

15. WINTER CUP

WINTER CUP: CRG-MAXTER OFFICIAL TEAM READY FOR 2010 KARTING SEASON

ALL CRG MAXTER OFFICIAL TEAM ON THE STARTING BLOCKS OF THE FIRST 2010 SEASON RACE AT LONATO ON 21ST FEBRUARY. THE LIST OF THE DRIVERS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE OFFICIAL CRG PROGRAMME AND WHO WILL TAKE PART IN THE TWO INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (WSK EURO SERIES AND WSK WORLD SERIES) IS READY.



Desenzano del Garda (Brescia – Italy), 15th February 2010. CRG-Maxter official team is ready to lay its cards on the table. With the first test sessions on the South Garda Karting Circuit at Lonato, the team has showed to be ready to face next 2010 karting season with the right frame of mind. The season will start right at Lonato with the 15th Winter Cup, 19th-21th February.

This year too, CRG-Maxter official team has got what it



In the first picture: the two 2009 World Champions Kozlinski and Thonon. Above: the young driver Gérard (KF3) during the recent tests at Lonato.

takes to perform at excellent levels and confirm its international leadership. The race at Lonato represents the first important test of the season for the 'All Black' Team before the official events of the **WSK Euro Series** and the **WSK World Series**.

Regarding the engines, there is lot to be expected from the technological challenge: there will be the *début* of all the newly homologated motorizations for the Super KF, KF2 and KF3 categories.

The first performances have showed very positive results for **Maxter**: after the first on track tests both drivers and technicians are rather optimistic. There is so much optimism that **CRG** does not

hide its ambitions to compete in this season to achieve the final victory in all the categories.

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Felice Tiene, again in CRG, in 2010 will race in Super KF for the first time.

In **Super KF**, **CRG** draws up its best drivers: **Arnaud Kozlinski**, Super KF reigning world champion and WSK, **Jonathan Thonon**, dominator of the last three KZ1 World Cups, **Davide Forè**, five times world champion and, finally, the comeback of **Felice Tiene** – winner of the 2009 KF2 World Cup, and the more and more competitive **Eddy Tinini**.

In **KF2**, the recently purchased Argentinean driver **Roberto Franco Curia** and the confirmed **Giovanni Martinez** will race to defend CRG colours.

In **KF3** CRG expects a lot from the fast and promising Dutch driver **Max Verstappen**, son of the former F1 driver Jos Verstappen, who can already boast a quite rich list of wins in all the lower categories despite his young age. The same can be said of the French **Benjamin Gérard**, another very promising CRG driver and the youngest member of the Equipe de France of the French Federation, which this year presents Kozlinski as its new captain. **Mario Ziletti** from Brescia is the third driver in KF3 – this is his *début* in this category.

Davide Forè: *'This season will be very important, at least for me. I need to get as many important results as possible. We have a new engine which has immediately performed at top levels. I'm optimistic: I got an excellent training. Last season our team got great wins, this year we need to do the same.'*

Arnaud Kozlinski: *'We know our potentialities, which are excellent, but we need to get a clear idea about our competitors to better understand what chance we stand. The Winter Cup is a preparatory race for the season; the real first event will be at Muro Leccese for the WSK on 7th March. Anyway, I do hope to win the Winner Cup this year at last: so far I've always arrived for second four times in a row!'*

Jonathan Thonon: *'The tests we made were good. The season has got good prospects for us. I'm glad of my commitment with CRG, a great team. My goal is to win the WSK championship, both the Euro and the World Series in the KZ category. Anyway, I'll try to prevail in the Winter Cup too, where I'll race in Super KF.'*

Felice Tiene: *'I come back to CRG after having raced for it for three years. I just needed few laps to get the knack of the chassis. This is my first year in Super KF and my first impression is that the new engine goes really fast. I hope to do a good season at international level, and if I manage to get good results from the beginning, I can't help saying that my goal will be the final victory in the WSK.'*

THE EVENTS AND THE 2010 CRG-MAXTER OFFICIAL TEAM:

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SUPER KF

Arnaud Kozlinski (F), Jonathan Thonon (B), Davide Forè (I), Felice Tiene(I), Eddy Tinini (I).

KF2

Giovanni Martinez (I), Roberto Franco Curia (ARG).

KF3

Max Verstappen (NL), Benjamin Gérard (F), Mario Ziletti (I).

WSK EURO SERIES 2010

KZ1

Jonathan Thonon (B)

Super KF

Arnaud Kozlinski (F), Davide Forè (I), Eddy Tinini (I), Felice Tiene(I).

KF2

Giovanni Martinez (I), Roberto Franco Curia (ARG).

KF3

Max Verstappen (NL), Benjamin Gérard (F), Mario Ziletti (I).

WSK WORLD SERIES 2010

KZ2

Jonathan Thonon (B), Gary Carlton (USA).

Super KF

Arnaud Kozlinski (F), Davide Forè (I), Eddy Tinini (I), Felice Tiene(I).

KF2

Roberto Franco Curia (ARG).

KF3

Max Verstappen (NL), Benjamin Gérard (F).

THE DRIVERS OF THE 2010 CRG-MAXTER OFFICIAL TEAM



Jonathan Thonon (B) - Waterloo (B), 22/10/86. *World Champion KZ1 2007, 2008 and 2009. Third in the 2009 KZ1 European Champ. 2008 KZ1 European Champion. Third in WSK KZ2 2008. Runner-up in the 2007 European KZ1 Champ. WSK Champion in KZ2 2007. World Cup S-ICC runner-up 2006. WSK FA runner-up 2006. European Champion ICA 2002. Belgian and French Champion ICA 2002. Winner European Sel. ICA 2002. Belgian Junior Champion 2001.*



Arnaud Kozlinski (F) - Bordeaux (F), 8/10/81. *World Champion Super KF 2009. Champion WSK Super KF 2009. Third in the SKF World Cup 2009. Fifth in the KZ1 World Cup 2009. KF1 European runner-up 2008. WSK KF1 runner-up 2008. World Cup Champion FA 2006. 2003 and 2004 World runner-up. French Champion 1999 (ICA) and 2005 (FA). S-ICC European runner-up 1999.*



Davide Forè (I) - Brescia (I), 16/7/74. *KF1 World Cup winner 2008. World Champion 1998 (FSA), 2000 (FSA), 2004 (FA), 2006 (FA). World Cup winner S-ICC 2006. FA European Champion 1994.*



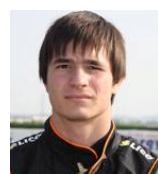
Eddy Tinini (I) - Lonato (I), 14/12/85. *Super KF World Cup finalist Suzuka 2009. KF2 Mundialito Canario KF2 winner 2008. Bridgestone Cup ICA winner 2006.*



Gary Carlton (USA) - Marysville, California (USA), 3/5/86. *USA Champion KZ2 2006, 2007 and 2009. SKUSA Super Nationals ICC winner - Las Vegas 2006, second in 2007, third in 2008. Sixth place in European Championship KZ2 2007. 13th in European KZ1 2008. World Cup finalist KZ1 2008 and 2009.*



Felice Tiene (I) – San Giuseppe Vesuviano (I), 14/12/91. *World Cup Champion KF2 2009. European Selections winner KF2 2007 and 2009. Fourth place in the KF2 World Cup 2008. Third in the Junior European Selections 2006. Third in the Mini Italian Championship 2002.*



Giovanni Martinez (I) – Alghero (I), 1/5/93. *Participation in the WSK 2009 and European Selections 2009 in KF2. Fourth in the Italian Championship 100 Junior 2008.*



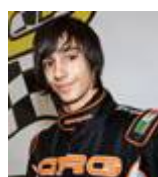
Roberto Franco Curia (RA). Buenos Aires (RA), 20/12/92. *Fifth in the Panamerican Championship CIK-FIA ICC-Sudam 2009. Participation in the WSK 2009 KF2. Prokart Championship of Argentina, Coppa Rotax Max.*



Max Verstappen (NL) – Hasselt (B), 30/9/97. *Benelux Mini Max and Belgian Rotax Mini Max Champion 2009. Belgian KF5 Champion 2009. Belgian Cadet Champion 2008. Benelux Mini Max Champion 2008. Belgian Rotax Mini Max Champion 2008. Belgian and Dutch Rotax Mini Max Champion 2007. Belgian Mini Champion 2006. Belgian Mini Champion 2005.*



Benjamin Gérard (F) – Paris, 10/3/97. *Fourth in the French Cadet Championship 2009. French Champion Mini 2008.*



Mario Ziletti (I) – Manerbio (I), 13/9/95. *Seventh in the Regional Championship of Lombardia (Italy) KF3 2009.*