

WSK EURO SERIES – MURO LECCESE, 7th MARCH 2010

CRG-MAXTER OFFICIAL TEAM READY TO PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN THE OPENING RACE OF THE WSK EURO SERIES

THE OPENING MEETING OF THE GREAT INTERNATIONAL KARTING AT MURO LECCESE, ON 7TH MARCH. CRG-MAXTER, WITH ITS DRIVERS, READY FOR ANOTHER SEASON FULL OF SUCCESSES.



CRG drivers' parade at the recent Winter Cup of Lonato. In the foreground Eddy Tinini followed up by Jonathan Thonon and Davide Forè.

Desenzano del Garda (Brescia – Italy), 3rd March 2010. With the collective tests at the beginning of the week and the free practice of these days, on the International Circuit *La Conca* at Muro Leccese (Lecce- Italy), the intense preparatory session for the first season event of the WSK Euro Series has started, with an excellent list of participants which confirms the top level reached by this international karting championship.

The beginning of the season has showed that CRG chassis and Maxter engines are

already highly performing and competitive, confirming that the All Blacks are ready to take the lead of the rankings and to repeat the extraordinary achievements of their sports history. The opening meeting presents 260 drivers from all around the world; in this first round of the season CRG-Maxter official team gets on the track with its best drivers in all the four categories: KZ1, Super KF, KF2 and KF3.

In the top category with shift gear, the KZ1, the three-time world champion **Jonathan Thonon** will defend the colours of the Italian team, while the new world champion **Arnaud Kozlinski** will try to regain the WSK title in Super KF, together with **David Forè** - already winner of several titles -, with the young **Felice Tiene** and **Eddy Tinini**. In KF2 the team reposes its hopes for a good result in the Argentinean driver **Roberto Franco Curia** and in **Giovanni Martinez**, Italian driver from Sardinia. Great expectations too from the quick young Danish driver **Michelle Gattig** of the CRG Junior Team, brilliant protagonist in the last Winter Cup at Lonato. In the category reserved to the youngest drivers, the KF3, CRG can draw up the new international star **Max Verstappen**, twelve-year-old son of the former F1 driver Jos Verstappen, very motivated despite his young age and already near to get a win in the last Winter Cup at his debut in this international category. Great opportunities to achieve a top position in the final ranking for the young French talent **Benjamin Gérard**, as well as for **Mario Ziletti**, at his debut.

The event of Muro Leccese will be the first of the five meetings of the new WSK Euro Series, with three events in Italy with Lonato (28th March) and Sarno (6th June), an event in Spain at Zuera (18th April) and one in Belgium (Genk, 9th May).

OFFICIAL CRG PARTNERS





This is the programme of the meeting at Muro Leccese during the weekend of 5th-7th March 2010:

Friday 5th March: 08.00am - 01.55pm Free Practice;
02.30pm - 04.45pm Qualifying Practice.

Saturday 6th March: 08.00am - 09.55am Warm-up;
10.00am-10.10am Super KF Superpole; 10.20am-17.40pm Qualifying Heats.

Sunday 7th March: 08.00am - 09.55am Warm-up;
10.40am-12.00pm Qualifying Heats; 12.30pm Prefinals;
02.30pm Finals; 04.40pm Press Conference.

CRG OFFICIAL TEAM DRIVERS AND RACING NUMBERS

KZ1

103 - 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.*

SUPER KF

1 - 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.*

4 - Felice Tiene (I) - San Giuseppe Vesuviano (I), 14/12/91. *Asia-Pacific 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.*

5 - 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.*

6 - 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.*

KF2

217 - 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.*

280 - 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.*

KF3

301 - 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.*

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

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