

NEWS *CIK-FIA Championships*

IN MURO LECCESE (I) ILOTT (GB – ZANARDI-PARILLA KF) AND AHMED (GB – FA KART-VORTEX KFJ) WIN THE SEASON OPENER OF THE CIK-FIA EUROPEAN KF & KFJ CHAMPIONSHIP. ON RAI SPORT 2, THE DELAYED BROADCAST ON WEDNESDAY 14TH AT 18:05, WITH A SPECIAL REPORT ON FRIDAY 16TH AT 20:30.

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THE NEW TITLE PRETENDERS INTRODUCE THEMSELVES AT THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP IN MURO LECCESE.

The season opener of the European CIK-FIA KF and KFJ Championship launched its first two pretenders in the first round of Muro Leccese (Lecce - Italy). The English Callum Ilott (Zanardi-Parilla-Dunlop) and Enaam Ahmed (FA Kart-Vortex-Vega), winners in their categories KF and KFJ, are the current leaders of the Championship which, in the Italian round on the International Circuit La Conca, has started its European 2014 tour. The next rounds are scheduled in Spain, Belgium, Sweden and United Kingdom. The season opener was a success thanks to its 134 entrants coming from four continents and from 31 different countries. All the races were uncertain until the end: the winners had to fight hard and this makes their result even more valuable. They already know that in the next round they will have to cope with even fiercer competitors. After La Conca, the next appointment is in Zuera in three weeks. It means that drivers and team will have to deal with a summerlike weather after the warm temperature of this southern Italian weekend.

ILOTT WINS THE FIRST DUEL IN KF.

The two English drivers Callum Ilott and Lando Norris (FA Kart-Vortex) were side by side in the Prefinal. Norris was the pole-sitter but he lost several positions at the start. He finally managed to close the gap with Ilott and the starting grid of the Final saw the two drivers in the front row again, this time with inverted positions. At the start of the Final, Norris got involved in the tussle and lost ground. On the other hand, Ilott managed to gain the leadership ahead of the unstoppable Swedish Niko Kari (Tony Kart-Vortex-Dunlop). The latter achieved an overwhelming recovery which brought him to second position after starting from the eighth row of the Prefinal. Norris, too, recovered several positions and finished third, behind Kari. So, Ilott was the winner with Kari and Norris on the two remaining steps of the podium. Also Felice Tiene (CRG-TM-Dunlop) was among the protagonists of the Final: he placed fourth after recovering more than twenty positions. He started from the 13th row because he was involved in a crash at the start of the Prefinal. The Spanish Pedro Hiltbrand (CRG-TM-Dunlop) and the Dutch Martijn van Leeuwen (Zanardi-Parilla-Dunlop) placed fifth and sixth, after duelling with Norris during the central phase of the race. The leader of the current standing is Ilott with 34 points, followed by Norris with 26 and Kari with 20.



THE PROTAGONISTS IN MURO LECCESE: ABOVE, THE PODIUM OF THE KF AND, BELOW, THE KFJ DRIVERS AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.



AHMED WINS AGAINST ALL ODDS IN KFJ.

Devlin Defrancesco (Tony Kart-Vortex-Vega), after dominating the heats, won also in the Prefinal: But in the Final Enaam Ahmed (FA Kart-Vortex-Vega) was the fastest, followed by the German Mick Junior (Tony Kart-Vortex-Vega). The two drivers led the race alternatively during the first laps, while the rest of the race was in control of Ahmed, who kept the head of the Final until the end. Excellent performance also for the American Logan Sargeant (FA Kart-Vortex-Vega), who started from the third row and managed to achieve a great recovery. He was finally the runner-up right behind Ahmed. Defrancesco closed the gap and finishing on the third step of the podium after he had lost some positions at the beginning of the race. Behind them the Russian Alexander Vartanyan (Tony Kart-Vortex-Vega) finished fourth after a close quarters combat with the Italian Leonardo Lorandi (Tony Kart-TN-Vega) and the English Max Fewtrell (FA Kart-Vortex-Vega), who placed fifth and sixth respectively. The current leader of the championship is Ahmed with 31 points followed by Defrancesco with 26 and Sargeant with 20.

THE TIMETABLE ON TV.

On Rai Sport 2, on Wednesday 14th May at 06:05pm, the appointment is with the delayed broadcast of the Finals. On Friday 16th the special report with the recap of the whole weekend from La Conca.