

WSK EURO SERIES – LONATO, 28TH MARCH 2010

CRG MAXTER AT ITS BEST FOR THE SECOND EVENT OF THE WSK EURO SERIES AT LONATO (ITALY)

WITH THE SECOND EVENT OF THE SEASON, THE WSK EURO SERIES MOVES INTO TOP GEAR. THE CRG-MAXTER OFFICIAL TEAM IS READY TO BATTLE IN ALL THE FOUR CATEGORIES AFTER THE GOOD START AT THE RECENT OPENING EVENT AT MURO LECCESE (ITALY).



Picture shows the young driver Max Verstappen with his father Jos, former F1 driver, at the start of the last WSK Euro Series race at Muro Leccese, won by the talented Dutch driver.

Desenzano del Garda (Brescia – Italy) 24th March 2010. The WSK Euro Series moves into top gear with the second meeting of the season at Lonato (Brescia – Italy) on the South Garda Karting Circuit. 260 drivers coming from all over the world have just got onto the track for today's free practice, ready to battle in the most representative karting series at international level. The CRG Maxter official team is at its best in all the four categories of the championship; CRG chassis and the newly homologated

Maxter engines, both in the KF and in the KZ version, have already showed to be absolutely performing, playing a leading role since the very beginning.

In the top gear-shift category – the **KZ1** - , the three time world champion **Jonathan Thonon** has already proposed himself as number one candidate for the final win in the championship, especially after the excellent result achieved in the recent season opening event at Muro Leccese, where Jonathan got a terrific win in the pre-final and missed the final leadership by the skin of his teeth.

In **Super KF**, **Arnaud Kozlinski** – reigning world champion of the category and winner of last year's WSK – is defending CRG-Maxter's colours. For sure, he wants to forget the unlucky penalty he got during the race at Muro Leccese and which heavily conditioned his performance; the same can be said for **Davide Forè**, while **Felice Tiene** was off to a good start despite being at his debut in this category. Also **Eddy Tinini** will be among the protagonists, ready to reach the top positions after his good start at Muro Leccese.

In **KF2**, besides **Giovanni Martinez** and the Argentinean **Roberto Franco Curia**, the CRG Maxter official team can enjoy the presence of the young Finnish driver **Matias Koykka**, who brilliantly performed in **KF3** during last season. In this same category, spotlights on the young and quick Danish driver **Michelle Gattig**, who races for the CRG Maxter junior team and who got just a step away from the podium of the final at Muro Leccese. In **KF3** there are great expectations for **Max Verstappen's** performance. The talented son of former F1 driver Jos Verstappen has already showed all his potentialities in this category, after winning lots of trophies in his previous championships.

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At Muro Leccese he routed his competitors, winning hands down the pre-final and the final. Everybody expects him to achieve a similar result in this second meeting at Lonato. The same can be said for the French driver **Benjamin Gérard** who achieved an unlucky but good performance at Muro Leccese. **Mario Ziletti** is the last but not least representative in this category for CRG Maxter: the driver from Brescia showed all his potentialities in his debut in the championship.



The WSK Euro Series programme of Lonato:

Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th March: 8:00am-05:25pm free practice.

Friday 26th March: 8:00am-01:55pm free practice; 02:45pm-04:55pm time practice.

Saturday 27th March: 8:00am-9:55am warm-up; 10:00am-10:10am Superpole Super KF; 10:20am-05:40pm qualifying heats.

Sunday 28th March: 8:30am-10:25am warm-up; 10:30am-11:50am qualifying heats; 11:50am second chance heats KZ1-KZ2; 12:10pm drivers presentation; 01:30pm pre-finals; 03:30pm finals; 05:40pm press conference.

CRG-MAXTER OFFICIAL TEAM DRIVERS AND RACING NUMBERS

SUPER KF

1 - Arnaud Kozlinski (F) - Bordeaux (F), 8th October 1981. *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), 14th December 1991. *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), 16th July 1974. *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), 14th December 1985. *Super KF World Cup finalist Suzuka 2009. KF2 Mundialito Canario KF2 winner 2008. Bridgestone Cup ICA winner 2006.*

KZ1

103 - Jonathan Thonon (B) - Waterloo (B), 22nd October 1986. *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.*

KF2

217 - Giovanni Martinez (I) - Alghero (I), 1st May 1993. *Participation in the WSK 2009 and European Selections 2009 in KF2. Fourth in the Italian Championship 100 Junior 2008.*

263 – Matias Koykka (FIN) - Lahela Tuusula (FIN), 23th November 1994. *KF3 European Championship in 2009 (11th) and KF3 World Cup in 2009 (14th).*

280 - Roberto Franco Curia (RA) - Buenos Aires (RA), 20th December 1992. *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), 30th September 1997. *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, 10th March 1997. *Fourth in the French Cadet Championship 2009. French Champion Mini 2008.*

303 - Mario Ziletti (I) - Manerbio (I), 13th September 1995. *Seventh in the Regional Championship of Lombardia (Italy) KF3 2009.*