

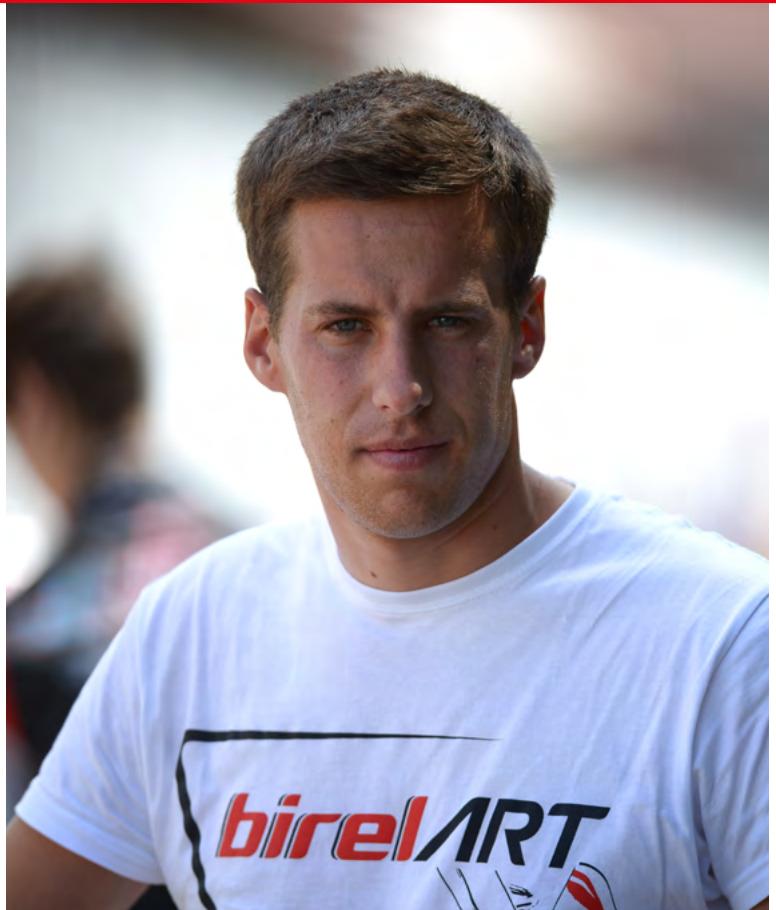
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The German round of the European OK Championship ended with an excellent overall result for the Birel ART brand. At Ampfing, in the heart of Bavaria, the competitiveness displayed by the Racing Team enabled Luigi Coluccio and Marijn Kremers to enter the top 10 of the Final, with a 6th place acquired with panache for Coluccio.

## TOP SIX FOR COLUCCIO IN OK

Barely down from the top step of the podium, achieved during the Italian Championship at Sarno, Luigi Coluccio has finally scored the result he expected. "I really have not had much luck in the two previous Finals of the European OK Championship rounds in Italy and England," commented the Italian, after a brilliant and flawless event at Ampfing. "Starting 11th, it gives me great satisfaction to finish 6th on this difficult and twisty circuit, while having run in the same tenth as the front runners."

Marijn Kremers was one of the other drivers to demonstrate the formidable effectiveness of the 2018 Birel ART chassis. The Dutchman never left the leading group during the weekend. "We were really fast in Germany. We found a good set-up for the Final and I was able to keep up a high speed throughout the 26 laps. There were major duels in the pack and I managed to finish in 8th place," said Marijn.



## ANALYSIS FROM THE BIREL ART TEAM MANAGER

"Ampfing has brought us a lot of satisfaction and we must congratulate the team for the work they have done and their know-how," commented Davide Forè. "As soon as we put the equipment on the ground, many of our drivers were among the fastest and that was also true in the races. Since the start of the European OK and OK-Junior Championships, we have encountered three very different types of circuits in Sarno, PF International and Ampfing. Each time, the chassis has been effective."

"Drivers like Valentino Fritsch and Lorenzo Ressico D'Aloisio deserved to go into the Final if they hadn't had penalties for their spoilers. The Canadian Thomas Nepveu would have been able to get a better result if he had a better Qualifying time, as evidenced by his top 10 in a heat. But in the end, Luigi Coluccio, Marijn Kremers and Vincent Fraisse have done a good job, the result is there. The Birel ART team was the best representative of the TM brand in OK. I will continue to push the entire team, the engine and the drivers to improve everything that needs to be improved!"



## PROMISING DEBUT FOR FRAISSE

Although he has just joined the Birel ART team, Frenchman Vincent Fraisse managed to qualify for the Final. "It's never easy to get your bearings in a new team, but I was able to gain momentum throughout the meeting. It is an honour to work with a team manager like Davide Forè, a five-time World Champion, who instills a positive dynamic for the entire team. For my part, I finished my heats with an excellent 3rd place. A clash at the start of the Final prevented me from doing better than 27th, but it's promising."

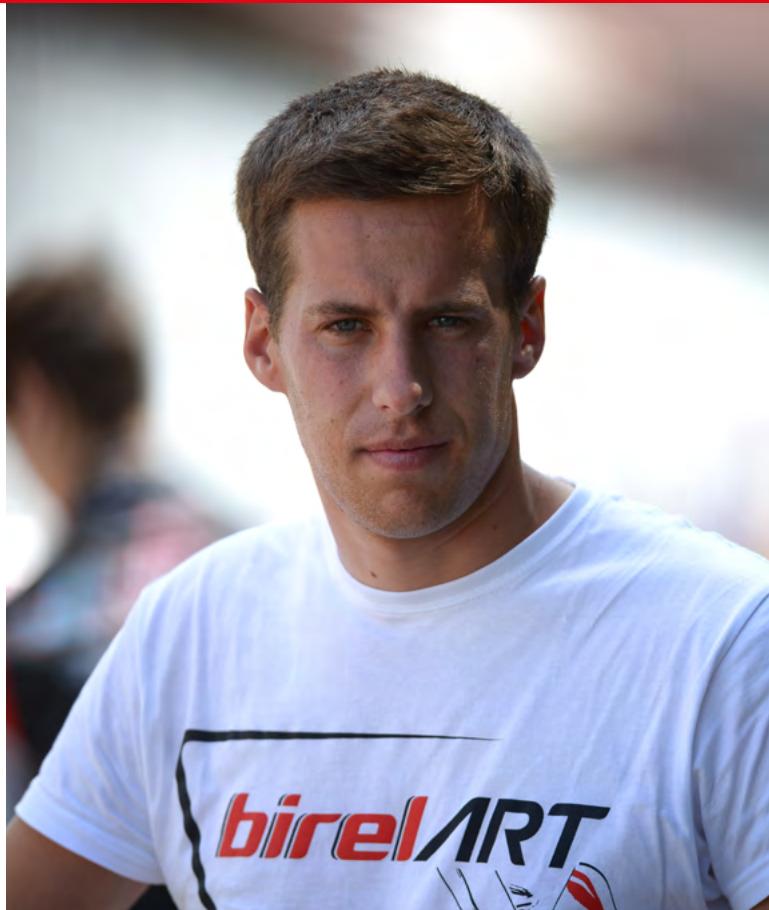


**L**a manche tedesca del Campionato europeo OK si è conclusa con un eccellente risultato generale per il marchio Birel ART. Ad Ampfing, nel cuore della Baviera, la competitività dimostrata dal suo Racing Team ha consentito a Luigi Coluccio e a Marjin Kremers di entrare nella Top-10 in finale, con un sesto posto conquistato in grande stile da Coluccio.

## TOP-6 PER COLUCCIO NELLA OK

Appena sceso dal primo gradino del podio conquistato in occasione della sua partecipazione al Campionato italiano a Sarno, Luigi Coluccio ha infine conquistato il risultato a cui aspirava. "Non ho avuto molta fortuna nelle ultime due precedenti finali del Campionato europeo OK in Italia e Inghilterra", ha commentato l'italiano, autore di un brillante percorso netto ad Ampfing. "Partendo undicesimo, è stata una bella soddisfazione concludere al sesto posto su questo circuito difficile e sinuoso, girando poi con gli stessi tempi dei primi."

Marjin Kremers è stato uno degli altri testimoni dell'indubbia efficacia dei telai Birel ART 2018. L'olandese non ha mai lasciato il gruppo di testa nel corso di tutto il week-end. "Siamo stati molto veloci in Germania. Siamo riusciti a trovare un buon set-up per la finale e ho potuto mantenere una velocità elevata per tutti e ventisei i giri. Ci sono state delle grosse battaglie nel gruppo di piloti e sono riuscito a tagliare il traguardo in ottava posizione", ha dichiarato Marijn.



## ENTRATA A PIENO TITOLO DI FRAISSE NELLE PROMESSE

Nonostante sia appena entrato a far parte del team Birel ART per una collaborazione che si preannuncia fruttuosa, il francese Vincent Fraisse è riuscito a qualificarsi per la finale. "Non è mai facile ambientarsi in una nuova scuderia, ma sono riuscito a migliorarmi nel corso del week-end. È un onore lavorare con un team manager come Davide Forè, cinque volte campione del mondo, che infonde un dinamismo positivo a tutta la squadra. Per quanto mi concerne, sono riuscito a conquistare un eccellente terzo posto nelle manche. Un contatto all'inizio della finale mi ha impedito di fare meglio del 27º posto, ma è promettente."



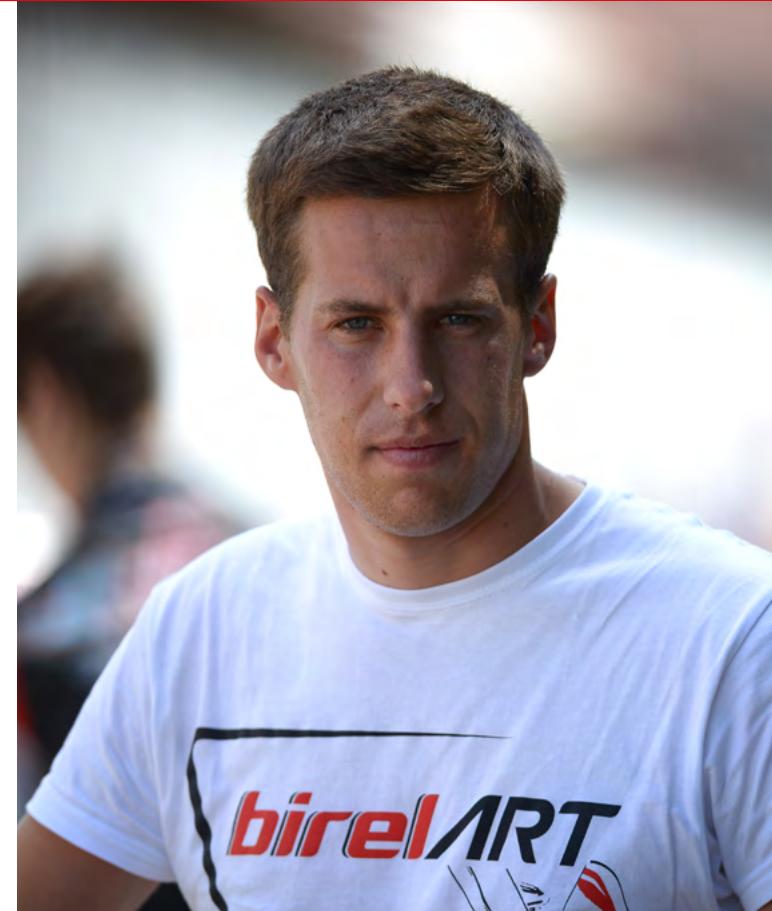
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**L**a manche allemande du Championnat d'Europe OK s'est terminée par un excellent résultat d'ensemble pour la marque Birel ART. A Ampfing, au cœur de la Bavière, la compétitivité affichée par son Racing Team a permis à Luigi Coluccio et Marijn Kremers d'intégrer le top-10 de la finale, avec une sixième place acquise avec panache par Coluccio.

## TOP-6 POUR COLUCCIO EN OK

A peine descendu de la première marche du podium, acquise lors de sa participation au Championnat d'Italie à Sarno, Luigi Coluccio a enfin décroché le résultat qu'il attendait. "Je n'ai vraiment pas eu beaucoup de chance lors des deux précédentes finales à l'occasion des manches du Championnat d'Europe OK en Italie et en Angleterre," a commenté l'Italien, auteur d'un brillant sans-faute à Ampfing. "En partant 11e, c'est une belle satisfaction de terminer 6e sur ce circuit difficile et sinuieux, tout en ayant roulé dans le même dixième que les premiers."

Marijn Kremers a été l'un des autres témoins de la redoutable efficacité du châssis Birel ART 2018. Le Néerlandais n'a jamais quitté le groupe de tête pendant le week-end. "Nous avons vraiment été rapide en Allemagne. Nous avons défini un bon set-up pour la finale et j'ai pu garder une vitesse élevée tout au long des 26 tours. Il y a eu de gros duels dans le peloton et j'ai réussi à franchir l'arrivée en 8e position," indiquait Marijn.



## ENTRÉE EN MATIÈRE PLEINE DE PROMESSES POUR FRAISSE

Alors qu'il vient seulement de rejoindre le team Birel ART pour une collaboration qui s'annonce fructueuse, le Français Vincent Fraisse est parvenu à se qualifier pour la finale. "Ce n'est jamais facile de prendre ses marques dans une nouvelle structure, mais j'ai pu monter en puissance au fil du meeting. C'est un honneur de travailler avec un team manager comme Davide Forè, quintuple champion du Monde, qui insuffle une dynamique positive à toute l'équipe. Pour ma part, j'ai terminé mes manches par une excellente 3e place. Un accrochage en début de finale m'a empêché de faire mieux que 27e, mais c'est prometteur."

