



## PRESS RELEASE

### The first protagonists of the opening round of the WSK Euro Series in Franciacorta

**Qualifying practice and heats have been run today. The remaining heats will be on September 2nd, the final stages on Sunday with Live TV Streaming.**

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Qualifying on Friday marked the start of the qualifications stages for the WSK Euro Series at the Franciacorta Karting Track. In this first round, there is a significant international participation with over 300 drivers from 57 nationalities competing in the MINI, OK and OKJ categories, as well as in the two new federal categories, OK-N and OK-N Junior.

You can follow the event via Live Timing (<https://www.wskarting.it/>), and the final phase on Sunday, September 3rd, will be broadcast live on TV and streaming platforms WSK, Motorsport.tv, and YouTube:

[www.wskarting.it/index.asp](http://www.wskarting.it/index.asp),

<https://motorsport.tv/>,

<https://www.youtube.com/@WSKPROMOTION>.

#### **OKJ – Monza, Lindblom and Schaufler are the fastest of the Series.**

Three heats were required for the OKJ qualifying, which features over 100 drivers. In Session-1, the fastest time was set by the Singaporean driver **Tiziano Monza** (#374 Shamick Europe/Parolin-TM Kart-Vega) with a time of **48.749s**, holding a 0.165s advantage over the Australian driver Lewis Francis (#306 KR Motorsport/KR-lame) and a 0.310s lead over the Brazilian driver Enzo Nienkotter (#336 CRG Racing Team/CRG-TM Kart). Luna Fluxa Cross (#313 KR-lame) from Prema Racing secured the fourth-best time, just two thousandths of a second behind.

In Session-2, the final sprint of the Scott **Kin Lindblom** (#315 Tony Kart R.T./Tony Kart-Vortex) earned the Swedish driver the overall best time in **48.589s**. He was followed by French driver Louis Cochet (#377 Sodikart/Sodi-TM Kart), trailing by 0.028s, and German driver Taym Saleh (#314 Sauber Academy/KR-lame) at 0.122s, who edged out the Ukrainian driver Oleksandr Bondarev (#311 Prema Racing/KR-lame) by just one thousandth of a second.

In Session-3, the Austrian driver **Niklas Schaufler** (#354 DPK Racing/KR-lame) took the lead with a time of **48.615s**. He was followed by the Swedish driver Elliot Kaczynski (#359 Ward Racing/Tony Kart-Vortex) by 0.052s, and two Parolin Motorsport drivers, the Spanish driver Cristian Costoya (#348 Parolin-TM Kart) at 0.084s, and the American driver Jack Iliffe (#350 Parolin-TM Kart) at 0.146s.

#### **OK – Nakamura-Berta in Pole Position from Lammers and Dupé.**

Three sessions were also required for the OK category. In Session-1, the two Prema Racing drivers on KR-lame-MG karts were the fastest. The Japanese driver **Kean Nakamura-Berta** posted the overall best time in **46.976s**, while Thai driver Enzo Tarnvanichkul was just 15 thousandths of a second behind. The French driver Arthur Poulain with AKM Motorsport on a KR-lame kart secured the third-best time at 0.117 seconds, ahead of two African drivers racing with KR Motorsport on KR-lame karts, Ghazi Motlekar at 0.154s, and Luviwe Sambudla at 0.177s.



In Session-2, the Dutch driver **René Lammers** (#201 Parolin Motorsport/Parolin-TM Kart) was the fastest with a time of **47.082s**, followed by Czech Republic's Eliska Babickova from Forza Racing on an Exprit-TM Kart, trailing by 0.114 seconds. The Brazilian drivers Miguel Costa (#202 Parolin Motorsport/Parolin-TM Kart) at 0.122 and Gabriel Gomez (#241 CRG Racing Team/CRG-lame) at 0.132 were next in line, while the Italian driver Sebastiano Pavan (#218 Tony Kart R.T./Tony Kart-Vortex) closed with the fifth-best time in 47.225s.

In Session-3, the French driver **Andrea Dupé** (#208 KR Motorsport/KR-lame) was the fastest with a time of **47.094s**, with 55 thousandths of a second advantage over Kirill Kutskov (#256 DPK Racing/KR-lame) and one-tenth of a second of Dmitry Matveev. The Italian driver Mattia Colnaghi (#249 CRG Racing Team/CRG-lame) concluded with the fourth-best time at 0.124s.

### **MINI Gr.3 – The best positions to Bagutti and Cosma Cristofor.**

In the two sessions of MINI Gr.3, the overall best time was set by the Italian driver **Pietro Bagutti** of Gamoto team (#532 EKS-TM Kart-Vega) in **54.382s**, time posted in the first session. He led the Swiss driver Riven Esteves (#510 Team Driver/KR-lame) by 0.027s and the Spanish driver Bosco Arias Chavarri (#505 Team Driver/KR-lame) by 0.077s.

In Session-2, the other Team Driver driver, the Romanian **Bogdan Cosma Cristofor** (#501 Team Driver/lame), stood out with the best time of **54.515s**. He led the two Parolin Motorsport drivers, the Italian Gioele Girardello by 92 thousandths and Belgian Bruno Priam by 0.148s, both on Parolin-TM Kart

### **MINI Gr.3 Under 10 – Frasnelli and Miron Lorente lead the pack.**

The Italian driver **Julian Frasnelli** of AV Racing on a Parolin-lame-Vega kart posted the best time in Session-1 (**54.650s**), also securing the overall best time in MINI Gr.3 Under 10. He had a 0.037s advantage over the Australian driver Sebastian Eskandari Marandi (#555 Tony Kart R.T./Tony Kart-Vortex) and 0.057s over the Portuguese driver Xavier Lazaro (#560 DR/DR-TM Kart).

In Session-2, the Spanish driver **Daniel Miron Lorente** (#507 Team Driver/KR-lame) was the fastest with a time of **54.971s**. He was just ahead of the Italian drivers Lorenzo Di Pietrantonio (#516 BabyRace/Parolin-lame) by a mere thousandth of a second and Niccolò Perico (#575 Energy Corse/Energy-TM Kart) by 0.164 seconds.

### **OK-N and OK-N Junior – The Pole Position to Cortopassi (OKN) and Ivannikov (OKNJ).**

In the two categories OK-N and OK-N Junior, the Italian driver **Gianmarco Cortopassi** (OKN #805 Maranello-TM Kart-Vega), posted a surprising time of **49.185s**, making him the fastest overall. He was followed by the two Junior drivers, Vladimir Ivannikov (OKNJ #708 Gamoto/OTK-TM Kart) with the best time at 49.418s and the Polish driver Bruno Gryc (OKNJ #715 MLG Racing/Parolin-TM Kart) at 49.496s. The Turkish driver Bati Ege Yildirim from Modena Kart also performed well with the second-best time in OK-N at 0.368s and the Dutch driver Dean Hoogendoorn from AKM Motorsport secured the third-best time in Junior and fifth overall with a time of 49.646s.

### **The results of the initial heats on Friday**

The first qualifying heats were also held on Friday afternoon. They will continue on Saturday, September 2nd, to determine the finalists for the Sunday's races. The first winners were:

OKJ: **BONDAREV** (A-B), **SALEH** (C-D), **KACZYNSKI** (E-F), **BONDAREV** (A-C), **SALEH** (D-F), **COSTOYA** (B-E).

OK: **NAKAMURA-BERTA** (A-B), **MATVEEV** (C-D), **GOMEZ** (E-F), **NAKAMURA-BERTA** (A-C), **TARNVANICHKUL** (D-F), **LAMMERS** (B-E).

MINI U10: **LEGENKYI** (A-B), **GORSKI** (C-D).

MINI Gr3: **COSMA CRISTOFOR** (A-B), **BAGLIN** (C-D).

OKN: **CORTOPASSI** (Heat-1).

OKNJ: **IVANNIKOV** (Heat-1).



# GLOBAL RACING SYSTEM

**The program of the WSK Euro Series, Round 1, Franciacorta:**

**Saturday, September 2nd:** warm-up at 8:15; qualifying heats from 10:30.

**Sunday, September 3rd:** warm up at 8:30; Live TV and Streaming from 9:50 of Prefinals and Finals from 12:30 (12:30 MINI U10, 14:00 MINI GR.3, 14:30 OKJ, 15:00 OK; 15:30 OKN-OKNJ).

**Info:** [www.wskarting.it/index.asp](http://www.wskarting.it/index.asp)

**WSK Euro Series 2023:**

1st Rd – 03/09/2023 FRANCIACORTA / MINI – OKJ – OK - OKN - OKNJ

2nd Rd – 05/11/2023 SARNO / MINI – OKJ – OK – KZ2 - OKN - OKNJ

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