

NEWS *CIK-FIA Championships*

QUALIFYING AT THE PFI CIRCUIT IN BRANDON (GB): BEST TIME IN OK FOR BRADSHAW (GB – CRG-PARILLA) AND IN OKJ FOR THOMPSON (GB – FA KART-VORTEX). TOMORROW THE HEATS THEN THE FINALS ON SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER LIVE IN STREAMING ON CIKFIA.TV AND CIKFIACHAMPIONSHIP.COM.

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THE RACE FOR THE WORLD TITLES HAS BEGUN.

A weekend which promises to be as eventful as ever, thanks to the 181 entrants who took part in scrutineering yesterday and today challenged each other around the PF International Circuit in Brandon, a small village near the town of Grantham in Lincolnshire. The famous circuit hosts, this weekend, the last event of the 2017 CIK-FIA World Championships with the categories contested being OK and OK Junior. The changeable British weather has already tested mechanics and drivers: they tried to find the ideal setup for the 1,382 metre track. The circuit is full of differences in heights and fast stretches which end abruptly with sudden braking points. With Summer now over the drop in temperature having an influence on the competition: in tomorrow's heats drivers are going to have to drive under an overcast sky, with some sunshine at times and with an average temperature which won't reach 20° degrees.

FOLLOW THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ON TV.

The circuit, built by the English entrepreneur Paul Fletcher, already enjoys a full camera coverage deployed by WSK Promotion. The live streaming of the event will be available on cikfia.tv and cikfiachampionship.com. The streaming will cover the last stage of the championship on Sunday 24th; it will begin at 10.30am with the last heats and then will continue with the Finals and the podium presentation. During the following week, on Motorsport.TV, a special TV report featuring a recap of the whole weekend.

CALLUM BRADSHAW IS THE SURPRISE IN OK.

Maybe it is because he is racing in his country, but without any doubts Callum Bradshaw (CRG-Parilla-LeCont) managed to put in a terrific performance: the Englishman grabbed the OK pole-position with the time of 54"892. He won the CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy in 2016 and he is now eager to redeem himself after the 16th place scored in the European Championship. He has become the most dangerous rival for the Russian Pavel Bulantsev (Tony Kart-Vortex), second at 28 milliseconds. Bulantsev was expecting to battle against the new European Champion Sami Taoufik (FA Kart-Vortex), but the Moroccan driver had some troubles and did not manage to go farther than the 28th place. Good performance for the Finnish Juho Valtanen (Kosmic-Vortex), third in 55"120, followed by the British Finlay Kenneally (Tony Kart-Vortex).



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BRADSHAW (16 – CRG-PARILLA OK, ON TOP) AND THOMPSON (102 – FA KART-VORTEX OKJ, ABOVE) WERE THE FASTEST TODAY AT THE CIK-FIA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN BRANDON.

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CIK-FIA World Championship – World Junior Ch		
Saturday 23	08:25 - 09:50	Warm-up
	09:55 - 17:50	Qualifying heats
Sunday 24 <i>Start live streaming</i>	09:00 - 10:25	Warm-up
	10:30 - 12:25	Qualifying heats
	12:45 - 13:15	Presentation of drivers
	14:20 - 15:45	Finals - podiums
	16:00	Press conference

HARRY THOMPSON AHEAD IN OK JUNIOR.

He was the runner-up in the last OKJ European Championship: the English Harry Thompson (FA Kart-Vortex-Vega) started with the right foot and achieved the best time with 56"809. Bad luck, on the other hand, for his main rival, his fellow countryman and reigning European Champion Jonny Edgar (Exprit-TM): he only managed to gain the 41st place. Another British driver, Christopher Lulham (Exprit-TM), in the top positions: he was second behind Thompson for just 3 milliseconds. Third position with 56"902 for the surprising Italian Francesco Pizzi (Exprit-Vortex). Jack Doohan (FA kart-Vortex) confirmed to be in great shape and set the fourth time with 56"910.