

WSK MASTER SERIES – CASTELLETTO, 12-14 JULY 2013

CRG and Max Verstappen KZ2 Champions in WSK Master Series, Eliseo Martinez Champion in 60 Mini with Gamoto Racing

Max Verstappen celebrates the title of WSK Master Series in KZ2 with a second place in Final-2 after the third on Saturday's Final-1 that gave him the mathematical certainty of the title. The Spaniard Eliseo Martinez gets the 60 Mini's title. Fuma Horio forced to retirement in the Final of KF.



A double podium for CRG and Max Verstappen ended the WSK Master Series 2013 at Pista 7 Laghi in Castelletto di Branduzzo (Pavia, Italy), with the KZ2 title firmly in the young Dutch driver and CRG's hands after the good result scored in the first Final run on Saturday. Thanks to the second place in Sunday's Final, Max Verstappen and CRG obtained another good success in this International series that is to be added to the WSK Euro Series in KZ1 and the KZ European CIK-FIA titles won earlier this year.

VERSTAPPEN'S SUPERIORITY. Max Verstappen's superiority has never been questioned – despite the Dutch driver being at his first year in the series with the gears – in this successful first half of the season run challenging champions and highly ranked international rivals.

This supremacy was also granted, on a technical level, by the CRG performing chassis and by the TM engine prepared directly by Max's father, former F1 driver Jos Verstappen.

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Max Verstappen will not have the time to unwind and celebrate the victory as he will have to start focusing on another upcoming important appointment: the European CIK-FIA round scheduled for next 21 July at the International Circuit of Abruzzo in Ortona, this time in the category KZ where the Dutch driver and CRG are protagonists after the third place obtained in the first round in Alcaniz.

Ma Verstappen: *“I am really happy on the level of competitiveness shown in this second final on Sunday. Compared to the race on Saturday we made a lot of progress and we were again very quick. I am happy for the title but from tomorrow on I will have to focus on the next round that will take place this coming weekend: the European KF Championship. My target is to try and win also this CIK-FIA title.”*

ELISEO MARTINEZ CHAMPION IN 60 MINI. CRG colors have been enriched by another prestigious result in Castelletto as the very young Spanish driver **Eliseo Martinez** won the title in 60 Mini on CRG/Hero-Like lined up by team Gamoto Racing. As in the case of Verstappen, **Martinez** also managed to secure the title early in the Pre-Final on Sunday morning thanks to the third place. Unfortunately an incident at the start of the Final prevented the Spanish driver to celebrate the title on the podium but the final result was already safe thanks to the double podium obtained in La Conca, the points obtained in Sarno and the hat-trick in the third round held in Precenicco nel Friuli.

FUMA HORIO RETIRED IN KF. The Japanese driver **Fuma Horio**, on CRG-Bmb, was present in Castelletto in KF. He produced a good performance that had an unfortunate ending. After the good result in qualifying that was worth a place in the Superpole and the good heats, in Pre-Final **Fuma** could not shine due to some contacts while in the Final he was forced to an early retirement due to the engine failure. Overall he put in a good performance though.

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Euan Jeffery, team manager CRG: *“This has been quite a tough weekend, track conditions were not ideal due to very high temperatures. Nevertheless, we did a good job and managed to bring home the KZ2 title in the WSK Master Series. Another title – the third one in this season – won with Verstappen, who is in a stunning shape. In Castelletto we had the pleasure of winning the 60 Mini championship with Eliseo Martinez of team Gamoto, despite the young Spaniard suffered a technical problem at the start that caused an incident. Fuma Horio has had bad luck in KF as his engine failed when he recovered all the way up the the ninth place. Now another important round awaits us: in the KF European Championship in Ortona we will be fighting again for the title with Verstappen but we will be hunting for a good result with the other drivers of the team too.”*

TV SPECIAL. A special on the weekend will go on air next Friday 19 July on RAI Sport 2.

WSK Master Series Classifications.

KZ2: 1. Verstappen punti 211 (campione); 2. Hanley 133; 3. Negro 109; 4. Leclerc 109; 5. Hajek 93; 6. De Conto 70; 7. Pex 45; 8. Marcon 39; 9. Manetti 28; 10. Federer 22.

KF: 1. Bocolacci punti 226 (campione); 2. Barnicoat 127; 3. Basz 107; 4. Kodric 91; 5. Stroll 82; 6. Corberi 59; 7. Illott 59; 8. Romanov 44; 9. Convers 39; 10. Darras 36.

KFJ: 1. Lorandi Alessio punti 204 (campione); 2. Norris 184; 3. Sitnikov 121; 4. Mazepin 101; 5. Ticktum 88; 6. Thompson 81; 7. Fewtrell 75; 8. Shwartzman 71; 9. Pulcini 61; 10. Kari 60.

60 MINI: 1. Martinez punti 168 (campione); 2. Marseglia 131; 3. Maini 123; 4. Fusco 107; 5. Lindh 84; 6. Abdul Gafar 75; 7. Kostantinos 53; 8. Negro 38; 9. Vidales 37; 10. Legeret 34.

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*In the pictures: Max Verstappen racing in Castelletto's KZ2 (Picture by **MikePhoto/Sportingphoto**).
In other pics by **Cunaphoto.it**: Max Verstappen in Final-2 on Sunday, Eliseo Martinez in 60 Mini
and Max Verstappen again with the second place cup of Castelletto.*

Max Verstappen's achievements (with CRG from 2010):

2013 WSK MASTER SERIES KZ2
2013 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP CIK-FIA KZ
2013 WSK EURO SERIES KZ1
2013 WINTER CUP SOUTH GARDA KF2
2012 WORLD CUP KF2 (2.)
2012 WINTER CUP SOUTH GARDA KF2
2012 WSK MASTER SERIES KF2
2011 WSK EURO SERIES KF3
2011 WINTER CUP SOUTH GARDA KF3 (2.)
2010 WSK NATIONS CUP KF3
2010 WSK WORLD SERIES KF3
2010 WSK EURO SERIES KF3
2010 WINTER CUP SOUTH GARDA KF3 (2.)
2010 BRIDGESTONE CUP EUROPE KF3
2010 WORLD CUP KF3 (2.)
2009 CHAMPIONSHIP KF5 BELGIUM
2009 KARTING SERIES MINI MAX BENELUX
2009 ROTAX MAX CHALLENGE MINI MAX BELGIUM
2008 CHAMPIONSHIP CADET BELGIUM
2008 KARTING SERIES MINI MAX BENELUX
2008 ROTAX MAX CHALLENGE MINI MAX BELGIUM
2007 ROTAX MAX CHALLENGE MINI MAX BELGIUM
2007 ROTAX MAX CHALLENGE MINI MAX HOLLAND
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