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DKM-title decisions to be made in Belgium Filled up fields of participants at the final in Genk

Frankfurt am Main. The big season final of the German Kart Championship is going to take place on the 1.360m long track in Genk this weekend. With more than 200 drivers, the fields are strongly manned once more. This is also due to the fact that the FIA Shifterkart World Championship is going to take place at the same location two weeks later.

It's going to be the big final of the four DMSB kart racing grade series DKM, DJKM, DSKM and DSKC. With 206 drivers, the race in Belgian Genk achieved a record of participants once more and promises thrilling races. Two weeks before the Shifterkart World Championship at the same location, numerous top drivers use this race as preparation.

The title fights in the individual categories are going to be in the focus though. There are several title favorites in all four grade series – the championships are as closely together as they haven't been in a long time. They are being led before the final races by Harry Thompson (DKM), Zak O'sullivan (DJKM), Fabian Federer (DSKM) and Emilien Denner (DSKC).

Final of the German Electric-Kart-Championship

Just like at the last race in Kerpen, the German Electric-Kart-Championship is going to take place with six races within the framework of the DKM again. 19 drivers are going to start in the first electric kart racing series in the world and are also going to fight for the final championship points. The VIP-kart will be driven by Tatort-commissar Richy Müller. The 62-year-old Mannheim resident already has had a passion for motorsports for a long time and lastly drove at the Porsche Carrera Cup.

Saturday and Sunday live via online-stream

The final title decisions are going to be accompanied by an extensive online-stream and a broad social media package again. All events of Saturday (from 10am) and Sunday (from 9am) can be followed live on www.kart-dm.de. Additionally, there will be numerous activities on the official Facebook- and Instagram-channels again.

Helmet auction for a good cause

Since the beginning of the year, the Kart-Data team presents the respective race track with a chosen driver. With an ATV and DKM-presenter Jenny Wade on the hot seat, the drivers drive one lap each and explain the specifics of the track. Among these so far were Jorrit and Stan Pex, Rick Dreezen as well as the current German European Kart Champion Hannes Janker. The thereby used and exclusively signed helmet is currently being auctioned off for a good cause on eBay. The proceeds are going to be given to the German "Help for Children in need". All information on this can be viewed here: <https://www.ebay.de/itm/263886233463> Participating pays off!

DKM: Harry Thompson on his way to the title

With an advance of 49 points, Harry Thompson (Ricky Flynn Motorsport) is going to travel to the finale of the German Kart Championship in Genk. The young Brit has won three races so far and impressed with steady points. He only had to deal with a falling out at the second race in Wackersdorf. Things are a lot narrower on the pursuer ranks. German Hugo Sasse (TB Racing Team) is currently on second place – close to the top again, after his junior vice title last year. Closely behind him follows Kas Haverkoort (Zanardi Racing Team), followed by Zane Maloney (Ricky Flynn Motorsport). The youngster from Barbados just barely missed entering the final races in Kerpen and thereby lost all chances of winning the title – up until then, he had been the strongest pursuer of leading driver Thompson due to two race victories. The top five are completed by Tijmen van der Helm (Schumacher Racing Team) from the Netherlands.

DJKM: Juniors closely together – two Brits fight for the title

Zak O'sullivan and Kai Askey of the Ricky Flynn Motorsport team are fighting for the junior title. Bearing in mind the discarded scores, the two youngsters from Great Britain are only four points apart, which promises an exciting fight at the finale in Genk. But third driver Ben Dörr (TB Racing Team) and Thomas Ten Brinke (Ricky Flynn Motorsport) on fourth place still have small chances of winning the title as well. If the juniors stay true to their performances so far, there are going to be two new winners at the finale as well. So far, there have been eight winners at the eight ranked races. With this, the young drivers highlighted the high power density at the DJKM.

DSKM: First DSKM success possible for Fabian Federer

South-Tyrolean Fabian Federer (SRG Racing Team) starts at the finale of the German Shifterkart Championship as the leading driver. With two season victories and six places on the podium he has presented himself as a strong point gatherer so far and wants to tie in with this at the finale as well. There are strong opponents on the two pursuer ranks though. Brothers Stan and Jorrit Pex (both CRG Holland) are still close and almost feel at home in Genk. After six titles so far for Jorrit Pex, the two are going to give it their all to keep the title in their family in 2018 as well. Fourth driver Daniel Stell (DS Kartsport) is not a part of the fight for the title anymore. The best German driver of the field could still achieve a big success by ending up among the top five though. Currently on fifth place is Marijn Kremers (Birel ART Racing S.R.L.) from the Netherlands.

DSKC: Emilien Denner going twice

Emilien Denner (CRG Holland) already could have caused the title decision at the last race in Kerpen. The driver from France travelled to the race as the leading driver, but a double falling out at the final races completely changed the situation. Now he has to keep his cool in Genk and use his advance of 23 points. With a double victory in Kerpen, second driver Alessio Curto (Valier Motorsport) used his chance and is going to try to turn the tide in Belgium. After the discarded scores, third driver Tobias Mähler (Kartshop Ampfing) only has a theoretical chance of jumping to the top now. The fight for the remaining top five positions is still really close though: Robert Kindervater (BIREL ART Racing KSW), Luka Kamali (TB Racing Team) and Pawel Myszkier (Mach1 Motorsport) are only six points apart.

The course of the final is going to be the usual. On Friday, the drivers are going to have their free trainings, before they are going to fight for the first championship points during qualifying and the heats on Saturday. The 34 best respective drivers of the four grade series are then going to proceed to the final races on Sunday and determine the champions of the year 2018.