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In the World Top 6!





ami Luka's season remained on the ascending curve started in 2008 and his progression culminated in an extraordinary performance at the most important event of the season: the World Cup for KF2. Great animator of the round, the Belgian driver led his CRG-Maxter, displaying the colours of Brussels Expo, to a brilliant 6th place.



By joining the prestigious CRG official team, Sami Luka knew he could aim at the top of world ranking. After taking part in the development of his kart for almost six months, the only missing thing was a tangible result, in order to pay tribute to all the people who put their trust in him and who believed in him. Held on the weekend of 21st September at Muro Leccese, in Southern Italy, the World Cup for KF2 came at the right time to confirm him as one of the most promising drivers in international karting.

With 90 drivers from five continents at the line-up, the key was achieving good results in timed qualifying. "I kept improving lap after lap and at the end I set the 12th best time". The only drawback was that his ranking forced him to start each heat on the external row. "It was not an ideal situation because drivers at the centre of the group tended to prevent us from following the best trajectory". Despite all this, Sami avoided all the traps and finished his heats in 2nd, 9th, 3rd, 5th and 6th



place respectively. The Belgian driver was on the right track, but he knew he still had a pre-final to race before the final, and everything could still happen.

"I made an excellent start in the pre-final and I was quickly in third position. Unfortunately there were several collisions in the group and I was hit twice by a driver, so I lost some ranks. Pity, because it was for that reason that I started on the external row in the final". These accidents seriously affected the final

result, because Sami was only 12th after the first lap thereby wasting the benefit of an excellent qualifying phase.

Then the CRG-Maxter driver began an extraordinary catch up race. After overtaking several drivers, he climbed to 6th position. "I gave it all, but race leaders were too far for me to reach them. I was in good shape so I could have fought for a podium, but the start was fatal to me. Together with Thomas Richez, my mechanic, we had defined an excellent setup and I would also like to thank Giancarlo Tinini and Danilo Rossi who always gave me good advice as well as CRG drivers, who race in the top category, in KF1".

Proud of leading the colours of Brussels Expo to the top 6 in this very difficult World Cup, the best Belgian driver of the weekend acquired some more experience in Italy and will try and finish the WSK series on a high note on $5^{\rm th}$ October at Zuera, in Spain.









