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DKM-final highly exciting until the last second Titles go to England and the Netherlands

Ampfing. It was the big final of the German Kart Championship this season. 149 drivers from all over the world started on the Schweppermannring in Ampfing and fought for the coveted victories in very mixed weather. The championship titles finally went to Harry Thompson (DKM), Robert De Haan (DJKM), Stan Pex (DSKM) and Senna Van Walstijn (DSKC).

Mid-April, the kick-off to the new DKM season took place in Italian Lonato. From there, the drivers from more than 25 countries travelled through Germany, Italy and Belgium. The locations in Wackersdorf, Kerpen and Genk followed. The final event now took place in Bavarian Ampfing. Next to thrilling fights for the titles, the weather also made things difficult for the drivers. Things were especially challenging on Saturday: Stormy rain showers caused difficult conditions on the 1.063m long track. For the first time, the 1st Kart Club Munich e.V. was responsible for the organization.

The duels for the championship were in focus. In all four grade series, no decisions had been made yet. The ranked races went accordingly interesting. On Sunday evening, Harry Thompson (DKM), Robert De Haan (DJKM), Stan Pex (DSKM) and Senna Van Walstijn (DSKC) were able to rejoice about the championship titles.

Racing action via internet live-stream

The races were once again accompanied by extensive coverage of the German Kart Championship. There were more than 16 hours of live images from Bavaria; all races are going to be accessible on the YouTube-channel of the DKM in full length shortly. There will also be extensive post-coverage on the DKM-website and the social media channels.

Half-time of the German Electric Kart Championship

The German Electric Kart Championship took place again as well. Drivers from eight nations started at the next-to-last event of the year. The victories were shared by Luka Wlömer and Jasin Ferati. The season finale of the first pure electric kart racing series in the world is going to take place in two weeks within the framework of the Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals in Italian Sarno.

DKM: Harry Thompson achieves defending his title

In the German Kart Championship, four drivers still had chances of winning the title before the final: Hugo Sasse (TB Racing Team), Lorenzo Trivisanutto (CV Performance Group), Harry Thompson (Ricky Flynn Motorsport) and Kas Haverkort (Kartshop Ampfing). At qualifying and the heats, none of these names could be found at the front of the field though. Felix Arnold (Kartshop Ampfing) drove to pole position on the home track of his new team. In the heats, Hannes Janker (TB Racing Team) then fought his way to the top during his DKM-comeback.

Thrilling fights dominated the final races on Sunday. During the first race, Janker and Alexander Tauscher (Junior Team75) fought for the leading position. At the finish line, Tauscher came in first

and celebrated his first victory of the season. Behind Janker, the three favorites Trivisanutto, Haverkort and Thompson followed. British Harry Thompson fought his way forward from 17th position to the top five. Sasse stayed in the fight for the title as well, on seventh place.

The final title decision was made in the season race. Janker won the start, but Thompson fought his way to the front and drove towards the title. He wasn't fazed by a short racing break either: "It was a tough weekend for us. Everyone gave their best and wanted the title. It's great to have won for the second time. We'll see what else is still in store." Behind him, Sebastian Ögaard (WARD Racing) fought his way forward to second place. The further ranks were mixed up after the race due to several time penalties. In the end, Luca Griggs (Kartshop Ampfing) was counted third in front of Leandro Anderrüti (RS Schumacher Racing Team) and Trivisanutto. German Hugo Sasse fell back to twelfth position and achieved the vice championship, just as in 2018.

Final Championship ranking DKM:

1. Harry Thompson (184 points)
2. Hugo Sasse (179 points)
3. Lorenzo Trivisanutto (174 points)
4. Kas Haverkort (152 points)
5. Alexander Tauscher (130 points)

DJKM: Robert De Haan becomes Junior Champion

Since the start of the season in Lonato, Robert De Haan (Energy Corse S.R.L.) is leading the overall list of rankings of the German Junior Kart Championship and didn't give it away at the final event in Ampfing as well. His pursuer Christian Ho (Ricky Flynn Motorsport) tried everything to take away the title from the Dutchman. Ho led the field during qualifying and both heats.

From pole position, the driver from Singapur was unstoppable during the first final race as well and kept the fight for the title theoretically open due to his victory. Behind second driver Martinus Kleve Stenshorne (KR Motorsport s.r.l.) De Haan followed on third place. The Dutchman drove on a safe second place until a slow phase, but then had to let the young Norwegian pass him by. In the fight for the remaining top five places, Levente Révész (KR Motorsport s.r.l.) and German Daniel Gregor (Junior Team75) prevailed. The latter received a spoiler penalty after the end of the race though and was only ranked tenth. His position was taken by Calle Bergman (WARD Racing) from Sweden.

Kick-off winner Christian Ho led the second final race for a long time as well. De Haan kept really close though, drove past the Ricky Flynn-driver during the last lap and won the race. At the same time, he became the DJKM-Champion 2019. "I'm really happy to have won. This was a tough year, in which I learned a lot. I'd really like to thank everyone who accompanied and supported me in this success", rejoiced De Haan in his winner's interview. Ho followed on second place in front of Stenshorne and Révész. Gregor showed an impressive catching-up race in front of his team leader and LeMans-winner Timo Bernhard and finished the race on fifth place.

Final Championship ranking DJKM:

1. Robert De Haan (247 points)
2. Christian Ho (236 points)
3. Jakob Bergmeister (143 points)

4. Levente Révész (130 points)
5. Luca Leistra (126 points)

DSKM: Changing of the guard for the Pex family – Stan wins title

Stan Pex (SP Motorsport) already had a considerable advance in the German Shifterkart Championship before the final on the 1.063m long track in Upper Bavaria and turned up the heat during the course of the weekend. On Saturday, the lead at qualifying and the heats belonged to his brother Jorrit Pex (SP Motorsport). The six-time DSKM-champion was at the front of the field and then also achieved the victory at the first final race on Sunday. During this, he had to fend off severe attacks by Stan and Benjamin Tornqvist Persson (CRG Holland). Both drivers were temporarily in the lead too, but only came in second and third at the finish line. Then-Champion Fabian Federer (SRP Racing Team) and Emilien Denner (CPB Sport) followed on the remaining places.

Federer caused joy for the SRP Racing Team in the end again then. The South Tyrolean raced forward to first place and celebrated his second victory of the season. Stan Pex came in second and thereby achieved the seventh DMSB-title for the Pex family. “We’ve worked really hard for this success and showed a good performance this weekend as well. Now we’re already looking towards 2020 and aren’t going to take a break during winter time”, he gave an outlook on the future after a well-deserved shower with sparkling wine. The top three was completed by Denner, followed by Jorrit Pex and most successful German driver André Maticic (Solgat Motorsport). After a lot of bad luck during the heats, the driver from Hamburg was on the last place and managed a great comeback on Sunday.

Final Championship ranking DSKM:

1. Stan Pex (235 points)
2. Jorrit Pex (188 points)
3. Fabian Federer (182 points)
4. Emilien Denner (143 points)
5. Riccardo Longhi (138 points)

DSKC: Fight between three, Senna Van Walstijn comes out on top

A trio consisting of Valentino Fritsch (BIREL ART RACING KSW), Senna Van Walstijn (SP Motorsport) and Davids Trefilovs (SRP Racing Team) fought for the championship title in the DMSB Shifterkart Cup. After Saturday, Van Walstijn from the Netherlands had the best chances. The protégé of Stan Pex’ racing team led the field consisting of 40 drivers. The field was then divided again for the two pre-finals and the 17 best respective drivers qualified for the big final. It was no surprise that the victories were shared between two title favorites: Van Walstijn and Trefilovs.

It then came to a direct exchange of blows in the final race over 24 laps. The two front runners directly drove away from their pursuers and fought for victory. Towards the middle of the race, Berlin resident Tefilovs achieved a small advance and won the race. It wasn’t enough to win the championship though. Second place was enough for Van Walstijn to jump to the top of the championship podium. “The conditions during the final race weren’t easy today. I did it in the end though and would like to thank my team for their brilliant work this year. I’d also like to congratulate my team leader Stan Pex on his victory at the DSKM”, the Dutchman reflected on his debut season at

the shifterkarts. Valentino Fritsch followed on third place in front of routine driver Andreas Schrangl and his team mate Robert Kindervater.

Final Championship ranking DSKC:

1. Senna Van Walstijn (198 points)
2. Davids Trefilovs (185 points)
3. Valentino Fritsch (167 points)
4. Robert Kindervater (110 points)
5. Konstantin Kapetanids (107 points)

The TB Racing Team won the title of the team ranking and was thereby rewarded for the successes during the course of the year. A successful 2019 season ended in Ampfing and the organizers are already excitedly looking forward to next year. "We've experienced a record year. We already noted a high interest in January and even extended the field of the DSKC to 51 drivers. A big thank you to all drivers, teams, organizers and participants for their trust in our championship. I'd also like to congratulate all participants on their successes. Currently we're already deep into planning the 2020 season and are going to present the racing calendar for the new season soon", series coordinator Stefan Wagner summed up finally.