



PRESS RELEASE

The WSK Open Series crowned its champions in La Conca

The winners of the WSK Open Series 2024 are: Niccolò Perico (MINI Gr.3 U10), Stan Ratajski (MINI Gr.3), Ilia Berezkin (OK-NJ), Karol Pasiewicz (OK-N), Cristian Bertuca (KZ2) and Davide Forè (KZ2 Masters).

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The second and final round of the WSK Open Series at the International Circuit La Conca has crowned the champions of this important international series, now in its seventh edition. As in the first event in Franciacorta, this round also saw excellent participation from major international teams, with drivers representing as many as 38 nations.

The competition featured the two MINI Gr.3 categories, as well as the Under 10, along with the two new single-brand federal categories, OK-NJ and OK-N, which have now reached a good level of participation with sizable and competitive grids. Additionally, the more performance-oriented KZ2 category, which also included the Masters for drivers over 35 years old, was part of the event. Following qualifying sessions and qualifying heats, it was the final phase on Saturday that highlighted the top contenders for success, with the Prefinals and then the thrilling Finals that crowned the category champions.

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THE PREFINALS.

The performances displayed in the heats were confirmed in the Prefinals except for the successful comebacks of Daniel Miron Lorente in the MINI Gr.3 and Bati Ege Yildirim in the OK-NJ.

The winners of the Prefinals

MINI Gr.3 U10 - Prefinal: **Achille Rea** (ITA) (#525 Tony Kart Racing Team/Tony Kart-Vortex-Vega).

MINI Gr.3 - Prefinal: **Daniel Miron Lorente** (NLD) (#552 Team Driver/KR-lame-Vega).

OK-NJ - Prefinal: **Ilia Berezkin** (#322 Monster K Factory Team/CRG-TM Kart-Vega).

OK-N - Prefinal: **Bati Ege Yildirim** (TUR) (#210 Modena Kart/Parolin-TM Kart-Vega).

KZ2 - Prefinal: **Cristian Bertuca** (#1 BirelART Racing/BirelART-TM Kart-LeCont)

KZ2 Masters - Prefinal: **Davide Forè** (ITA) (#102 GSR Team/BirelART-TM Kart-LeCont).

THE FINALS.

MINI Gr.3 Under 10 – Rea is unstoppable, Perico is the champion.

The MINI Gr.3 Under 10 category saw the Italian Achille Rea (#525 Tony Kart Racing Team/Tony Kart-Vortex-Vega) prevail in all phases of the event, from pole position in qualifying to victory in the heats and the final phase, with a remarkable success in the Prefinal and then also in the Final, where he outperformed the fellow Italian Antonio Ianni (#546 CRG Racing Team/TGroup-TM Kart-



Vega) and Portuguese Xavier Lazaro (#519 SM Racing/OTK-TM Kart) on the podium. The championship leader Niccolò Perico (#501 Energy Corse/Energy-TM Kart), after his victory in Franciacorta, had to settle for fourth place this time, a position that still allowed him to secure the category title.

MINI Gr.3 U10 - Final

1st Achille Rea (ITA) 10 laps
2nd Antonio Ianni (ITA) +0.576
3rd Xavier Lazaro (PRT) +3.048

The championship classification:

1st Niccolò Perico (ITA) points 212
2nd Achille Rea (ITA) points 184
3rd Xavier Lazaro (PRT) points 120

MINI Gr.3 – A double surprise: Gorski wins the Final, Ratajski the title.

The MINI Gr.3 had an incredible conclusion and the American Alessandro Truchot (#512 BabyRace/Parolin-lame-Vega) saw a nearly certain title slip away despite his leadership in the standings and his performance in the heats. But it was the always competitive Leonardo Gorski (#521 Tony Kart Racing Team/Tony Kart-Vortex) who disrupted Truchot's plans, staging a remarkable comeback in the final to clinch victory. The Frenchman Stan Ratajski, Truchot's teammate, also played a pivotal role, skillfully gaining important positions, aided by a penalty imposed on another BabyRace driver, Mexican Santiago Diaz De La Vega. In the Final, Gorski finished ahead of the Ukrainian Oleksandr Legenkyi (#553 Team Driver/KR-lame) and Stan Ratajski, but the latter found himself at the top of the standings with a two-point lead over Truchot.

MINI Gr.3 - Final

1st Leonardo Gorski (POL) 10 laps
2nd Oleksandr Legenkyi (UKR) +1.221
3rd Stan Ratajski (FRA) +2.838

The championship classification:

1st Stan Ratajski (FRA) points 136
2nd Alessandro Truchot (USA) points 134
3rd Oleksandr Legenkyi (UKR) points 110

OK-N Junior - Berezkin dominates.

Already a winner of the first race at Franciacorta, Ilia Berezkin (#322 Monster K Factory Team/CRG-TM Kart-Vega) confirmed his position at the top of the category by also clinching victory at La Conca, further asserting his dominance over the weekend. However, other strong contenders also stood out, such as the Italian Pietro Bagutti (#313 Gamoto/Tony Kart-TM Kart), an excellent second-place finisher in the final, and the Brazilian Neto Antonio Pizzonia (#328 Team Driver/KR-lame), who took third on the podium at La Conca. Both trailed Berezkin in the championship standings as well.

OK-NJ - Final

1st Ilia Berezkin 16 laps
2nd Pietro Bagutti (ITA) +4.605
3rd Neto Antonio Pizzonia (BRA) +4.889



The championship classification:

- 1st Ilia Berezkin points 251
- 2nd Pietro Bagutti (ITA) points 119
- 3rd Antonio Pizzonia (BRA) points 117

OK-N – Pasiewicz surprises winning the final and the championship.

A great surprise came from the experienced Polish driver Karol Pasiewicz (#214 Novalux/Lenzokart-LKE-Vega), an excellent performer in the Final, masterfully conducted and dominated until the finish line. Behind Pasiewicz, an outstanding Federico Rossi (#203 PRK/Tony Kart-TM Kart) took second place, followed by the talented Czech driver Jindrich Pesl (#247 Monster K Factory/CRG-TM Kart-Vega), who excelled in qualifying and the heats. Fourth was the Turkish driver Bati Ege Yildirim (#210 Modena Kart/Parolin-TM Kart), winner of the Prefinal.

OK-N - Final

- 1st Karol Pasiewicz (POL) 20 laps
- 2nd Federico Rossi (ITA) +1.500
- 3rd Jindrich Pesl (CZE) +2.725

The championship classification:

- 1st Karol Pasiewicz (POL) points 139
- 2nd Vasileios Apostolidis (GRC) points 127
- 3rd Nicolas Marchesi (ITA) points 125

KZ2 – Bertuca triumphs.

Cristian Bertuca (#1 BirelART Racing/BirelART-TM Kart-LeCont) eventually emerged victorious in the second round of the WSK Open Series and in the championship after securing second place at Franciacorta. The Italian driver's performance was remarkable throughout the weekend, particularly in the Final, which he dominated. Behind him were the Frenchman Emilien Denner (#39 Sodikart/Sodi-TM Kart) and Maksim Orlov (#52 Modena Kart/Parolin-TM Kart), who were also protagonists throughout the weekend, along with the Romanian driver Daniel Vasile, a valuable teammate of Bertuca. Bertuca thus also clinched the championship ahead of the Dutchman Senna Van Walstijn (#11 Sodikart/Sodi-TM Kart), who had won the first round at Franciacorta.

In the KZ2 Masters, Alessio La Martina (#103 KR Motorsport/KR-lame) emerged victorious in the Final, while Davide Forè (#102 GSR Team/BirelART-TM Kart) secured the championship title.

KZ2 - Final

- 1st Cristian Bertuca (ITA) 20 laps
- 2nd Emilien Denner (FRA) +0.265
- 3rd Maksim Orlov +0.566

KZ2 – Championship classification:

- 1st Cristian Bertuca (ITA) points 232
- 2nd Senna Van Walstijn (NLD) points 151
- 3rd Emilien Denner (FRA) points 120.

KZ2 Masters – Championship classification

- 1st Davide Forè (ITA) points 234
- 2nd Alessio La Martina (ITA) points 179
- 3rd Mirko Mizzoni (ITA) points 122

Results: www.wskarting.it/index.asp



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The next round:

the next round will be the opener of the WSK Euro Series in the weekend of June 30th at the Franciacorta Karting Track.

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