

WSK MASTER SERIES – CASTELLETTO, 12-14 JULY 2013

“Well done, Max!” Hat-trick for CRG and Max Verstappen thanks to the win in KZ2 in the WSK Master Series

Third title of the year for CRG and Max Verstappen. The third place in the first final of Castelletto crowned Verstappen as the new KZ2 Champion in WSK Master Series after the two titles obtained in WSK Euro Series KZ1 and in the European KZ Championship earlier this year.



“Well done, Max” is the most meaningful expression to highlight the great work done by Max Verstappen, the whole CRG works team and by the father of the 15 years old Dutch driver -- former F1 Jos Verstappen -- who takes care of the sportive preparation of the son and provides technical assistance on TM engines; a synergy that brought home the third title of the year in three championships ended so far.

THIRD WIN FOR CRG AND VERSTAPPEN. The third mark of the year for **CRG** and **Max Verstappen** arrived on a sunny Saturday 13 July in Castelletto di Branduzzo (Pavia, Italy) during the fourth and last round of the WSK Master Series, in category KZ2, where the young Dutch talent paid attention not to overdrive in the first final of the weekend to secure the title thanks to a third place awarding him the mathematical certainty of the title ahead of the last final of Sunday afternoon.

At the beginning of June in Genk, Belgium, **Max Verstappen** ended all the discussions on the title of WSK Euro Series in the first KZ1 final on Saturday, showing an evident superiority that was re-emphasized in Genk at the end of June in the second round of the European KZ Championship with the victory of the European CIK-FIA title.

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All perfect therefore even if nothing is to be taken for granted, especially in karting, but results talk for themselves. The weekend of Castelletto started well for **Max Verstappen** who set the second time in qualifying, just 127 thousandths of a second shy of the poleman. The two qualifying heats kept momentum with a second and a fourth place. The young Dutch driver kept his cool in the Final from lights to flag where after 16 laps and 12 minutes of racing he ended third leaving to Hanley and Leclerc the top two.

Max Verstappen reached 181 points in the standings, which make him uncatchable by all the others, the first of which is still Negro (fifth today) with a gap of 69 points. Too many when only 50 are still to be awarded in the last final on Sunday.

The comment of **Max Verstappen**: *“Obviously I am very happy for the title but today we struggled a bit to find the right setup. We tested several things but we were simply not fast enough to get the win. We will try again tomorrow in the second final. The important thing was anyway to get the title and we have done it! Next week we will have another important appointment in Ortona, where we will be competing in the second round of the European KF Championship. This is gonna be another chance to win, we will see..”*

In **KF** the Japanese **Fuma Horio** on CRG-Bmb defended CRG's colors in Castelletto with a very good time in the heats getting in the Superpole where he set the 11th fastest time.

In 60 Mini, the very young Spaniard **Eliseo Martinez** on CRG/Hero-Like of team Gamoto Racing is in the fight for the Mini 60 title. After the 9th time in practice he was fifth at the end of qualifying heats thanks to a win and two third places.

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TV COVERAGE. RAI Sport 2 will broadcast a special on this round on Friday 19 July.

PROGRAMME.

Sunday 14 July. Heats from 10.40 (GMT+1) ; Pre-Finals KFJ at 11.20 and Mini from 12.00; Pre-Final KF at 12.40; Final Mini at 14.00; Final KFJ at 14.30; Final KZ2 at 15.00; Finale KF at 15.30.

CLASSIFICATIONS OF THE WSK MASTER SERIES.

KZ2: 1. **Verstappen points 181 (champion)**; 2. Negro 112; 3. Hajek 93; 4. Leclerc 89; 5. Hanley 83; 6. De Conto 70; **6. Pex 45**; 8. Marcon 27; **9. Federer** and Fasberg 22.

KF: 1. Boccolacci points 188; 2. Basz 107; 3. Barnicoat 86; 4. Stroll 82; 5. Kodric 75; 6. Convers 39; 7. Hanley 26; 8. Romanov 25; 9. Snell 24; 10. Rossel 22.

KFJ: 1. Lorandi Alessio (champion) points 203; 2. Norris 96; 3. Sitnikov 82; 4. Ticktum e Mazepin 76; 6. Thompson 75; 7. Shwartzman 57; 8. Pulcini 53; 9. Ahmed 47; 10. Duravala 43.

60 MINI: 1. **Martinez 158**; 2. Maini 116; 3. Lindh 80; 4. Marseglia 61; **5. Abdul Gafar 51**; **6. Kostantinos 50**; 7. Fusco 42; 8. Negro 38; 9. Skeed 32; 10. Chinelli 26.

All results of the racing weekend will be available at www.wskarting.it

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*In the pictures by **Cunaphoto.it**: Max Verstappen in action in the KZ2 Final of the WSK Master Series in Castelletto (first and second page). On top: Fuma Horio in a heat in KF.*

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