of factory teams. Lonato is their training circuit and, in addition, there were no less than 94 entered this year."

In this ultra-high-octane context which demonstrates the talent of the drivers, Adrien demonstrated his fighting spirit during Qualifying, where he gained 22 positions to secure 19th place for the start of the Final. "In Timed Practice, I was held up on my fast lap and had to settle for the 41st time. But then, the performance was there, whatever the track conditions: dry, greasy or completely wet!"

NO COMPLEX RACING AGAINST THE SERIES LEADERS

The Final started off well for Adrien, who made a more than perfect start by gaining almost ten places! *"Over the course of the laps, the equipment was more and more efficient and I was able to overtake several drivers."* What a progression! While fighting to qualify just a year ago, the CPB Sport team driver is now confronting with the specialists of global karting. Completing successive faster laps than the others, he reached 5th place at the finish.

"Too bad the lead group was out of reach. Because I'm sure that, starting closer, the podium was reachable. In any case, I want to thank CPB Sport for the "rocketship" equipment and their optimal technical choices despite the difficult conditions, Sodi for the chassis, Galiffa Kart for the TM engines, Florent for the top-class assistance and all my partners."

When he got out of the kart, one of the heroes of the day fell into the arms of his team and his family. *"With Adrien, we can be sure that it is "maximum attack",* confirmed his father Patrice.

2018 really has started under the best auspices for this exceptional fighter, ready to meet many other challenges...



THE KARTING ACADEMY TROPHY INCREASES ITS INTERNATIONAL AURA IN 2018

A Competition with increasing success, the CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy reached the record number of 40 nations represented in 2018 among the 51 young talents entered. The 9th edition is already anticipated as a highlight of the sporting year when it comes to launching future champions.

The CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy is a one-of-a-kind Competition designed to challenge the best in the world on equal terms. The young Drivers, aged from 12 to 14, represent their country at the wheel of randomly drawn identical karts, with Exprit chassis and Vortex engines from the OK-Junior category, equipped with LeCont tyres. This Competition is based on the skill and the determination of the OTK Kart Group, who won the tender for the supply of chassis and engines for the 2016, 2017 and 2018 seasons, pursuing equality in terms of equipment.

As in the previous two editions, the winner of the CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy will be invited to participate free of charge in the CIK-FIA World Junior Championship held at Kristianstad (SWE) in September 2018 in within of the official teams of OTK Kart Group. The CIK-FIA will also offer the top five of the 2018 Academy Trophy overall ranking, free entry to the CIK-FIA 2019 Championship of their choice. This prize can be valued on average at €2,000 per Driver.

The list of entries for the 2018 edition includes 51 Drivers, including three women, from 40 nations on five continents. Barbados, Kenya, Malta and Taiwan are among the new countries attracted by this Competition where the skill of the participants takes precedence over the financial aspect.

This season the CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy will visit three particularly accessible European countries known for their links with the history of Karting: France, Italy and Belgium. The three Competitions will take place on very famous circuits, at the same time as the CIK-FIA European Championships for KZ and KZ2, as well as on the occasion of the CIK-FIA World Championship for KZ.

Calendar of the 2018 CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy

6TH MAY 2018, SALBRIS (FRA), 1/3

15TH JULY, 2018, LONATO (ITA), 2/3

9TH SEPTEMBER, 2018, GENK (BEL), 3/3

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ENTRIES OPEN FOR THE 2018 FFSA KARTING SEASON

The French Karting Championships and Cups, with the exception of Endurance, are now available to enter on the ffsakarling.org website. New categories are on track this year for a varied offer for drivers from seven years old and up to 45 years old and older.

After the changes that appeared in 2017, the updates follow one after the other this year. A new federal category has been created based on the IAME X30 engine with its three versions: Senior (14 years old and over), Master (30 years old and over) and Gentleman (45 years old and over). The National category becomes reserved for drivers between 12 and 16 years old. The two categories for the youngest drivers, Minime and Cadet, reveal a new common chassis configuration. It is a 950 mm wheelbase model, widely used in Europe, which has been selected and homologated by 20 different brands. The Minime category will be equipped with a new IAME Gazelle 60cc engine, equipped with a clutch and a manual starter, chosen for its simplicity and its fair performance.

In 2018, 19 French Championships and 11 French Cups will be rewarded after the 25 meetings organised during 19 weekends on 20 different circuits, from north to south and from east to west in France within 16 categories.

The French Cups are "open" events accessible to all. To register for the various French Championships, drivers must have participated in their League Championship. This does not include the French Long Circuit Championship, a very attractive competition decided over three events on motor racing circuits, which is open to all high speed enthusiasts.

2018 FFSA KARTING CALENDAR

18TH MARCH

FRENCH JUNIOR KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP 1/5
Le Mans (72)

1ST APRIL

FRENCH SUPERKART CHAMPIONSHIP 1/5
Magny-Cours (58)

8TH APRIL

FRENCH JUNIOR KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP 2/5
Salbris (41)

15TH APRIL

FRENCH ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP 1/4
Le Mans (72) *

29TH APRIL

FRENCH JUNIOR KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP 3/5
Aunay (61)
FRENCH SUPERKART CHAMPIONSHIP 2/5
Dijon (21)

13TH MAY

FRENCH WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
OKJ FRENCH CUP FOR SENIOR, MASTER, GENTLEMAN
Lavilledieu (07)

FFSA
COUPE DE FRANCE KARTING

07-08 JUILLET : ANNEVILLE

COUPE DE FRANCE KZ2 - KZ2 MASTER
KZ2 GENTLEMAN

25-26 AOÛT : MIRECOURT

COUPE DE FRANCE NATIONALE

15-16 SEPTEMBRE : LAVAL

COUPE DE FRANCE ROTAX

21-22 JUILLET : SOUCY

COUPE DE FRANCE MINIME

09-10 JUIN : ANCENIS

COUPE DE FRANCE CADET

12-13 MAI : LAVILLEDIEU

COUPE DE FRANCE OK-J
COUPE DE FRANCE SÉNIOR / MASTER
GENTLEMAN

14-15 JUILLET : BELMONT SUR RANCE

COUPE DE FRANCE KFS

20TH MAY

FRENCH LONG CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIP 1/3
La Chatre (36)

27TH MAY

FRENCH ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP 2/4
Laval (53) *

10TH JUNE

FRENCH JUNIOR KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP 4/5
FRENCH HANDIKART CHAMPIONSHIP
FRENCH CUP FOR CADET
Ancenis (44)

24TH JUNE

FRENCH ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP 3/4
Anneville (76) *
FRENCH SUPERKART CUP
Biltzheim (68)

8TH JULY

FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP FOR OK AND NATIONAL
FRENCH CUP FOR KZ2, KZ2 MASTER, KZ2 GENTLEMAN
Anneville (76)

15TH JULY

FRENCH SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP, MASTER, GENTLEMAN
Angerville (91)
FRENCH CUP FOR KFS
Belmont sur Rance (12) **

22ND JULY

FRENCH JUNIOR KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP 5/5
FRENCH CADET CHAMPIONSHIP
FRENCH CUP FOR MINIME
Soucy (89)

26TH AUGUST

FRENCH LONG CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIP 2/3
Cross in Ternois (62)
CHAMPIONSHIP OF FRANCE CADET
FRENCH CUP FOR NATIONAL
Mirecourt (88)

9TH SEPTEMBER

FRENCH SUPERKART CHAMPIONSHIP 3/5
Nogaro (32)

16TH SEPTEMBER

FRENCH CUP FOR ROTAX
Laval (53) ***

7TH OCTOBER

FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP FOR KZ2 KZ2 MASTER, KZ2 GENTLEMAN
Varenes / Allier (03)
FRENCH SUPERKART CHAMPIONSHIP 4/5
Le Vigeant (86)

28TH OCTOBER

FRENCH SUPERKART CHAMPIONSHIP 5/5
Le Mans (72) direct engagement with CIK-FIA

4TH NOVEMBER

FRENCH ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP 4/4
Angerville (91) *

11TH NOVEMBER

FRENCH LONG CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIP 3/3
Pau Arnos (64)

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CALENDAR 2018

FEBRUARY

04/02 ADRIA - WSK - SUPER MASTER SERIES		OK / 60 MINI / OK-JUNIOR / KZ2
11/02 VALENCIA - WINTER CUP		X30 SENIOR / X30 SUPER SHIFTER / X30 JUNIOR / X30 MINI
18/02 LONATO - WINTER CUP		MINI ROK / OK / OK – JUNIOR / KZ2
25/02 BRIGNOLES - IAME - SERIES FRANCE		X30 JUNIOR / X30 SUPER / X30 MASTER / X30 GENTLEMAN / X30 MINIME / X30 SENIOR

MARCH

04/03 LE MANS - NATIONAL SERIES KARTING		DD2 / ROTAX MAX / KZ2 / ROTAX MASTER / NATIONALE / CADET
04/03 LONATO - WSK - SUPER MASTER SERIES		OK / 60 MINI / OK-JUNIOR / KZ2
11/03 LONATO - TROFEO ANDREA MARGUTTI		X30 SENIOR / OK / 60 MINI / OK – JUNIOR / KZ2
18/03 LE MANS - CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE		JUNIOR
18/03 LA CONCA - WSK - SUPER MASTER SERIES		OK / 60 MINI / OK-JUNIOR / KZ2
25/03 SALBRIS - IAME - EURO SERIES		X30 MINI / X30 SENIOR / X30 JUNIOR / X30 SUPER SHIFTER

APRIL

01/04 MARIEMBOURG - IAME INTERNATIONAL OPEN		X30 MASTER / X30 SUPER SHIFTER / X30 SENIOR / X30 JUNIOR / X30 SUPER
08/04 SALBRIS - CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE		JUNIOR
08/04 SARNO - WSK - SUPER MASTER SERIES		OK / 60 MINI / OK-JUNIOR / KZ2
15/04 LE MANS - CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE		ENDURANCE
15/04 LONATO - DEUTSCHE KART MEISTERSCHAFT		OK / OK-JUNIOR / KZ2
22/04 GENK - ROTAX MAX - EURO TROPHY		MINI MAX / DD2 / ROTAX SENIOR / ROTAX JUNIOR
22/04 SARNO - EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP		OK-JUNIOR / OK

MAY

06/05 VARENNES / ALLIER - NATIONAL SERIES KARTING		DD2 / ROTAX MAX / KZ2 / ROTAX MASTER / NATIONALE / CADET
06/05 SALBRIS - ACADEMY TROPHY		ACADEMY
06/05 SALBRIS - EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP		KZ / KZ2
13/05 WACKERSDORF - DEUTSCHE KART MEISTERSCHAFT		OK / OK-JUNIOR / KZ2
13/05 LAVILLEDIEU - COUPE DE FRANCE		MASTER / OK / OK-JUNIOR / GENTLEMAN / SENIOR
13/05 LAVILLEDIEU - CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE		FEMININE
20/05 PF INTERNATIONAL - EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP		OK-JUNIOR / OK
20/05 LEDENON - CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE		KZ2 GENTLEMAN (LONG CIRCUIT) / KZ2 MASTER (LONG CIRCUIT) / KZ2 (LONG CIRCUIT)
27/05 MARIEMBOURG - IAME - EURO SERIES		X30 MINI / X30 SENIOR / X30 JUNIOR / X30 SUPER SHIFTER

JUNE

03/06 AUNAY-LES-BOIS - CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE		JUNIOR
03/06 DONINGTON - EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP		SUPERKART
03/06 AMPFING - DEUTSCHE KART MEISTERSCHAFT		OK / OK-JUNIOR / KZ2
10/06 ANCENIS - CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE		HANDIKART
10/06 ANCENIS - COUPE DE FRANCE		CADET
10/06 KRISTIANSTAD - ROTAX MAX - EURO TROPHY		MINI MAX / DD2 / ROTAX SENIOR / ROTAX JUNIOR
17/06 AMPFING - EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP		OK-JUNIOR / OK
17/06 CHATEAU GAILLARD - IAME - SERIES FRANCE		X30 JUNIOR / X30 SENIOR / X30 MASTER / X30 GENTLEMAN / X30 SUPER / X30 MINIME
24/06 LAVAL - CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE		ENDURANCE
24/06 LONATO - WSK - OPEN CUP		OK / 60 MINI / OK-JUNIOR / KZ2

JULY

01/07 SALBRIS - NATIONAL SERIES KARTING		DD2 / ROTAX MAX / KZ2 / ROTAX MASTER / NATIONALE / CADET
08/07 ANNEVILLE - CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE		OK / NATIONALE
08/07 ANNEVILLE - COUPE DE FRANCE		KZ2 GENTLEMAN / KZ2 MASTER / KZ2
08/07 WACKERSDORF - IAME - EURO SERIES		X30 MINI / X30 SENIOR / X30 JUNIOR / X30 SUPER SHIFTER
15/07 ANGERVILLE - CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE		MASTER / SENIOR / GENTLEMAN
15/07 LONATO - ACADEMY TROPHY		ACADEMY
15/07 LONATO - EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP		KZ / KZ2
22/07 SOUCY - CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE		CADET
22/07 SOUCY - COUPE DE FRANCE		OK-JUNIOR / MINIME
29/07 KERPEN - DEUTSCHE KART MEISTERSCHAFT		OK / OK-JUNIOR / KZ2

AUGUST

05/08 ESSAY - EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP		OK-JUNIOR / OK
12/08 A1 SPEEDWORLD - ROTAX MAX - EURO TROPHY		X30 JUNIOR / X30 MINI / DD2 / X30 SENIOR
12/08 CASTELLETTO - IAME - EURO SERIES		X30 MINI / X30 SENIOR / X30 JUNIOR / X30 SUPER SHIFTER
19/08 ASSEN - EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP		SUPERKART
19/08 GENK - DEUTSCHE KART MEISTERSCHAFT		OK / OK-JUNIOR / KZ2
26/08 MIRECOURT - CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE		MINIME
26/08 MIRECOURT - COUPE DE FRANCE		NATIONALE
26/08 CROIX EN TERNOIS - CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE		KZ2 GENTLEMAN (LONG CIRCUIT) / KZ2 MASTER (LONG CIRCUIT) / KZ2 (LONG CIRCUIT)

SEPTEMBER

09/09 GENK - ACADEMY TROPHY		ACADEMY
09/09 GENK - INTERNATIONAL SUPER CUP		KZ2
09/09 LE MANS - IAME - SERIES FRANCE		X30 JUNIOR / X30 SENIOR / X30 MASTER / X30 GENTLEMAN / X30 SUPER / X30 MINIME
09/09 GENK - WORLD KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP		KZ
23/09 KRISTIANSTAD - WORLD KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP		OK-JUNIOR / OK
30/09 LE MANS - ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP		OK
30/09 LE MANS - CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE		ENDURANCE
30/09 WACKERSDORF - ROTAX MAX - EURO TROPHY		MINI MAX / DD2 / ROTAX SENIOR / ROTAX JUNIOR

OCTOBER

07/10 VARENNES / ALLIER - CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE		KZ2 GENTLEMAN / KZ2 MASTER / KZ2
14/10 LONATO - ROK CUP INTERNATIONAL FINAL		MINI ROK / SUPER ROK / ROK SENIOR / JUNIOR ROK / SHIFTER ROK
14/10 LE MANS - IAME INTERNATIONAL FINAL		X30 MASTER / X30 SUPER / X30 MINI / X30 JUNIOR / X30 SUPER SHIFTER / X30 SENIOR
21/10 LONATO - WSK - FINAL CUP		OK / 60 MINI / OK-JUNIOR / KZ2
28/10 LE MANS - EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP		SUPERKART
28/10 LONATO - TROFEO DELLE INDUSTRIE		OK / 60 MINI / OK-JUNIOR / KZ2 / X30

NOVEMBER

04/11 CASTELLETTO - WSK - FINAL CUP		OK / 60 MINI / OK-JUNIOR / KZ2
11/11 PAU ARNOS - CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE		KZ2 GENTLEMAN (LONG CIRCUIT) / KZ2 MASTER (LONG CIRCUIT) / KZ2 (LONG CIRCUIT)
11/11 ANGERVILLE - CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE		ENDURANCE
18/11 ADRIA - WSK - FINAL CUP		OK / 60 MINI / OK-JUNIOR / KZ2

DÉCEMBER

01/12 PARAIBA - ROTAX CHALLENGE GRAND FINALS		
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LAUNCH OF THE FFSA ACADEMY SEASON

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The squads of the French Junior Karting Championship and the French F4 Championship were gathered at the FFSA Academy on Tuesday 27th February at Le Mans to begin their 2018 season, along with President Nicolas Deschaux.

The winter break is often conducive to preparation for the following season. This is particularly the case in Formula 1, as the world elite is this week in Barcelona, but also for the lower categories. The official tests of the two French Championships organised by the FFSA Academy, Junior Karting and F4, were held today, Tuesday, 27th February, and will

continue tomorrow, Wednesday, February 28th, at the federal training centre at Le Mans.

As an precursor to the traditional official tests, the President of the French Motor Sport Federation, Nicolas Deschaux, addressed the drivers of the French Junior Karting Championship and the French F4 Championship. Although specific aspects of the federal training centre - which trains drivers, mechanics and instructors - were outlined, Nicolas Deschaux encouraged the young hopefuls to follow the example of Pierre Gasly and Stoffel Vandoorne, drivers at the FFSA Academy in the past and Formula 1 drivers today.





Nicolas Deschaux, President of the French Motor Sport Federation: "For more than 20 years, the FFSA has been contributing to the growth of young drivers thanks to its training centre, which means that the FFSA Academy is unique in the world because as it also trains racing mechanics and instructors, and the dual dimension of karting, with the French Junior Championship, and single-seaters, with the French F4 Championship, offers continuity to the best competitors. Loïc Duval, Pierre Gasly, Jean-Éric Vergne and Stoffel Vandoorne benefited from our know-how, and the drivers who make up the 2018 class are embarking on a new stage in their careers in the footsteps of their predecessors."

The young drivers, all aged 12 to 21, then embarked on their official tests. The 21 kart drivers drove on the International Karting Circuit of Le Mans for several hours to tame their Ex-pirit-Vortex mounts; while the 20 Academicians entered in F4 prepared for their next day's driving session on the Bugatti Circuit at the wheel of the new FIA F4 Mygale.

2018 French Championship Junior Karting

CALENDAR

16TH-18TH MARCH: LE MANS (72)

06TH-08TH APRIL: SALTY (41)

27TH-29TH APRIL: AUNAY-LES-BOIS (61)

08TH-10TH JUNE: ANCENIS (44)

20TH-22ND JULY: SOUCY (89)

2018 French Championship F4

CALENDAR

30TH MARCH-1ST APRIL: NOGARO (32)

11TH-13TH MAY: PAU (64)

01ST-03RD JUNE: SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS (BELGIUM)

13TH-15TH JULY: DIJON (21)

07TH-09TH SEPTEMBER: MAGNY-COURS (58)

05TH-07TH OCTOBER: JEREZ (SPAIN)

12TH-14TH OCTOBER: PAUL RICARD (83)



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INTERVIEW WITH

SANDRO LORANDI

THE FATHER OF BABY RACE

A former KZ driver, Sandro Lorandi created the Baby Race team to accompany the kart racing debut of his sons Alessio and Leonardo. Helped by their good results, the team quickly grew to become one of the most successful at the international level. Baby Race currently counts the Lorandi family business, timing solution Starlane, and Italtelo, specialist of equipment for events, among its partners. The recent chassis change by the Italian Baby Race Driver Academy has provided a good excuse to get to know this much-loved team boss.

Baby Race

DRIVER ACADEMY

- Sandro Lorandi, firstly can you tell us about the origins of Baby Race?

Baby Race will be celebrating its 11th anniversary this year. When my sons were old enough to race, around 2006/2007, I decided to hang up my helmet to take care of them. I did not plan to create a big team. I also chose the name of the category they started in to name the team, Baby Race. Managing this team allows me to satisfy my passion for motorsport, which has always been very important to me.

- How did your team evolve afterwards?

We had more and more requests. The team has grown as a result and we have experienced staff from Italy, as well as from England and Russia. The arrival in 2014 at the head of the team of a great champion like Roberto Toninelli (Super ICC European Champion 2006, 2nd in the Super-ICC World Cup in 2005) allowed us to take a new step. We mainly work with 60 Mini and Juniors because that's where the drivers are trained. I really like helping young talent grow

and reveal their potential. We also have some OK drivers and sometimes KZ. Our best memory is of course when Alessio won the 2013 World KF-Junior Championship in Bahrain. He has won the Winter Cup and Margutti Trophy several times. Leonardo holds the record of victories in all competitions of the WSK in 2012.

- Seen from the outside, it seems that the atmosphere of the team is important for you. Is that true?

Baby Race remains a family team in its idea of personal relationships. We can accommodate a dozen drivers at most, but I want to keep the atmosphere warm and friendly. For me, there is the pleasure of satisfying a common passion for racing. For example, I have maintained very good relations with Jean Alesi since his son drove with us. Giuliano returns to practice in karting from time to time.

- The team could have stopped when your sons went to cars...

As I said, competition is my passion. I can experience it intensely with Baby Race. I really like what this team has become and I do not intend to deprive myself of this pleasure! Alessio and Leonardo still participate in some KZ races at the beginning of the season. This gives them a good workout for cars. After two years in F3, Alessio continues in GP3, with the Trident team in 2018. Leonardo has a dual F4 program, in the Italian Championship with BhaiTech Racing and in the German Championship at KDC Racing, but they both keep contact with the world of karting.

- Can you tell us about the new challenge that you have just started?

We had great satisfaction for 10 years with the Tony Kart chassis. It is a brand that deserves its reputation and I am thankful to them. We are currently gambling on a change of supplier. I think it has motivated the entire team like never before. The products from Parolin are of a very high quality. We tested before we started and it was conclusive. I think the Parolin factory, a family business too, deserves to be better known. We can establish a good collaboration between us and obtain very good results. For OK and OK-Junior engines we trust TM Racing and the British tuner GFR.

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2/4, LONATO

KEY POINTS

ORGANISER

WSK Promotion

LOCATION

South Garda Karting, Lonato - 1200 m

DATE

2th to 4th March, 2018

ENTRIES

334 entries - 4 categories



SNOW IN LONATO WSK CANCELLED

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Snow disrupted part of southern Europe at the beginning of March. Lonato did not escape this extremely rare episode in these times of global warming. The South Garda Karting site was covered by snow on Thursday and although the track was quickly cleared, its surroundings remained too snowy to start the go-karts safely. The ambient cold had formed a mixture of snow and ice presenting high risks for the drivers. On Saturday morning, the decision was taken, in consultation with the teams, to cancel the event. WSK Promotion struggled to find an alternative. A few days later, the date of a new meeting was announced, from 29th March to 1st April at Sarno, a week before the closing meeting of the WSK Super Master Series.



POPULARITY AND RAIN

FOR THE 29TH EDITION

TROFEO
ANDREA
MARGUTTI,
LONATO

KEY POINTS

ORGANISER

Organisation Parma Motorsport

LOCATION

South Garda Karting, Lonato - 1200 m

DATE

9th to 11th March, 2018

ENTRIES

252 drivers - 5 categories

- 29th edition of the Trophy in memory of Andrea Margutti
- Record number of participants at Lonato
- Vega tyres for all but the X30 Senior on Komet
- Warm temperatures for the first time of the season
- Heavy rain on Sunday
- Finals start under Slow procedure
- Enzo Trulli's first win in Junior



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KZ2

LORANDI'S FIRST VICTORY FOR PAROLIN

Giacomo Pollini (Formula K / TM) was on pole position ahead of Massimo Dante (Maranello / TM) and Alexander Schmitz (Tony Kart / Vortex) took the lead in the heats, followed by Benjamin Tornqvist Persson (CRG / TM). Alessio Lorandi (Parolin / TM), for his second appearance at the wheel of a Parolin chassis, proved intractable in the rain by winning the Prefinal and the Final very clearly. Constant at the forefront, Fabian Federer (CRG / TM) secured 2nd place while Tornqvist was 3rd on the podium. Schmitz and Dante completed the top five.



OK

ROSSO AHEAD OF EVERYONE

Pole position went to Hugo Sasse (KR / Parilla) in front of his teammate Luca Maisch (KR / Parilla), but Andrea Rosso (CRG / TM)

settled in the lead in the heats and continued his victorious march to the Final. Leandro Anderrutti (Tony Kart / Vortex) shone in the qualifying stages, Marius Zug (KR / Parilla) settled in 2nd place in the Prefinal and Final. Mads E. Hansen (FA Kart / Parilla) finished 3rd against Fin Kennelly (Parolin / TM) and Phil Dörr (KR / Parilla).





OK-J

ENZO TRULLI

ON THE TOP STEP

Gabriel Bortoleto (CRG / TM) had clearly dominated the category from Qualifying to the Prefinal ahead of Petersen Hojgaard (Kosmic / Vortex) and Alfio Spina (CRG / TM). Enzo Trulli (CRG / TM), a solid 4th, drove a superb Final on the wet track of Lonato and took the lead with four laps to take his first big win. Bortoleto and Hojgaard competed on the podium in front of Alexey Brizhan (Parolin / TM) and Spina.

60 MINI

FULL HOUSE FOR COSKUN

The youngest category was marked by the total success of Coskun Irfan (Parolin / TM), the undisputed leader from start to finish. Cristian Bertuca (Evokart / TM) quickly succumbed to Arvid Lindblad (Parolin / TM) and Ariel Elkin (IPK / TM). Joel Bengstrom (IPK / TM) threatened Lindblad's 2nd place in the Prefinal, but finished 3rd ahead of Kiano Blum (CRG / TM) and Valdemar Aggerholm (Tony Kart / TM).

South Garda Karting-Lonato-Italy





X30 SENIOR

MORETTI BROTHERS STAND OUT

Three men made their mark on this 29th edition in Senior X30. Danny Carenini (Tony Kart) held the lead in Qualifying and in the heats, but Marco Moretti (Tony Kart) irretrievably took the lead in the final stages to clinch a victory in the rain. His brother Andrea Moretti (Tony Kart) joined him on the second step of the podium while Vittorio Maria Russo (Tony Kart) took 3rd place. Gianluca Palego (Tony Kart) finished 4th in front of Carenini.



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3/4, LA CONCA

KEY POINTS

ORGANISER

WSK Promotion

LOCATION

La Conca, Muro Leccese - 1250 m

DATE

16th to 18th March, 2018

ENTRIES

234 drivers - 4 categories

- High grip for the first time this season
- First wins for David in Junior and Maloney in OK
- Tony Kart and Kosmic impress in KZ2
- Back to business for Marco Ardigo
- Top five for Tom Leuillet, the top Sodi
- Temperatures rising
- Sunny finals



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KZ2

DE CONTO FACES TOUGH COMPETITION

Paolo De Conto (CRG / TM) won almost everything, but on the track he was strongly opposed by the OTK drivers. Simo Puhakka (Tony Kart / Vortex) often challenged the Italian champion in the heats before going off in the Final. Injured last year, Marco Ardigo (Tony Kart / Vortex) made the best of his return by sometimes taking the advantage over De Conto. We were happy to see him climb on the second step of the podium. Patrik Hajek (Kosmic / Vortex) was ahead of Bas Lammers (Lion Kart / TM) on the wire, after a very positive race. Finally, the performance of the CPB Sport driver Tom Leuillet (Sodi / TM) in 5th place deserves to be underlined.



OK

THE HONOURS GO TO MALONEY

After the fine pole position from Luigi Coluccio (BirelART / TM), Nicklas Nielsen (Tony Kart / Vortex) dominated the Qualifying Heats. Jonny Edgar (Exprit / TM) prevailed brilliantly against the Dane in Prefinal A while Coluccio won Prefinal B. The Final revealed another hierarchy with the victory of Zane Maloney (FA Kart / Vortex) at the end of a three-man fight: Edgar finished 2nd, Nielsen was trying to resist the young talents, but finally had to leave the 3rd position to Pedro Hiltbrand (CRG / TM) and 4th to Noah Milell (Tony Kart / Vortex).



OK-JUNIOR

DAY OF GLORY FOR HADRIEN DAVID

Gabriele Mini (Parolin / TM) was the poleman, and Dino Beganovic (Tony Kart / Vortex), leader of the heats, but were beaten in the Prelims by Kirill Smal (Tony Kart / Vortex) and Zak O'Sullivan. Paul Aron (FA Kart / Vortex), Laurens Van Hoepen (Tony Kart / Vortex) and Gabriel Bortoleto (CRG / TM) stood out in the Final, but it was Hadrien David (Kosmic / Vortex) who took the lead after a spectacular overtake at halfway. He won a deserved success against Bortoleto and Aron, while Taylor Barnard (KR / Parilla) took 4th place against Beganovic.



60 MINI

ANTONELLI

WINS WITH FLYING COLOURS

Ashkay Bohra (Parolin / TM) took pole position out of the 74 60 Mini drivers, but Andrea Kimi Antonelli (Energy / TM) dominated the Qualifying Heats before winning his Prefinal and the Final brilliantly. Delayed in a race by a recalcitrant engine, Martinius Stenshorne (Parolin / TM) came back from 16th to a 2nd place finish. Kirill Kutskov (Energy / TM) rose to 3rd place ahead of Jonathan Weywadt (Parolin / TM) and Tymoteusz Kucharczyk (Parolin / TM).





X30 RENDEZVOUS

AT THE HOME OF JULES BIANCHI

TROPHÉE
JULES
BIANCHI
IAME SERIES
1/3, BRIGNOLES

KEY POINTS

ORGANISER

IAME Series France

LOCATION

Circuit Jean Vial, Brignoles - 987 m

DATE

2nd to 4th March, 2018

ENTRIES

119 drivers - 5 categories

- 1st meeting of the IAME Series France
- 1st edition of the Jules Bianchi Trophy
- Cool and wet weather
- Next meeting at Chateau-Gaillard on 16th and 17th June





MINIME

MONTAGNE WINS THE VICTORY

The poleman Clément Outran (Energy) fell in the heats and Hugo Martiniello (Formula K) took up the torch until the Prefinal ahead of Maxens Verbrugge (Top Kart). Tom Montagne (Kosmic) won the Final in front of Bastian Leblais (Alpha) and Martiniello, Outran having been penalised and Verbrugge having given up.

X30 JUNIOR

JOULIÉ

AT THE FINISH

Oliver Goethe (Exprit) took pole and dominated the heats against Luis Cavaco (OTK) and William Nicouleau (Exprit). Enzo Joulié (KR) went back to 2nd place in the Prefinal behind Goethe and took the lead in the Final to win with a good lead. Vincent Bouteiller (Sodi) took 3rd place by getting the better of Nicouleau and Victor Soulan (Exprit).





X30 SÉNIOR

LEGUEM WINS AGAINST DUGUÉ

The poleman Anthony Dugué (Exprit) retained the advantage after the Qualifying Heats against Joel Deptuch (Tony Kart) while Kevin Breyse (Formula K) came back strongly. Dugué won again in the Prefinal in front of Deptuch, but David Leguem (Exprit) came back to 3rd. Dugué and Leguem had a duel in the Final of which Leguem emerged victorious after having taken the controls four laps from the finish. Julien Hermouet (Exprit) came back from 8th place to climb the 3rd step of the podium against Deptuch and Breyse.



VICTORY FOR KIELTYKA

In the heats, Eric Chapon (Alpha) was ahead of poleman Erwan Jullien (Alpha) before also winning the Prefinal ahead of Axel Meissonnier (Tony Kart). But the Belgian Fabio Kieltyka (Kosmic) won in the Final, Chapon having to settle for 2nd place. Samy Nerguti (Kosmic) came back from 8th to 3rd to beat Franck Rouxel (Sodi) and Bruno Surace (Tony Kart).

X30 MASTER

X30 GENTLEMAN

DOMINATION BY
GIUDICI

Patrick Giudici (Kosmic) dominated the category from start to finish. Patrick Rambaud (Exprit) finished 2nd in the Prefinal, but it was Christian Ruffa (Maranello) who threatened the leader in the Final while Pierre Allemand (Oberon) took 3rd place ahead of Yannick Le Moing (Kosmic) and Dominique Petras (Tony Kart).



SEASON OPENING UPSET AT LE MANS

NATIONAL
SERIES
KARTING
1/3 - LE MANS

KEY POINTS

ORGANISER

3MK Events

LOCATION

Circuit Inter. Le Mans Karting, - 1384 m

DATE

2nd to 4th March, 2018

ENTRIES

171 drivers - 7 categories

- 1st round of the NSK in 2018 •
- Very good level of entries •
- Difficult weather because of rain from the heats •
- Meeting interrupted following an accident •
- Classification used from the end of the heats •
- Next meeting at Varennes sur Allier 5th and 6th May

NSK
National Series Karting



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MINIME

ADVANTAGE FOR CLÉMENT OUTRAN

Already the holder of pole position, Clément Outran (Energy / Iame) was the most consistent and scored maximum points at Le Mans. After a retirement on Sunday morning, Maxens Verbrugge (Top Kart / Iame) dropped to 4th behind Kimi Merieux (Top Kart / Iame) and Arthur Dorison (Tony Kart / Iame). Behind this quartet, Arthur Raphanel (Exprit / Iame) completed some great runs, as did Robin Chuihard (Energy / Iame).





CADET

MATTEO SPIRDEL MAKES A STRONG IMPRESSION

While Enzo Caldaras (Kosmic / Rotax) was fastest in the timed practice, Matteo Spirdel (Birel ART / Rotax) excelled in the rain. With a brilliant run in his four races, he took the lead in the provisional standings ahead of his rival. Delayed in the first heat, Theophile Nael (DR / Rotax) then went on to score good results in 3rd position ahead of Gaspard Simon (Top Kart / Rotax) and Leo Poncel (Kosmic / Rotax).

NATIONALE

ISACK HADJAR STARTS STRONG

Pole position, victory in two heats out of three and with maximum points in the standings, Isack Hadjar (Kosmic / Rotax) can be proud of his performance. Damyen Droux (Kosmic / Rotax) was far from unworthy in 2nd position ahead of Louis Pelet (Tony Kart / Rotax) and Cesar Gazeau (FA Kart / Rotax).





ROTAX MAX

HEBRARD & BORGET AT THE FOREFRONT

Sacha Hebrard (FA Kart / Rotax) and poleman Bastien Borget (Sodi / Rotax) managed to take a slight advantage over Jonas Venier (OTK / Rotax), Nicolas Picot (Tony Kart / Rotax) and Pierre-Lou Fleury (Sodi / Rotax), three drivers tied for points after the heats. Paul Fourquemin (Sodi / Rotax) also made a recovery, but a penalty pushed him back to 7th place behind Victor Bernier (Kosmic / Rotax).

ROTAX MASTER

OLIVIER PARIS IN FRONT OF RUDY CHAMPION

Rudy Champion (Sodi / Rotax) was on pole position before winning in the first heat. But Olivier Paris (Sodi / Rotax) managed to overtake him in the two following heats before Champion reacted in the last. Christophe Capitaine (Tony Kart / Rotax) has often held off Éric Le Moine (Sodi / Rotax).





ROTAX DD2

JOLY & ADAMS STAND OUT

Back on track, Paolo Besanceney (Sodi / Rotax) and Paul Louveau (Sodi / Rotax) found formidable opponents in Lucas Joly (Sodi / Rotax), Bastien Leguay (Sodi / Rotax) and Andrew Williamson (FA Kart / Rotax). In all three Saturday races, Joly was ahead of Leguay, with the fastest time, Besanceney and Williamson. In DD2 Master, Louveau was penalized twice and settled for 3rd place. The Belgian Christophe Adams (Sodi / Rotax) therefore took maximum points thanks to his consistency, with 2nd place going to Nicolas Clain (Tony Kart / Rotax).



THE FEELING OF A EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP



IAME SERIES
BENELUX
BELGIAN
CHAMP.
MARIEMBOURG

KEY POINTS

ORGANISER

IAME Series Benelux

LOCATION

Karting des Fagnes, Mariembourg - 1366 m

DATE

9th to 11th March, 2018

ENTRIES

206 drivers - 6 categories

- 1st meeting of the IAME Series Benelux
- Very good level of entries
- 15 countries represented
- Tight battles in all categories
- Wet weather but Final in the dry
- Next meeting at Francorchamps on 28th and 29th April.



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X30 SÉNIOR

VAN SPLUNTEREN FAULTLESS

Considered the premier category with no less than 83 drivers present, the X30 Senior class (14-30 years old) saw young challengers and more experienced drivers compete. 2nd fastest, Joey Van Splunteren took the lead at the end of the heats and took the

lead in the Final against Corentin Collignon and William Godefroid. In 4th, Rens Van Pelt was the first driver in the X30 Master category ahead of Charles Tesnière and Elie Goldstein.

FIRST SUCCESS FOR FURON-CASTELAIN

Mathias Focan was fastest in Qualifying and confirmed his form in the 10-13 age group. But Andrea Salvatore Gulizia dominated the Final in the dry before being downgraded and Maxime Furon-Castelain,

although unlucky in a heat, inherited the victory for his first race in Belgium! Behind him, Olivan Fayt won his duel against Mathias Focan for 2nd place.

X30 CADET



X30 JUNIOR

LÉVÊQUE FINDS THE WAY

Ben Fayers took advantage of the rain to post the fastest Qualifying time, but had to give way to Sam Balota after the heats. Valon Janssen and Enzo Lévêque stood out at the front of the Final. Leveque took control at the halfway point, never to let go again. Janssen managed to keep 2nd place against Victor Bernier, Ben Fayers and Sam Balota.





FURON CASTELAIN

STARTS WITH A VICTORY AT MARIEMBOURG

With a new championship with the 2018 IAME Series Benelux, new colours with ACL Sport, new category: X30 cadet, new (full-size) chassis, new IAME engine, learning to use wet tyres in the race, new team VDK Racing, new track with the demanding Mariembourg, Maxime Furon-Castelain's 2018 season brings new challenges.

210 competitors entered the track for the event on Belgian territory with more than 15 nationalities represented. There were 15 drivers in X30 Cadet from four countries, so Maxime was a rookie, as well as the youngest in the category which has just lowered its age threshold from 11 to 10 years. However...

The standard was very high from the start with ultra-tight times between the competitors, often to the nearest hundredth of a second, sometimes to the thousandth! From free practice onwards, Maxime quickly adapted to rain tyres. In the downpour, he came off the track slightly at the start of the Qualifying session, dirtying his tyres on the grass, which prevented him from improving on his 5th fastest time.

Catastrophe in the first Qualifying Heat: victim of a brake problem on the practice lap, Maxime wisely decided not to start. He only had to win the second heat on Sunday morning to join the leaders of the ranking. Still on rain tyres on a wet track, Maxime already gained two places at the first corner and completed the first lap in 2nd place. He then took the lead and won with a lead of more than 2", having achieved the fastest lap in the race. This master stroke allowed him to return to 5th in the intermediate.

The scenery changed for the Final, this time raced under the sun, slick on a dry track. Maxime was immediately on the pace and scored four fastest laps. He kept gaining places and crossed the finish line in 2nd position after a good race. The leader was then disqualified for technical non-compliance and Maxime was declared the winner.

Maxime made a promising start to the season at Mariembourg with the VDK Racing team, who made a strong showing this weekend by placing six drivers on the podium in four categories.



VAYRON OPENS SEASON 2 BRILLIANTLY



CHAMP.
DE FRANCE
JUNIOR
KARTING
1/5, LE MANS

KEY POINTS

ORGANISER

FFSA Academy

LOCATION

Circuit Inter. Le Mans Karting - 1384 m

DATE

17th and 18th March, 2018

ENTRIES

19 drivers - 1 category

- 2nd season of the French Junior Championship
- One-make formula using Exprit / Vortex / B'stone
- Organised by the FFSA Academy
- Training and detection concept from the FFSA
- Very small performance gaps
- Tight battles
- Vayron takes the lead



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A FIRST FOR VAYRON

Doriane Pin, the only female on the grid, took the first pole of the season, followed by 14 drivers in the same tenth. While Mathéo Cochet and William Nicouleau each won a heat, Elliott Vayron took the lead on a regular basis. Injured during a spectacular Le Mans accident three weeks ago, Vayron wasn't afraid to participate in the first round of the Championship. He proved his strong potential by first winning in the Prefinal against Mathis Poulet and Maceo Capietto, while a collision eliminated Mathys Jaubert and Doriane Pin from the top three. Vayron dominated the Final by head and shoulders followed by Capietto. The fight was fierce for 3rd place on the podium. Pierre-François Duriani crossed the finish line at the front of the pack, Tom Uzan finished 4th and Doriane Pin 5th.





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YIFEI YE

IN CONTROL AT THE START OF THE 2018 SEASON

The start of the 2018 Formula Renault Eurocup season was officially given at Hockenheim on the first day of the collective test. Yifei Ye (Josef Kaufmann Racing) led both sessions of the day and clocked his best time of 1'37"004. The Chinese was ahead of the Renault Sport Academy rookie Victor Martins (R-ace GP) and his teammate Richard Verschoor (Josef Kaufmann Racing). For the first visit from the category in eight years to the circuit that will host the German Grand Prix, the benchmark established by Kevin Korjus in 2010 was beaten by more than a second.

To begin their preparation for their campaign, the eight teams and 28 drivers involved in Formula Renault Eurocup were joined at Hockenheim by Phil Hill (Anders Motorsport), entered in Formula Renault NEC.

Although Vladimir Tziortis (Fortec Motorsports) was the first competitor to start on a slightly wet track, the competitors upped the pace by putting on slick tyres. Yifei Ye set the fastest time of 1'37''892 in front of SMP Racing protégé Alexander Vartanyan (Arden Motorsport) and rookies Logan Sargeant (R-ace GP) and Alexander Smolyar (Tech 1 Racing). A member of the Red Bull Junior Team, Neil Verhagen (Tech 1 Racing) completed the top five.

In the afternoon, we had to wait the last twenty minutes to see Oscar Piastrri (Arden Motorsport) beat the morning reference. Yifei Ye and Richard Verschoor replied, to the advantage of the Chinese. First rookie, Victor Martins slipped between the two men while Logan Sargeant and Alexander Vartanyan were again in the top five.

YIFEI YE STARTS STRONGLY

Yifei Ye (Josef Kaufmann Racing): "I posted the best time of the two sessions, so it was a good day! My driving style seems perfectly suited to this circuit, I won both races in NEC last year and Josef Kaufmann Racing provided me with a perfect car today. I hope that we will keep this dynamic tomorrow, but also during the four days of pre-season tests that will follow. 1st place decided by a small amount. This year, the competition will be even higher, but I can count on two talented teammates. I already saw Richard Verschoor at work last year and Clément Novalak has done a great job coming from karting. This gives us a good chance to fight for both titles!"

VICTOR MARTINS ON THE PACE ON HIS DEBUT

Victor Martins (R-ace GP): "This 2nd place bodes well for the season. We were able to solve our problems quickly in the morning before getting back into the

rhythm in the afternoon. I had never driven at Hockenheim, the whole challenge of this day lay in learning the track, rediscovery of the car and putting into practice our work. I feel good at R-ace GP and I am progressing alongside Max Fewtrell, also a member of the Renault Sport Academy. I have a good feeling and I have set the goal of winning the championship. It may seem difficult, but it allows me to give everything to reach it, because anything is possible with hard work!"

TWO TOP FIVES FOR ALEXANDER VARTANYAN

Alexander Vartanyan (Arden Motorsport): "We are getting ready for this season by working hard. Our performances are promising for the moment as we are only two tenths from the leader while still having a good margin of progress. I really appreciate my new team, everything is going well with the engineers, mechanics and my team-mates Oscar Piastrri and Sami Taoufik. The goal for my second season is to win the Formula Renault Eurocup, simply!"

ALEX PERONI RETURNS FULL OF AMBITION

Alex Peroni (MP Motorsport): "It's good to get back to Formula Renault Eurocup and I am particularly happy to have joined MP Motorsport. It's a great team and we hope to achieve great things together. That's exciting! Like everyone else, the goal is to win and I'm entering this season with more confidence than a year ago. I now know my level and I know that I can win races after my victory at Pau. My team-mates Christian Lundgaard and Max Defourny are both good guys and we complement each other well to lead the team to the top. I have a lot to learn from Max's experience and Christian's passion, so I cannot wait for the first race!"



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- 3-4 Mars 2018 : Le Mans
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- 30 Juin - 1er Juillet 2018 : Salbris

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- 12-13 Mai 2018 : Saint Amand
- 9-10 Juin 2018 : Angerville
- 8-9 Septembre 2018: Anneville
- 6-7 Octobre 2018 : Laval

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- 23-24 Juin 2018 : Laval
- 28-29 Septembre 2018 - 24H du Mans : Le Mans
- 10-11 Novembre 2018 : Angerville

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YIFEI YE

CONTINUES
HIS MOMENTUM
AT HOCKENHEIM

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FORMER ACADEMICIANS
AT THE TOP OF THE TIME-
SHEETS IN GP3 AND FR





The circuits of Jerez and Hockenheim were alive in mid-March following the organisation of official test sessions before the start of the GP3 series and the Eurocup Formula Renault 2.0. In Spain as well as in Germany, several drivers who trained in the French F4 Championship with the FFSA Academy have distinguished themselves with particularly significant times. The formula for access to motor sport continues to best prepare the drivers who want to shine in the different single-seater categories leading to Formula 1.

ANTHOINE HUBERT ALREADY ON THE PACE

In the south of Spain, the GP3 Series teams arrived at the Jerez circuit for two days of testing on 13th and 14th March, 2018. Among the drivers present, five of them came from the ranks of French F4: Antoine Hubert (ART Grand Prix), Dorian Boccolacci (MP Motorsport), Giuliano Alesi (Trident), Gabriel Aubry (Arden International) and Simo Laaksonen (Campos Racing).

One of them set the absolute best time on the first day, the Frenchman Hubert. The 2013 French F4 Champion had already topped the ranking of the tests at Paul Ricard in February!

Behind Anthoine, Dorian Boccolacci settled in 2nd position. Simo Laaksonen and Giuliano Alesi joined the top six within a few tenths of the fastest time, while Gabriel Aubry was back in the standings throughout the day. The four Frenchmen and the Finn continued development work with their respective teams on Thursday, again achieving very fast times. Surely this is auspicious for the upcoming season...

YIFEI YE IMPRESSES AT HOCKENHEIM

The drivers and teams of the Eurocup Formula Renault 2.0 started their preparations for the 2018 season at the Hockenheim circuit. These official tests were dominated by Yifei Ye, the French F4 Champion in 2016. The promising Chinese driver achieved the fastest lap on both Wednesday and Thursday! "The competition looks very good this season and it is really very encouraging to have achieved such great times. It's also great for trust," said Yifei.

Drivers who benefited from FFSA Academy coaching in 2017 have shown strong potential from the beginning at the next level. the French F4 Junior Champion last year, Victor Martins completed his first day in 2nd place, just 38 thousandths from

Yifei Ye. Victor confirmed the next day by staying in the lead group, followed by Charles Milesi, who gained momentum. Arthur Rougier also significantly improved his times on the second day. The 2017 F4 champion even headed several drivers who are repeating a year in the discipline.

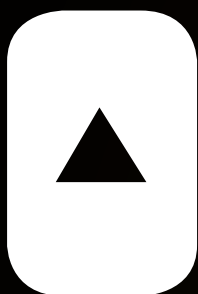
FRENCH F4, THE BEST SPRINGBOARD

At a time when the FFSA Academy was delighted by Pierre Gasly's, a Pole France alumni, addition to the Toro Rosso F1 lineup, National Technical Director Christophe Lollier welcomed the encouraging results of the young drivers from the F4 during these tests in GP3 and Formula Renault 2.0.

"This proves once again the quality of the latest products of our championship, as well as the very high level of training provided by our qualified instructors and all of our teams. It's the continuity of a job that pays off every year. We have the ideal structure to make our drivers true champions."

"On our side, the preparation for the next French F4 Championship is coming to an end. The 2018 vintage promises to be very promising, especially as the drivers will this year benefit from the new FIA Mygale F4. "

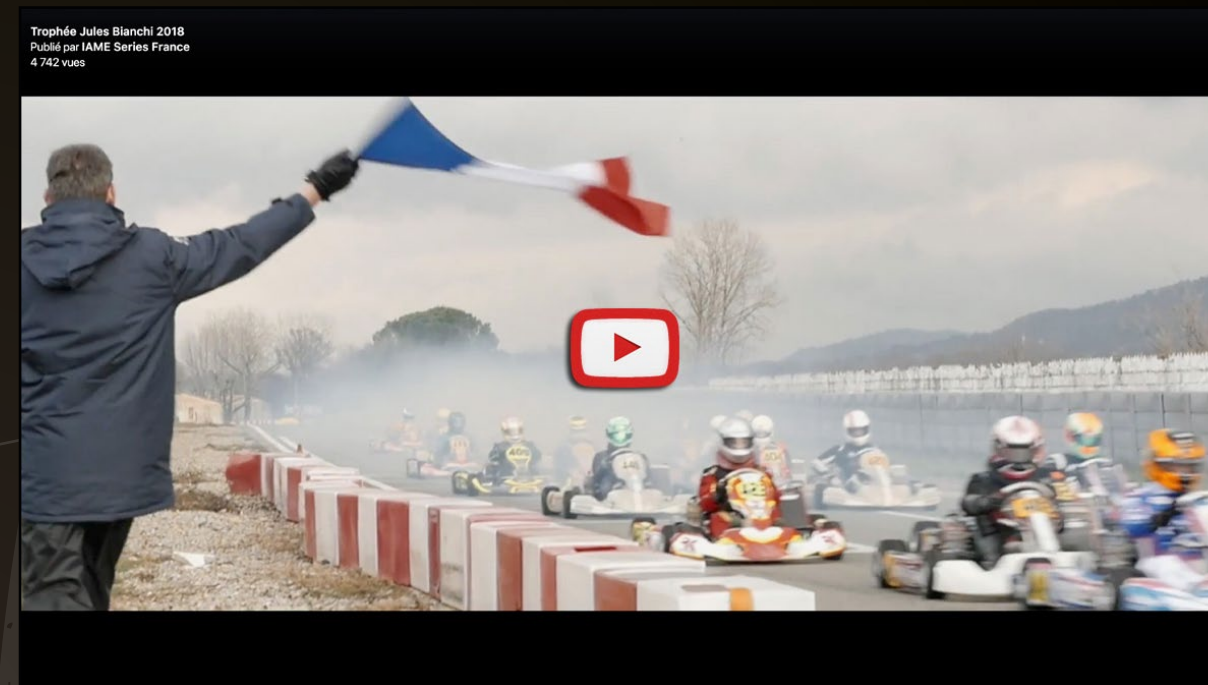
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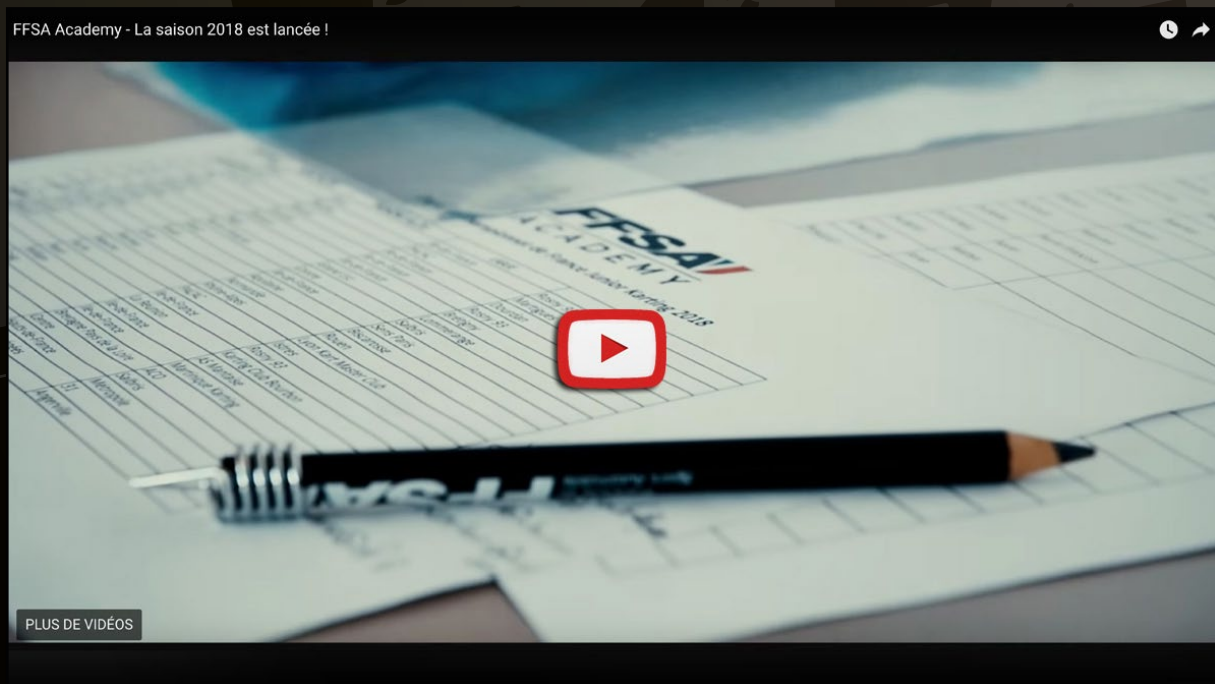
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