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#### Editorial

The day of reckoning has arrived. The Rotax MAX Challenge Euro Trophy is ready to go full throttle for the grand finale of the season at an iconic venue such as South Garda Karting, just a few steps away from the enchanting scenery of Lake Garda. The title race is still open in all the classes (Mini MAX, Junior MAX, Senior MAX, DD2, DD2 Masters and E20) and all the drivers involved are certainly ready to do everything in their power to see their name inscribed in the roll of honour of the championship. Adding to the excitement of the event will be the night finals, which will be held under artificial lights and where it will be crucial not to make any mistakes. Who will be on the top step of the podium? Predictions are open and... May the best win!

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#### SENIOR MAX REPORT

# A BREATHTAKING VICTORY FOR HIGGINS



With a last-corner overtaking, Matthew Higgins (Dan Holland Racing) won the third round of the championship. The Brit opened the weekend with the second fastest time in the qualifying practices, behind only Thomas Bearman (KR Sport), but dropped to fifth position in the intermediate standings at the end of the qualifying heats, despite a victory to his credit. Higgins won again in prefinal A and secured third place on the starting grid of the final, behind poleman Bearman and Elia Pappacena (MKC Motorsport). At the start, driver #375 immediately took the lead of the race, but on lap 6 he was forced to give up the lead to Joseph Turney (KR Motorsport) and, shortly after, also second place to Macauley Bishop (Dan Holland Racing). Higgins did not give up and, returning to second place, tried to overtake Turney on the last lap, favouring Jayden Thien (Dan Holland Racing) instead. Turney counterattacked the Dutchman in the final hairpin, but Higgins took the advantage to get back in front and win the race. Turney and Thien got on the podium, ahead of Bishop and Bearman at the finish line.



SENIOR MAX FINAL				
1	375 HIGGINS	LN / Rotax / Mojo	15:05.480	
2	338 TURNEY	KR / Rotax / Mojo	+0.225	
3	359 THIEN	LN / Rotax / Mojo	+0.282	
4	368 BISHOP	LN / Rotax / Mojo	+0.893	
5	322 BEARMAN	Kosmic / Rotax / Mojo	+1.397	
6	327 STEVENS	Tony Kart / Rotax / Mojo	+1.904	
7	341 SCHLEGL	Tony Kart / Rotax / Mojo	+3.990	
8	343 GILBERT	Tony Kart / Rotax / Mojo	+5.505	
9	<b>346</b> UBBEN	Exprit / Rotax / Mojo	+9.862	
10	363 BABICKOVA	Tony Kart / Rotax / Mojo	+10.639	

MCQUEEN - 12. PAPPACENA - 13. JEFF-HALL
BUTCHER - 15. BILLOUT - 16. VAN DER STRUIJS
PONS - 18. SIDLER - 19. SHIELDS - 20. FRACASSI
HERBOTS - 22. BRUN - 23. KOCH - 24. BERGSTEIJN
GEYSKENS - 26. HAMBURG - 27. MARCHIORO - 28. PINTO
IFRID - 30. TURPEINEN - 31. VAN WIJK - 32. KNOOREN
LIOUDAKIS - 34. HAMILTON - 35. HOLST - 36. LEE







S	SENIOR MAX STANDINGS				
1	<b>356</b> BUTCHER SEAN	P. 449	GBR		
2	375 HIGGINS MATTHEW	P. 440	GBR		
3	368 BISHOP MACAULEY	P. 434	GBR		
4	343 GILBERT LEWIS	P. 413	GBR		
5	359 THIEN JAYDEN	P. 409	NLD		

#### JUNIOR MAX REPORT

## VAN WIJK AT THE LAST BREATH



A heart-stopping final for the Junior MAX class in Franciacorta. Friday's qualifying practices saw Boaz Maximov (Bouvin Power) take pole position ahead of Jacob Ashcroft (Dan Holland Racing), Casper Nissen (RS Competition) and Ties Van Wijk (Bouvin Power), but the standings changed completely at the end of the following qualifying heats: in fact, Nissen gained the lead thanks to two victories and a second place, while behind him were Arjen Kraeling (KR Motorsport) and Scott Marsh (Strawberry Racing); Maximov dropped to fifth, Van Wijk to seventh and Ashcroft to thirteenth. Finally, the two prefinals assigned the first two rows of the final grid to Nissen, Kraeling, Marsh and Van Wijk. At the start of the last race, Nissen made a mistake on the first corner that initially left the field open to Marsh. The latter, after accumulating a good advantage, was joined by Arjen Kraeling and the two began to compete for the lead. The duel allowed various competitors to get closer, including Ashcroft, who started in 26th place. On the penultimate lap, Ashcroft tried to overtake Marsh, but Van Wijk passed both drivers and crossed the finish line first. Ashcroft finished second, while Marsh and lacopo Martinese (KR Motorsport), third and fourth, were penalized, enhancing Maximov, Nissen and Kraeling in the standings.



JUNIOR MAX FINAL				
1	246	VAN WIJK	Tony Kart / Rotax / Mojo	16:56.045
2	212	ASHCROFT	LN / Rotax / Mojo	+0.698
3	230	MAXIMOV	Tony Kart / Rotax / Mojo	+2.779
4	222	NISSEN	LN / Rotax / Mojo	+3.591
5	262	KRAELING	KR / Rotax / Mojo	+3.652
6	260	MARTINESE	KR / Rotax / Mojo	+6.004
7	270	MARSH	Tony Kart / Rotax / Mojo	+7.322
8	251	GOFF	Exprit / Rotax / Mojo	+8.751
9	259	ROGOWSKI	Tony Kart / Rotax / Mojo	+10.688
10	294	CLANCY	Tony Kart / Rotax / Mojo	+16.399

11. WOODS - 12. NELSON - 13. JANSSEN - 14. VANDERVEKEN
15. ZASOV - 16. STEVENS - 17. AVASILCUTEI - 18. SOLTYS
19. KJELLERUP - 20. TSENG - 21. GHANDOUR - 22. SMITH
23. PALMER - 24. SCARBROUGH - 25. POLLAK - 26. GONZALEZ
27. FALLY - 28. LEUSCH - 29. BOUTSIADIS - 30. SIMEONOVA
31. ARMSTRONG - 32. TIONS - 33. KOBAKHIDZE - 34. KIRWAN
35. GIAQUINTO - NC. STRELE







JUNIOR MAX STANDINGS				
1 222 NISSEN CASPER	P. 454	DNK		
2 246 VAN WIJK TIES	P. 439	NLD		
3 212 ASHCROFT JACOB	P. 426	GBR		
4 230 MAXIMOV BOAZ	P. 419	NLD		
5 251 GOFF LEWIS	P. 406	GBR		

#### **MINI MAX REPORT**

# BABICEK EMERGES IN WET CONDITIONS



The first of the two rounds in Italy of the Mini MAX went to Zdenek Babicek (Tepz Racing Team). Initially, the Czech finished 15th in Friday's qualifying practices, where Maxim Becker (C4-Racing) and Albert Friend (Strawberry Racing) stood out, but already at the end of the qualifying heats he had achieved fifth position overall, thanks to a victory and two sixth places. Finally, after the two prefinals won by Friend and Mark Loomets (Energy Corse), Babicek secured the fourth position on the starting grid of the final. The rain changed things in the last race of the weekend: at the start, Oliver Spencer (KR Sport) took the lead, but after a few corners he made an excursion on the grass. Babicek took advantage of the hectic early stages to take the lead in the race and, on a completely wet asphalt, pulled just enough away from his opponents to secure victory. Friend grabbed second place, ahead of Vince Vanderhallen (Bouvin Power), third, and Aj Burggraaff (SP Motorsport), fourth. Becker finished 31st.



N	MINI MAX FINAL			
1	135	BABICEK	MS / Rotax / Mojo	11:58.368
2	191	FRIEND	Tony Kart / Rotax / Mojo	+5.293
3	130	VANDERHALLEN	Tony Kart / Rotax / Mojo	+6.242
4	170	BURGGRAAFF	KR / Rotax / Mojo	+7.076
5	151	MAZINAS	Tony Kart / Rotax / Mojo	+8.355
6	142	SPENCER	Kosmic / Rotax / Mojo	+10.729
7	128	HOLMES-BALAC	Birel Art / Rotax / Mojo	+12.102
8	153	TAYLOR	LN / Rotax / Mojo	+12.701
9	138	LOOMETS	Energy / Rotax / Mojo	+14.610
10	145	LJUBIMOV	Tony Kart / Rotax / Mojo	+14.946



- 25. KALLENBERG 26. TAKACS 27. CHASSE 28. DAVOLI
- 29. LAWRENCE 30. SARKAR 31. BECKER 32. PERUZZI 33. DAKOVIC - 34. SEIDL - 35. BERTOLACCINI - 36. SOLTYS







	MINI MAX STANDINGS				
1	191 FRIEND ALBERT	P. 162	GBR		
2	135 BABICEK ZDENEK	P. 155	CZE		
3	138 LOOMETS MARK	P. 148	EST		
4	142 SPENCER OLIVER	P. 145	GBR		
5	170 BURGGRAAFF AJ	P. 144	NLD		

### FIRST TIME IN FRANCIACORTA

A resounding success in terms of participants for the first appearance of the Rotax MAX Challenge Euro Trophy in Franciacorta, in the heart of northern Italy. Around 240 drivers battled it out on the track in the six classes featured over the weekend: let's relive the best of the action through the photos on these two pages.





























#### **DD2 REPORT**

# SIMONI SURPRISES EVERYONE



Mauro Simoni's victory (Simoni Mauro) was as extraordinary as it was unexpected. The Italian began his weekend in 17th place after the qualifying practice, a session in which Maxim Shchurko (Lenktyniu Linija) and Lenn Nijs (Schepers Racing Service) took the first two positions. Even at the end of the qualifying heats, Simoni remained in the middle of the standings, while Shchurko stayed in the lead with two victories and a fourth place, and then gave it to his rival Nijs due to a disqualification in the prefinal. The final saw Nijs in the lead from the start, chased by Tomas Rudokas (Lenktyniu Linija) and Christensen Frederik Zebis (RS Competition), but on lap 2 light rain made the Franciacorta asphalt slippery. Simoni took advantage of the weather factor and, in a short time, recovered 16 positions and took the lead. On lap 4 there was a real downpour which, in fact, forced the race director to suspend the race. The final resumed after twenty minutes on a completely wet track and Simoni, also thanks to perfect race conduct, flew straight to victory. Paul Fourquemin (Daems Racing Team) and Enzo Bol (SP Motorsport) finished on the podium, while Nijs finished seventh. Shchurko was further behind, in 12th place.



D	D2 FINAL		
1	480 SIMONI	KR / Rotax / Mojo	19:29.426
2	413 FOURQUEMIN	Tony Kart / Rotax / Mojo	+1.736
3	<b>421</b> BOL	KR / Rotax / Mojo	+3.914
4	477 MOITZI	Tony Kart / Rotax / Mojo	+5.833
5	404 DE RUWE	Tony Kart / Rotax / Mojo	+8.227
6	496 SZABO	Birel Art / Rotax / Mojo	+8.243
7	446 NIJS	KR / Rotax / Mojo	+8.775
8	466 FELAPPI	Birel Art / Rotax / Mojo	+11.039
9	412 CUCCIOLILLO	LN / Rotax / Mojo	+11.107
10	465 AULEJTNER	KR / Rotax / Mojo	+11.215

ZEBIS - 12. SHCHURKO - 13. VEERUS - 14. TENSCHERT
MARTINESE - 16. SENDIN - 17. RUDOKAS - 18. KRISTENSEN
BROGGIO - 20. GUERIN - 21. LOCMELIS - 22. JURANCSIK
GUILLAUME - 24. KOLMANIC - 25. BIRSTINS - 26. HANNES
LOECKER - 28. DIRICKX - NC. SAARNIALA







D	DD2 STANDINGS					
1	<b>421</b> BOL ENZO	P. 429	NLD			
2	413 FOURQUEMIN PAUL	P. 417	FRA			
3	496 SZABO BENDE	P. 408	HUN			
4	404 DE RUWE XEN	P. 403	SVN			
5	441 VEERUS RAGNAR	P. 402	EST			



### **DD2 MASTERS REPORT**

# PICOT BORDERS ON PERFECTION



In Italy, Nicolas Picot (Picot Nicolas) won for a third time in a row. The Frenchman was the fastest of all in the qualifying practice, thanks to the best time of 49.030 seconds and also preceded everyone in the intermediate standings at the end of the qualifying heats, where he achieved two victories and a fourth place. Finally, the success of the prefinal on Sunday morning confirmed Picot as being first on the starting grid of the final, ahead of Igor Mukhin (Mukhin Igor). When the lights went out, Picot was ahead of Martynas Tankevicius (Lenktyniu Linija), Alessandro Glauser (Glauser Alessandro) and Mukhin, but on the third lap he gave up the lead to Tankevicius. The Latvian barely resisted one lap to the pressure of Picot, but together with Mukhin, in the meantime back in third place, he remained glued to his rival. The chequered flag sanctioned Picot's victory and delivered the second and third positions in the hands, respectively, of Tankevicius and Mukhin. Andreas Brenkusch (KSB Racing Team) took fourth place, ahead of Glauser, who came fifth.



D	D2	MASTERS	FINAL	
1	517	PICOT	Tony Kart / Rotax / Mojo	13:16.360
2	533	TANKEVICIUS	Birel Art / Rotax / Mojo	+0.466
3	538	MUKHIN	Tony Kart / Rotax / Mojo	+0.794
4	523	BRENKUSCH	Birel Art / Rotax / Mojo	+1.547
5	507	GLAUSER	LN / Rotax / Mojo	+3.501
6	566	DUDLER	Sodikart / Rotax / Mojo	+4.981
7	599	CAPITAINE	EOS / Rotax / Mojo	+5.493
8	536	NARDI	KR / Rotax / Mojo	+6.974
9	537	CALVI	Birel Art / Rotax / Mojo	+7.106
10	590	NOTARFRANCESCO	Kosmic / Rotax / Mojo	+11.407
11	525	LOECKER	Sodikart / Rotax / Mojo	+16.789
12	513	DOUW	Energy / Rotax / Mojo	+24.547
13	567	PALUMBO	Birel Art / Rotax / Mojo	+6 Laps



KSB RACING TEAM





D	DD2 MASTERS STANDINGS				
1	517 PICOT NICOLAS	P. 495	FRA		
2	533 TANKEVICIUS MARTYNAS	P. 450	LTU		
3	538 MUKHIN IGOR	P. 444	CYP		
4	599 CAPITAINE CHRISTOPHE	P. 426	FRA		
5	523 BRENKUSCH ANDREAS	P. 407	AUT		

### **E20 SENIOR REPORT**

# BROUGHAM'S SECOND WIN



Also in Franciacorta it was Spencer Brougham (Brougham Spencer) who climbed on the top step of the podium of the E20, the class reserved for karts equipped with BRP-Rotax electric engines. In the qualifying practice the Briton, by just 8 thousandths of a second, came close to pole position, which went to Raul Vargas (S.L.K. Racing Academy). The Englishman took his revenge in the following qualifying heats, in which he won twice and achieved a second place, results that allowed him to take the lead in the intermediate standings, ahead of Will Elswood (Elswood Will), Balazs Totis (Totis Balazs), Griffin Dowler (Dowler Griffin), Vargas and Yanek Sterzel (Sterzel Yanek). Brougham also won the prefinal on Sunday morning, while in the final in the afternoon he had to give up the lead to his rival Totis during the first laps. On the penultimate lap, the British driver returned to lead the race and, in the sprint, preceded Elswood, Totis, Vargas and Dowler. At the end of the post-race technical checks, the standings saw Brougham in first position, with Totis and Vargas second and third respectively. Elswood, Dowler and Sterzel complete the final standings.



E20 SENIOR FINAL			
1	702 BROUGHAM	Sodikart / Rotax / Mojo	8:38.990
2	705 TOTIS	Sodikart / Rotax / Mojo	+0.205
3	717 VARGAS	Sodikart / Rotax / Mojo	+0.264
4	719 ELSWOOD	Sodikart / Rotax / Mojo	+5.093
5	<b>706</b> DOWLER	Sodikart / Rotax / Mojo	+5.349
6	720 STERZEL	Sodikart / Rotax / Mojo	+22.442



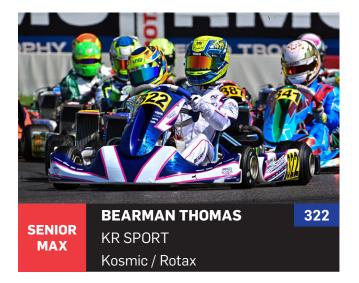






E20 SENIOR STANDINGS				
1 702 BROUGHAM SPENCER	P. 315	GBR		
2 717 VARGAS RAUL	P. 306	ESP		
3 719 ELSWOOD WILL	P. 304	GBR		
4 705 TOTIS BALAZS	P. 297	HUN		
5 706 DOWLER GRIFFIN	P. 292	CAN		

### **THE POLEMEN OF FRANCIACORTA**

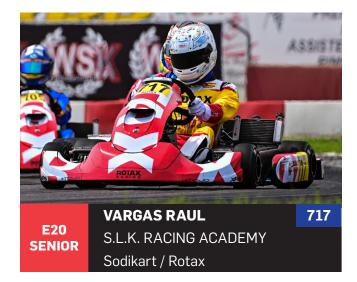














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