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CRG, GREAT RESULTS IN EURO ROTAX. BITTER FINALE IN THE EUROPEAN KF

CRG scored a one-two in Germany at the Euro Rotax Challenge in DD2, a victory in DD2 Master and a podium in Junior. Hiccup for Felice Tiene in Sweden at the European KF Championship as he ended fourth in the final standings.



Bitter-sweet weekend for CRG at the end of the double exit in Germany, at Wackersdorf, for the third round of Rotax Euro Challenge and in Sweden, at Kristianstad, for the third and last round of the European CIK-FIA Championship.

A very positive note came from Germany with the stunning one-two in DD2 by **Paolo De Conto** and the German **Luka Kamali**, and then again due to the victory in DD2 Master for **Igor Mukhin** and **Alex Quinn**'s podium in Junior. The bitter note came from Sweden instead, where **Felice Tiene** was stripped of the satisfaction of the sixth place in the Final. The Italian driver ended the European KF Championship in fourth position.

ROTAX EURO CHALLENGE: PODIUM FOR FOUR CRG DRIVERS

DD2. The Rotax Euro Challenge took place in Germany and **Paolo De Conto** has been again the main protagonist of DD2, on CRG Dark Rider chassis, as he came to the fore this time together with his team mate **Luka Kamali**, who was very quick in his home race. The two CRG drivers have been shining since qualifying, when **De Conto** set the second best time in the first group (49.639s)

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and **Kamali** was quickest in the second one (50.128s). The winning pace of the two CRG drivers continued in qualifying heats as they secured two wins each. In Prefinal, **Paolo De Conto** and **Luka Kamali** had to settle for the second and third position behind Lammers, but the pairing did not miss out on the prestigious result in the Final, as **De Conto** claimed the victory after taking the lead at lap two and pulled away, while **Kamali** followed him in second. The Russian driver **Igor Mukhin** completed the CRG success taking the victory in DD2 Master, confirming his leadership in the standings too. The other German **Niklas Granz**, fifth in the heats, had to retire in the Prefinal but in the Final managed to make up for the lost ground and recouped well up to P13.

In Rotax Euro Challenge, **De Conto** is currently 3 points short of the leader thanks to this second victory in a row (Castelletto and Wackersdorf), and put his name forward for the final victory of DD2 that will take into account two mandatory jokers. **Luka Kamali** is sixth of the standings instead.

SENIORS. In Seniors, the British driver **Harry Webb** ended a good weekend with P7 in the Final, while the Spaniard **Mauricio van der Laan** ended 17th after a great comeback race. The British **Ed Brand** had to stop early in the Final due to an incident instead. **Webb** is sixth in the standings, while **Van der Laan** and **Brand** are equal on points in P7.

JUNIORS. In Juniors, the young driver **Alex Quinn**, managed to counter-charge from the second chance race shining in the final stages. He was eighth in the Prefinal at the end of an excellent comeback race and then took the podium of a Final that he could have also won. He claimed a great P3 that highlighted again the quality of CRG KT2 chassis and his unquestionable speed, awarding CRG with the fourth podium of the weekend. The Spaniard **Kilian Meyer** ended 15th after running the second chance race, while the German **Tim Mika Metz** was 28th. The Israeli **Ido Cohen** had to retire early on after ending the Prefinal in 20th place. Bad luck hit instead the

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German **Phil Doerr** and the Swede **David Rehme** that just missed out on overcoming the second chance race hurdle. **Alex Quinn** is currently sixth in the standings, 6 points short of the leader.

All results and classifications are available at www.rotaxmaxeurochallenge.com.

A BITTER EUROPEAN KF CHAMPIONSHIP FOR TIENE

“An absurd decision” this has been **Felice Tiene's** comment at the end of the Final of the European CIK-FIA Championship in Kristianstad, when the Italian driver of CRG was disqualified after crossing the line in P6, for an hypothetical bad manoeuvre on Basz at the last lap. Considering the sporting fairness of the Italian driver of CRG, it is difficult to disagree with **Tiene**. That was a real pity as both **Tiene** and CRG deserved a different epilogue of the European KF Championship.

Felice Tiene has been one of the main protagonists of the final round of the European KF Championship in Kristianstad, especially in qualifying heats when he was fourth thanks to three second places and a third. A good performance in the heats was also put in by his team mate from Belgium **Benjamin Lessennes**, who was absolute ninth. The Prefinal did not bring the results that they had hoped for though. **Tiene** had to settle for P12, while, **Lessennes** to the last position due to a penalty at the start. In the Final, **Tiene** recouped well up to P6 (but was later on disqualified), **Lessennes** ended 12th instead. Among the best of CRG drivers, the German **Hannes Janker** of team TB Motorsport, ended the Final in P4, the Dutch **Martijn Van Leeuwen** of team CRG Keijzer Racing, was ninth instead. The British **Archie Tillett**, forced to the second chance race, could not get access to the final stages. **Felice Tiene** ended the European KF Championship in fourth position.

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The Final Classification of the European KF Championship:

1. Hanley points 65; 2. Joyner 60; 3. Verschoor 51; **4. Tiene (CRG-Parilla) 32**; 5. Correa 28; **6. Janker (CRG-Parilla) 27**; 7. Nielsen 27; 8. Basz 27; 9. Armstrong 25; **10. Van Leeuwen (CRG-Tm) 23**; ... 13. Hiltbrand (CRG-Parilla); 17. Lessennes (CRG-Parilla) 9.

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In the pictures: 1) Paolo De Conto, Rotax Euro Challenge, DD2, Wackersdorf, Ph. Timo Deck; 2) Paolo De Conto and Luka Kamali, Rotax Euro Challenge, DD2, Wackersdorf, Ph. Timo Deck; 3) Felice Tiene, CIK-FIA European KF Championship, Kristianstad, Ph. Cunaphoto; 4) CRG Racing Team, CIK-FIA European KF Championship, Kristianstad, Ph. Cunaphoto.

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