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Tony Kart at the top of the European championship in France

On the Val d'Argenton circuit, site of the second round of the FIA Karting European Championship OK-OKJ, the Tony Kart Racer 401 RR placed at the top of the rankings in the various stages of the race, throughout the entire weekend, and then closed with a fifth place finish among the "Seniors" with David Walther.

Tony Kart Racing Team's season continues in the FIA Karting European Championship 2024, reserved for OK and OKJ categories. Despite the variable weather throughout the race weekend at the Circuit du Val

variable weather throughout the race weekend at the Circuit du Val d'Argenton (France), our **Tony Kart Racer 401 RR** adapts well to all track conditions and, together with the **VTS** engine from Vortex, OTK Kart Group's "engine division," occupies the top positions in "Senior." The "Racer" chassis - fresh winner on the very same circuit of round 2 of the Champions of the Future championship - also takes part in the "Junior" class, powered by the Vortex **VTJ**.

In **OK**, **David Walther** always occupies a prominent position in the class throughout the French event. In fact, out of five elimination heats in the program, the Danish driver always seizes the Top 3 by also sealing a victory. Thanks to this series of excellent results, he earns second place in the overall ranking at the end of the day on Saturday, confirming the placement also on the starting grid of the final, after a second place in super heat B. Right in the final, Walther is from the very first moments involved in the battle of the leading group and, throughout the rest of the race, remains firmly at the top of the standings. At the end of the scheduled 24 laps, our bearer brings home a Top 5 finish, valuable for the championship. **Sebastiano Pavan** also proves to be as fast and competitive as teammate Walther. The Italian shines in the qualifying heats with five podiums in total and climbs to fifth place in the intermediate standings. Unfortunately, due to the initial tussle after the start, our driver cannot express his full potential in the final. **Xavier Avramides** shows off in the heats with two fifth places and two Top 10s, while in the last race of the weekend he climbs up the standings by 13 positions. **Tiziano Monza** recovers a total of 23 positions between time trials and elimination heats and, with another 13-place comeback in super heat A, gains access to the final. Despite top 10 finishes in the heats, **Xiaoyu Sun and Blake Nash** narrowly miss qualifying for Sunday afternoon's race. On his home circuit, **Thomas Quincé** hits an eighth-place finish in the qualifying heats, but two withdrawals hinder his path.

In **OKJ**, **Scott Marsh** takes advantage of the experience accumulated in this first part of the season to achieve four important comebacks in the qualifying heats and a fifth place as his best finish. The Briton then closes the second round of the championship in the Top 15 in the final, achieved by climbing 17 positions in the standings from the start. An accident at the first corner of the final, however, forced an innocent **Ilie Tristan Crisan** to retire, after grabbing three Top 10s in the qualifying heats and first place in Sunday morning's warm-up. Winner two weeks ago at the Champions of the Future Euro Series, **Joel Pohjola** opens the day on Friday with the best time in free practice, but a subsequent unlucky qualifying (due to variable track conditions caused by the sudden arrival of rain) complicates his path in the qualifying heat. Despite taking first place in Saturday morning's warm-up, the Finn has to give up competing for the top spot in the standings, aided by a retirement in the first heat. **Augustus Toniolo** is forced to forfeit because of an injury, suffered in an accident on Saturday, while **Maria Germano Neto** accumulates important kilometers in view of the upcoming commitments in the calendar.

From France, our Tony Kart Racing Team returns to Italy as it prepares for the second and final round of the WSK Open Series at the La Conca International Circuit in Muro Leccese (Italy), scheduled for May 8 - 11, with drivers in the MINI and KZ2 categories.

Tony Kart ai vertici dell' europeo in Francia

Sul circuito di Val d'Argenton, sede della seconda tappa del FIA Karting European Championship OK-OKJ, il Tony Kart Racer 401 RR si piazza ai vertici della graduatoria nelle varie fasi di gara, durante l'intero weekend, per poi chiudere con il quinto posto finale tra i "Senior" con David Walther.

Prosegue la stagione del Tony Kart Racing Team nel FIA Karting European Championship 2024, riservato alle categorie OK e OKJ. Malgrado il meteo variabile durante tutto il weekend di gare al Circuit du Val d'Argenton (Francia), il nostro **Tony Kart Racer 401 RR** ben si adatta a tutte le condizioni di pista e, insieme al motore **VTS** di Vortex, "engine division" di OTK Kart Group, occupa le posizioni di vertice in "Senior". Il telaio "Racer" - fresco vincitore proprio sul medesimo circuito del 2° round del campionato Champions of the Future - prende parte anche alla classe "Junior", spinto dal Vortex **VTJ**.

In **OK**, **David Walther** occupa sempre un ruolo di rilievo nella categoria durante tutto l'appuntamento francese. Infatti, su cinque manche eliminatorie in programma, il danese coglie sempre la Top 3 siglando anche una vittoria. Grazie a questa serie di ottimi risultati, guadagna il secondo posto nella graduatoria generale al termine della giornata di sabato, confermando il piazzamento anche sulla griglia di partenza della finale, dopo un secondo posto nella super heat B. Proprio in finale, Walther è fin dai primi istanti coinvolto nella battaglia del gruppo di testa e, per tutto il resto della gara, rimane saldamente ai piani alti della classifica. Al termine dei 24 giri in programma, il nostro portacolori porta a casa un piazzamento in Top 5, prezioso per il campionato.

Anche **Sebastiano Pavan** dimostra di essere veloce e competitivo quanto il compagno di squadra Walther. L'italiano brilla nelle qualifying heat con cinque podi in totale e sale al quinto posto della classifica intermedia. Purtroppo, complice la bagarre iniziale dopo il via, il nostro pilota non può esprimere tutto il proprio potenziale nella finale.

Xavier Avramides si mette in mostra nelle heat con due quinti posti e due Top 10, mentre nell'ultima gara del weekend risale la classifica di 12 posizioni. **Tiziana Menta** recupera un complessivo di 22 posizioni