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At the International Naples circuit of Sarno, the Tony Kart Racing Team's drivers cannot take advantage of their good performance in the final

The **Kart Grand Prix Italy**, the first round (out of four) of the **FIA Karting European Championship - OK / Junior**, on the **International Naples circuit of Sarno**, contrary to what the track performances might have been suggested, did not end with a significant result for our Racing Team.

In the **Senior class**, **David Vidales** and **Noah Milell** start the weekend on the right foot, gaining one success each and never going beyond the 3rd and 4th place, respectively, in the five heats disputed.

Such results, these, which allow them to jump from the second and fourth row in the final. For Vidales the race did not last long: after having struggled for the leading positions in the early stages of the race, he was forced to stop due to technical problems.

Milell, on the other hand, after a difficult start, ran from the back positions. From then, he started an incredible comeback, with overtakings and fast laps (it's his, in fact, the best lap of the final, 57.729). Unfortunately, he cannot go beyond the 14th place on the finish line, then relegated to 21st position, due to the penalty of 10" for the front fairing detached.

In the **OKJ category**, **Josep Maria Marti** after a 21st place in the qualifying, in the eliminatory heats he performs perfectly and manages to always finish in the top 10. In the final he runs from the 12th place and goes up to the 5th. Finally, he also gets a penalty of 10" due to his spoiler in incorrect position.

Like his teammates, even **Laurens Van Hoepen** tries to make the most of the potential of his own **Tony Kart 401S Racer** powered by **Vortex** engine. The 7th chrono on 78 drivers, immediately suggests a decidedly positive weekend which ends, however, with a 21st place in one of the heats. Result that, despite 3 third places and a seventh in the eliminatory heats, forces him to shoot from the 14th place in the final. After the start, a few collisions in the middle group and a penalty of 10" will relegate him in a disappointing 19th position.

Sebastian Montoya, on the other hand, starts with an uninspiring 36th place in the qualifying. In the heats, he is good in 3 out of 5 races, to enter in the top 6 list. In the final, however, he has to withdraw, which thing prevents him to complete his comeback towards the top positions.

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The next round of the **OK and OKJ European Championship**, is scheduled for the weekend of **17th-20th May** on the **PF International** circuit in Brandon, Lincolnshire.

The next **Tony Kart Racing Team's** engagement, however, will be that of **4th-6th May**, when the first round of the **KZ and KZ2 European Championship** will be held on the International circuit of **Salbris, in France**.

