

## CRG PROTAGONIST IN KZ2 IN THE “LOTTERY” OF WSK IN GENK - BELGIUM - UNDER THE SUN AND THE RAIN

DAVIDE FORÈ WINS THE 6<sup>TH</sup> PLACE AT THE FOURTH ROUND OF WSK IN SPITE OF BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS. THONON AND KOZLINSKI WERE FORCED TO WITHDRAW WHILE FIGHTING FOR THE LEADING POSITIONS. THE RESULTS OF THE DRIVERS IN KF2 AND KF3 WERE INFLUENCED BY ACCIDENTS.



Genk (Belgium), 14<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The fourth round of the WSK International Series which was run on the Genk circuit on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2009 was also the first race abroad after the three ones in Italy and exactly in Muro Leccese, Sarno and Castelletto. It was a hard but productive race especially as to the technical development of CRG-Maxter before the next international events. This Belgian lap was particularly difficult because of the track conditions, which was rather slippery due to the dust coming from the cross-track nearby but also to the strange weather which suddenly passed from a very hot Friday and Saturday to a cold and rainy Sunday of the finals. In this fourth round further to KF2 and KF3 categories there was also the professional KZ2 and the official team of CRG-Maxter was on track with its best top drivers such as the Belgian Jonathan Thonon, the French “Koko” Arnaud Kozlinski and the world multichampion Davide Forè.



*On the top, heat start with Thonon (101), Kozlinski (102) and Dreezen (107) ahead. At the bottom, Davide Forè.*

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*On the top, Thonon (101). At the bottom Kozlinski (102).*

They were all extremely motivated and gave everytime their best, enhancing this way the quality of **CRG** chassis and **Maxter** engines but the final rain transformed the final phase in a real “lottery”.

The best result for **CRG** colours was reached by **Forè** who won a 6<sup>th</sup> place either in the Prefinal as in the Final at the end of a series of great duels.

The difficult race conditions were also confirmed by the home driver, the Belgian **Rick Dreezen** of CRG-Holland, who was the most favourite after being winning all three qualification heats on a dry track but forced then to withdraw in the final after his 12<sup>th</sup> position in the pre-final.

**Thonon** was also a leading player in the qualification heats coming close to the pole at only 50 hundredths of seconds from the best time. In the heats he could easily get a victory in two races becoming one of the most important candidates for the final success.

Unfortunately the Prefinal was characterized by lots of

accidents and track going-outs so that the Belgian pilot ended only 17<sup>th</sup>. **Thonon** made a great progression in the Final while the track was getting dry, but at only three laps from finish he was forced to withdraw for a technical problem when he was in 5<sup>th</sup> position. The same was for **Kozlinski** in the Final although the French driver was able to gain a good 7<sup>th</sup> place in the Prefinal in spite of difficult track conditions. As to the other CRG private teams’ pilots, the Dutch **Yard** and **Jorrit Pex** of CRG-Holland were respectively placed 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

In **KF2** both CRG-Maxter drivers **Niccolò Schirò** and **Giovanni Martinez** did not manage to qualify. **Schirò** had set-up and accidents problems as well as **Martinez** who was penalized for a going-out on track during a qualification heat. He got then an 11<sup>th</sup> place in the repechage while **Schirò** ran up against another accident. It was an unlucky away-race also for **Rick Nadin** of the private team VDK Racing from Luxembourg who had to give up in both **KF2** finals after some good qualifying trials.

Very positive was the debut in **KF2** for the 16-year-old **Brandon Maisano** from Cannes with **LH** Lewis Hamilton chassis. The young French promising has been driving for the first time a CRG chassis with the assistance on track of **Dino Chiesa** team and was immediately a protagonist in the official trials reaching the second best time at only 10 hundredths from the pole. He got then a third and 5<sup>th</sup> place in the heats but in the final phase he had to start from a back row because of an accident during another heat. He recovered



*On the top, the Belgian drivers Thonon and Dreezen. At the bottom, Maisano on LH (292) chassis.*

up to the 17<sup>th</sup> place in the Final. On the whole it was an excellent performance for **Maisano** which also confirmed the competitiveness of LH chassis moved by Maxter engine.

**Mirko Torsellini** raced in **K22** with LH colours too but was assisted by the team of Elto Racing. A series of problems in the heats forced the Siennese driver to run the repechage race. Here he was recovering at best but an accident definitively stopped him from an access into the final phase.

The **KF3** category was here represented by the official CRG team with the Polish **Jakub Dalewski** and the Rumanian **Robert Visoiu**: this Belgian away-race was anyway very difficult for them because of the many and continuous accidents which characterized the races of this youngsters category.

In fact several times both drivers were involved in the jostling of the qualification heats having then to run the dangerous repechage.

They had further problems in this race so that **Dalewski**

wasn't able to get a better place than his 12<sup>th</sup> while **Visoiu** was forced to withdraw for an accident.

## THE INTERVIEWS

**Giancarlo Tinini, President of CRG SpA:** "On the whole the performances of our karts and drivers were very satisfying as to KF2 on Saturday, both in the trials and in the qualification heats. Unfortunately the rain on Sunday changed the values on field and certainly we could have different results if the weather conditions would have been the same as the day before. The slippery asphalt caused several troubles too due to contacts during the race. I would like to underline the nice performance of Brandon Maisano in KF2 who was immediately able to run at best since the beginning with LH chassis and Maxter motor. This WSK round in Genk was anyway very useful for us for a further development of our equipment in view of the European KZ1 and KZ2 of Wackersdorf at the end of June and the KF3 European Final in Zuera of mid July".



*At the bottom , Schirò in KF2.*

**Omar Di Gesualdo, CRG Racing Director:** “In KF3 and KF2 our pilots ran into several accidents and couldn’t therefore get the results they were fighting for. Visoiu made some good progress in KF3 and was more aggressive than the past. Dalewski was involved in accidents after two good heats and the same happened to Schirò and Martinez in KF2. Now the boys have acquired enough experience to face as best as possible the rest of the season. In KF2 we were the protagonists in trial and in the qualification heats but

we were penalized in the final phase because of changing weather conditions and a technical problem for Thonon. Forè was the only one to reach a good result even if the track was drying up while he was running the Final with a wet ready chassis instead of a dry one, as it should be in that particular moment”.

### Classifications

**KZ2:** 1. Ardigò (I) + 8.101; 2. Laudato (I) + 8.215; 3. Mich (F) + 8.215; 4. Cesetti (Birel) + 9.977; 5. Renaudie (F) + 10.844; **6. Forè (I) (CRG-Maxter) + 12.286;** 7. Puhakka (FIN) + 13.603; 8. Bressan (I) + 16.979; 9. Hawksworth (GB) + 20.901; 10. Pex Yard (NL) (CRG-Tm) + 21.465; 11. Piccini (Intrepid) + 23.099; 12. De Conto (I) + 24.423; 13. Pex Jorrit (NL) (CRG-Tm) + 26.109; 14. Geurts (NL) + 28.138; 15. Schoonderwaldt (D) + 32.959 ... **18. Thonon (B) (CRG-Maxter) + 3 laps; 28. Kozlinski (F) (CRG-Maxter) + 14 laps;** 30. Dreezen (B) (CRG-Maxter) + 17 laps; 33. Habulin (HR) (CRG-Maxter) + 19 laps.

**KZ2 Championship:** 1. Lammers (B) points 85; 2. Ardigò (I) 81; 3. Renaudie (F) 50; 4. Laudato (I) 35; 5. Hawksworth (GB) 30; 6. Dreezen (B) 28; 7. Mich (F) e Cesetti (I) 25; 9. **Forè (I) 24;** 10. Puhakka (FIN) 21.

**KF2:** 1. Cooper (GB); 2. Rossler (S) + 2.100; 3. Moller (DK) + 2.919; 4. Lock (GB) + 4.655; 5. Grenhagen (S) + 5.713; 6. Johansson (S) + 6.622; 7. De Ridder (F) + 10.113; 8. Giovinazzi (I) + 12.535; 9. Beretta (I) + 12.801; 10. Goff (GB) + 13.420; 11. Taylor (GB) + 14.783; 12. Hauke (D) + 19.051; 13. Smarrazzo (I) + 19.269; 14. Lynn (GB) + 21.072; 15. Zimin (RUS) + 23.305.

**KF2 Championship:** 1. Cooper (GB) points 155; 2. Viganò (I) 109; 3. Grenhagen (S) 84; 4. Lock (GB) 72; 5. Smarrazzo 57; 6. Basz (PL) 54; 7. Tiene (I) 48; 8. Rossler (S) 43; 9. Taylor (GB) 37; 10. Goff (GB) 36.

**KF3:** 1. Hoevenaars (NL); 2. Silva (BR) + 2.631; 3. King (GB) + 3.644; 4. Abreu (P) + 7.038; 5. Sirotkin (RUS) + 7.757; 6. Barrabeig (E) + 8.607; 7. Albon (GB) + 9.945; 8. Sainz (E) +10.826; 9. Walsh (GB) + 14.542; 10. Helias (F) + 16.192; 11. Dennis (GB) + 16.289; 12. Pakari (FIN) + 19.884; 13. Kvyat (RUS) + 24.401; 14. Elkerbout (NL) + 25.345; 15. Fioravanti (I) + 26.019.

**KF3 Championship:** 1. Kvyat (RUS) points 150; 2. De Vries (NL) 135; 3. Sainz (E) 95; 4. King (GB) 82; 5. Marciello (I) 72; 6. Hoevenaars (NL) 67; 7. Albon (GB) 57; 8. Silva (BR) 48; 9. Barrabeig (E) 41; 10. Jaminet (F) 35.

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