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SOUTH GARDA KARTING - LONATO (BS - ITALY)

THE WINTER CUP OF LONATO IS "SOLD OUT". THE RACE IS IN SCHEDULE FROM 17th TO 19th FEBRUARY 2012

288 ENTRANTS ARE TAKING PART IN THE WINTER CUP. MORE THAN 360 THE DRIVERS WHO HAD APPLIED FOR THE RACE. LOTS OF NOVELTIES IN ALL THE THREE CATEGORIES



Lonato (Brescia Italy), 24th January 2012. The 17th edition of the Winter Cup begins with a "sold out": entrants are no longer accepted in any of the three categories. There are 288 drivers ready to get onto the track of the South Garda Karting of Lonato, that is the maximum number allowed: there are 108 drivers in KF2, 108 in KF3 and 72 in KZ2. But the most striking figure is that of the drivers who applied for the race: 360, a veritable record number! So, the first appointment of the season, which traditionally begins with the Winter Cup, seems to have all the potentialities of a great show, especially in the great international events such as the Winter Cup itself.

Besides, there are several others novelties among the drivers in the Winter Cup, with some important debuts in new teams. For example, the European KZ1 champion Paolo De Conto and Roberto Toninelli are racing for Birel now, Patrick Hajek (see photo), last year's winner, for Praga; there is also the debut of the new team Art Grand Prix, managed by Nicolas Todt and Armando Filini.



In the top category, the KZ2, CRG is one of the favourite teams. The team fields its best drivers: the four-time world champion **Jonathan Thonon**, together with **Davide Forè**, the winner of the WSK Final Cup **Mirko Torsellini** and the European champion **Fabian Federer**. But the fight for the win, after last year's "hat trick", involves once again Tony Kart, especially thanks to the driver from Brescia **Marco Ardigò** and the Belgian **Rick Dreezen**, besides the Formula K team with **Yannick De Brabander** and the KF2 European champion **Loris Spinelli**. There are also the Praga team, a veritable new protagonist in international karting, with **Bas Lammers** and **Patrick Hajek**, and the PCR, which can count on their new driver **Arnaud Kozlinski**. Among the major teams also Maranello Kart, Energy, BRM, Sodi Kart, DR, Jesolo, CKR, Kosmic and many others field their best elements.

In KF2, Tony Kart with its captain **Damiano Fioravanti** is definitely the favourite team. Anyway, there are also several other possible winners, such as Birel with **Vita Mattia**, who progressed in this category from KF3, and the Chiesa Ciorse-Zanardi team with **Thiago Vivacqua** and the U18 world champion **Matthew Graham**, the RK team with **Karol Basz**, Art with the KF3 world cup winner **Charles Leclerc**, CRG with **Jordon Lennox**, **Felice Tiene** and **Luke Varley** - who has just joined the team-; the LH team with the British champion **Tom Joyner**, the Morsicani team with **Antonio Fuoco**, Maranello Kart with **Andreas Hansen** and **Stefano Cucco** - the team's latest signing -, Formula K with **Oystein Helgheim** (just progressed in KF2), PCR with **Gianmarco Ercoli**, Intrepid with its latest "purchase" **Max Verstappen** and **Alberto Di Folco**.

Dino Chiesa and Zanardi's team stands out in KF3. Besides fielding **Lance Stroll** and **Callum Ilott** once again, the team will make the strong Romanian **Petrut Florescu** debut. Among the favourites also the Italian **Luca Corberi**, official driver for Kosmic from this year, together with all the other champions of the Tony Kart official team, the Spanish champion **Alex Palou** on CRG, the strong Ward Racing team and the New Force one, **Alessio Lorandi** with Baby Race, and **Dorian Bocolacci** with Intrepid. But in this category there are many drivers participating for the first time and lots of them are ready to do their best.

The beginning of the free practice is scheduled for Thursday 16th February. On Friday afternoon (17th February), the time trials and the first heats which continue on the following Saturday 18th February (all day). On Sunday 19th, after the second-chance heats, the pre-finals and the finals from 01.30 pm.

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THE CALENDAR OF THE RACES IN 2012 ON THE SOUTH GARDA KARTING:

17th 18th 19th FEBRUARY **17th WINTER CUP**

International Race
Categories: KZ2, KF2, KF3

26th FEBRUARY

23th SPRING TROPHY – 1st ROUND

Categories: 60 Baby, 60 Mini, KZ2, KF2, KF3, Prodriver (CSAI Cup)
Mini Rok, Junior Rok, Rok, Super Rok (Rok Cup Championship)

11th MARCH

23rd SPRING TROPHY – 2nd Round

Categories: KZ2, KF2, KF3, 60 Mini, 60 Baby, Prodriver
Rok, Mini Rok, Junior Rok, Super Rok



- 23rd 24th 25th MARCH** **23rd ANDREA MARGUTTI TROPHY**
International Race
Categories: KZ2, KF2, KF3, 60 Mini
- 31st/March – 1st APRIL** **CHAMPIONKART TROPHY**
One-make Trophy
- 8th JULY** **20th GARDA TROPHY (Night Race)**
Categories: KZ2, KF2, KF3, 60 Mini, 60 Baby, Prodriver (CSAI Cup)
Mini Rok, Junior Rok, Rok, Super Rok (Rok Cup Championship)
- 21st-22nd JULY** **VEGA TROPHY**
Categories: KZ2, KF2, KF3, 60 Mini, 60 Baby, Prodriver, Easykart
- 1st-2nd SEPTEMBER** **CSAI KARTING ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP – 4th. ROUND**
International Race
Categories: KZ2, KF2, KF3, 60 Mini, 60 Baby
- 23rd SEPTEMBER** **22nd AUTUMN TROPHY – 1st Round**
Categories: KZ2, KF2, KF3, 60 Mini, 60 Baby, Prodriver
Mini Rok, Junior Rok, Rok, Super Rok
- 7th OCTOBER** **22nd AUTUMN TROPHY – FINAL**
Categories: KZ2, KF2, KF3, 60 Mini, 60 Baby, Prodriver
Mini Rok, Junior Rok, Rok, Super Rok
- 12th 13th 14th OCTOBER** **ROK CUP INTERNATIONAL FINAL**
International Race
Categories: Mini Rok, Junior Rok, Rok, Super Rok
- 20th-21st OCTOBER** **41st TROFEO DELLE INDUSTRIE (INDUSTRY TROPHY)**
International Race
Categories: KZ2, KF2, KF3, 60 Mini
- 27th-28th OCTOBER** **BRIDGESTONE CUP FINAL**
International Race
Categories: KZ2, KF2, KF3