

WSK EURO SERIES – ZUERA, 18TH APRIL 2010

## CRG-MAXTER OFFICIAL TEAM IN SPAIN ON THE CIRCUIT OF ZUERA FOR THE THIRD EVENT OF THE WSK EURO SERIES

THE THIRD MEETING OF THE WSK EURO SERIES - SCHEDULED NEXT 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL IN SPAIN - WILL BE CRUCIAL FOR THE RANKINGS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP. CRG-MAXTER LEADS WITH THONON AND VERSTAPPEN IN KF3. GOOD CHANCES TO STRIKE BACK IN SUPER KF AND FOR A GOOD RESULT IN KF2 WITH GATTING.



*Picture shows the CRG drivers of the WSK Euro Series. In the foreground Jonathan Thonon, leader of the KZ1 championship.*

Desenzano del Garda (Brescia - Italy), 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010. After the first two meetings in Italy, on the circuits of Muro Leccese and Lonato, the Karting International Series Euro WSK gets into its crucial moment and moves to Spain, on the fast International Circuit of Zuera, near Zaragoza, for the third event of the season. With the free practice scheduled for next Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, this fundamental stage of the championship begins. The finals of Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April will outline a more precise situation of the rankings for all the four categories taking part in this important international competition.

So, the spotlights are

obviously on the official team of **CRG-Maxter**, which has to confirm the competitiveness of its karts and its drivers, both in the junior category KF3 – whose undisputed leader is the “all black” driver **Max Verstappen** – and in the other, more performing categories, where the expectations for the Italian team are great.

In the top gear-shift category, **KZ1**, the three time world champion **Jonathan Thonon** is expected to confirm his excellent previous performances. He took the lead of the ranking after the race at Lonato and he is ready to widen the gap between himself and the other competitors. Great expectations for the young Dutch driver **Jorrit Pex**, racing for **CRG Holland**; while **Norman Nato**, after the brilliant performance at Lonato, will not take part in the Spanish meeting because he will be driving in a racing car competition.

In **KF2** the centre of attention is the young and performing Danish driver **Michelle Gating**, racing for **CRG Junior Team**, who has gained the right to claim one of the top positions of the ranking. So far, she has really got near it and perhaps she is now ready to celebrate this terrific achievement right here in Spain. In this same category everybody expects a good result also from the young Argentinean driver **Roberto Franco Curia**, as well as a proof of his talent is expected from **Giovanni Martinez**.

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**Max Verstappen, leader of the WSK Euro Series KF3 ranking.**

Among the young talents racing for **CRG** in **KF3**, besides the well established talent of **Max Verstappen**, great expectations for the promising but unlucky driver **Benjamin Gérard**; the same can be said for **Mario Ziletti**. In the other most performing category, **Super KF**, the reigning World Champion, the French driver **Arnaud Kozlinski**, together with the other CRG drivers – **Davide Forè**, **Felice Tiene** and **Eddy Tinini** – will sound the charge for CRG after the unlucky performance at Lonato, ready to race for the final

win of the championship of the category.



*“In these last days, we have been working on the development of the Super KF engine – says a very motivated “Koko” Kozlinski (in the picture beside, together with Nico Carigiet of Maxter) – and I’m sure that all our team will be able to achieve a great result. To say it plainly, here at Zuera we aim at the podium. In our last race in Super KF at Lonato we didn’t perform the way we wanted, but in these last days we have been working hard together with Maxter. I’m absolutely confident: in Spain we will achieve a good result. We can re-open the championship at Zuera; this is our goal.”*

**Nico Carigiet**, person in charge of the **Maxter** engines, agrees with his driver: *“For the race at Zuera we expect good results in all the categories. We took a good step in the development of the engine in KF3 as well as in in KF2. In Super KF is tougher, but our technicians have been working a lot lately to the set up of a very performing engine in this category too, even though we haven’t had much time. In KZ we will be competitive as usual: our engine can aim at the final win once more.”*

#### **The Programme of the WSK Euro Series on the International Circuit of Zuera (Spain):**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April:** 8.20am-06.15pm free practice.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April:** 08.20am-02.15pm free practice; 03.00-05.10 time practice.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April:** 08.20am - 10.15am warm-up; 10.20am-10.30am Super KF Superpole; 10.40am-18.00pm qualifying heats

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April:** 08.00am - 09.25am warm-up; 09.30am-11.05am qualifying heats; 11.10am presentation of the drivers; 12.30pm pre-finals; 02.30pm finals and prize-giving ceremonies; 04.40pm press conference.

**WSK EURO SERIES. CHAMPIONSHIP RANKINGS AFTER TWO ROUND:**

**KZ1: 1 Thonon (B) points 85;** 2. Lammers (NL) 77; 3. Abbasse (F) 72; 4. Iglesias (F) 49; 5. Renaudie (F) 42; **6. Nato (F) 40;** 7. Piccoli (I) 26; 8. Dreezen (B) 25; 9. Toninelli (I) 24; 10. Piccioni (I) 22.

**Super KF: 1. Convers (F) points 100;** 2. Ardigò (I) 92; 3. De Vries (NL) 57; 4. Catt (GB) 56; 5. Cooper (GB) 32; 6. Cesetti (I) 30; 7. De Brabander (B) 25; **8. Kozlinski (F) 25;** 9. Camponeschi (I) 20; 10. Chamberlain (GB) 19.

**KF3: 1. Verstappen (NL) points 115;** 2. Hoevenaars (NL) 70; 3. Albon (GB) 54; 4. Spinelli 44; 5. Hubert (F) 32; 6. Ocon 31; 7. Beer 30; 8. Fioravanti (I) 25; 9. Visoiu (RO) 20; 10. Gasly (F) 16.

**KF2: 1. Moller (DK) points 93;** 2. D'Agosto (I) 80; 3. Silva (BR) 50; 4. Varley (GB) 36; **5. Gating (DK) 35;** 6. Nortoft (DK) 33; 7. Barrabeig (E) 27; 8. Klinkby-Silver (DK) 26; 9. Kanamaru (J) 24; 10. Guibbert (F) 20.

**CRG-MAXTER OFFICIAL TEAM DRIVERS AND RACING NUMBERS AT ZUERA:****SUPER KF**

**1 - Arnaud Kozlinski (F)** - Bordeaux (F), 8<sup>th</sup> 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), 14<sup>th</sup> 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), 16<sup>th</sup> 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), 14<sup>th</sup> 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), 22<sup>nd</sup> 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), 1<sup>st</sup> May 1993. *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<sup>th</sup> 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), 30<sup>th</sup> 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, 10<sup>th</sup> March 1997. *Fourth in the French Cadet Championship 2009. French Champion Mini 2008.*

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