

ART Grand Prix ready for the WSK Final Cup after positive CIK-FIA World Cup outing at Zuera



The start of the Autumn season did not slow down the activity of ART Grand Prix and its Karting Division as the Factory Team is still taking part in all the major international competitions. The WSK Final Cup is scheduled for this weekend at Castelletto di Branduzzo.

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The ART Grand Prix banner will be held in KF2 by Charles Leclerc while five drivers are set to be fielded in KF3. French youngster Dorian Boccolacci, born in 1998, will be the latest addition: since his debut, he quickly emerged as one of the best prospects of his own generation and has become part of the young driver program of Gravity Management.

Leclerc will be back on-track for the WSK Final Cup after lining-up at Zuera in the CIK-FIA KF2 and KF3 World Cup. Together with team-mate Ben Barnicoat, Leclerc fought all-weekend long to overcome an engine performance gap that cost them more than two tenths of a second per lap. Thanks to the performance of the ART TS-01 chassis and to the great job done by the Factory Team, both Charles and Ben achieved their goal of entering the final race and managed to end up in 5th and 6th place overall. They also proved the fastest men on-track among the IAME/Parilla-powered pack.

The Factory Team's run at Zuera also confirmed the strong impression left so far by Sérgio Sette Camara, who is still taking his first steps in European racing. The young Brazilian, at his third run outside his native country, showed great skills and missed the prestigious KF3 final for just one point. Unfortunately for him, an incident happened in the first manche took its toll even though Sérgio kept his name into the top-10 in all the following heats. Nonetheless, he improved constantly and definitely has high hopes for 2013.

In addition to that, Ben Barnicoat cruised to the 2012 title in the MSA Senior Kart Championship. The double win scored in the closing round at Shenington enabled the ART Grand Prix racer to seal the deal in the 2012 British Karting Championship. The successful weekend experienced in Britain enabled Nicolas Todt, Armando Filini and their team to increase a sensational roll of honour with less than one year since the start of the operation.

BEN BARNICOAT:

"I feel last week in Zuera we struggled a little because of the engine, I think that this is the reason why me and Charles were not fighting for the win, but we both did the best that we could and got positive results considering the circumstances.

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I feel like I have had a very good international debut session with ART Grand Prix team winning both British and European championships which I am very happy about. I feel that I have learnt a lot with the team throughout the year which I think will help me a lot in the future. I only have one race left of the season in Bahrain which I am looking forward to a lot and will be a very good experience."

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