

15. WINTER CUP

SEASON OPENS AND CRG MAXTER IMMEDIATELY TAKES THE LEAD AT WINTER CUP

DAVID FORE' AND ARNAUD KOZLINSKI WIN THEIR HEATS AND WILL START TOGETHER WITH JONATHAN THONON FROM THE FIRST ROWS IN THE FINAL PHASE OF SUNDAY. IN KF3 GREAT DEBUT OF MAX VERSTAPPEN AND IN KF2 MICHELLE GATTING SURPRISES EVERYBODY WITH CRG JUNIOR TEAM



Desenzano del Garda (Brescia – Italy), 20th February 2010. The first signals are very positive indeed for CRG-MAXTER Team at the 15th edition of the Winter Cup, opening event of the karting season on the South Garda karting circuit at Lonato.

In the qualifying practice **David Fore'** from Brescia (Italy) lit up the colours of CRG-MAXTER with his pole position in Super KF, bringing immediately to the general attention the newly homologated Maxter

Engines. In the Saturday qualifying heats David Fore' achieved a fantastic win in the top category as well as his team-mate **Arnaud Kozlinski** who managed to win the third heat. The French driver, reigning world champion of Super KF and winner of 2009 WSK, will start with a slight delay on Sunday final phase because of his involvement in an accident during the start of his first heat. On the contrary, Forè will start from the front row, with his rival Marco Ardigò (Tony Kart) by his side, winner of the second heat and who grabbed the pole of the pre-final because he achieved the overall best score. **Jonathan Thonon** too



Upper picture: Davide Forè, winner of one heat at Winter Cup. Above: Max Verstappen, protagonist in KF3, together with his father Jos.

got a good performance and will start sixth.

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The Danish Driver Michelle Gatting, great surprise in KF2 with CRG Junior Team and winner of a heat of the Winter Cup at Lonato.

The new CRG-MAXTER driver **Felice Tiene**, unfortunately, had a bad start. An intestinal virus prevented him from performing at his best. Anyway, he achieved the qualification for the final phase and will start 23th. **Eddy Tinini** too got the qualification, even though he had great troubles with the race tussle.

In KF3 terrific *début* of **Max Verstappen** at his first experience in this category. The son of the former F1 driver Jos Verstappen was simply unbeatable in the rainy heat of Friday as well as in another heat on Saturday. For the starting grid of the

Sunday afternoon pre-final, we need to wait for the results of the qualifying practice of Sunday morning. Same situation for KF2, where the biggest surprise of the day was another member of CRG-MAXTER Team: 16-year-old Danish driver **Michelle Gatting** of CRG Junior Team, brilliant winner of one of the heats.

David Forè: *'I'm so glad. The winter cup began very well for me. I'm very satisfied for my pole position in the qualifying practice and for the win in one of the heats. We have some problems to sort out but we are sure to run for the final success. Our team got an excellent potential and we have immediately taken the lead. Doubtlessly I can say that CRG started off with the right foot.'*

Arnaud Kozlinski: *'I had a bad start in my first heat, where I got involved in a start accident. I started from the last place and I managed to get a final 10th place and achieving the fastest lap. Then I won the second heat on dry track, showing I'm competitive also because of the reliability of the new engine and of the excellent setting of the CRG chassis. I hope to recover in the pre-final because I want to aim at the final win.'*

Jonathan Thonon: *'The qualifying practice went well for me: I got the overall third performance. I met some troubles during the heats and this meant a 6th place in the pre-final starting grid. I'm confident I can get a good result for the final.'*

Winter Cup pre-final Starting grid –Sunday 21st February (first ten places): 1. Ardigò (I) (Tony Kart-Vortex) penalties 2; **2. Forè (I) (CRG-Maxter) pen. 3;** 3. Catt (GB) (Tony Kart-Vortex) pen. 5; 4. Hanley (GB) (Maranello-Maranello) pen. 8; 5. Cesetti (I) (Birel-Bmp) pen. 9; **6. Thonon (B) (CRG-Maxter) pen. 10;** 7. Chamberlain (GB) (Tony Kart-Tm) pen. 10; **8. Kozlinski (F) (CRG-Maxter) pen. 10;** 9. Lichtfeld (GB) (Alonso-Maxter) pen. 10. Renaudi (F) (Pcr-Tm) pen. 13.