



## PRESS RELEASE

### The WSK Euro Series crowned its first winners

**The first round of the WSK Euro Series at the Leopard Circuit Viterbo went to Van Werven (KZ2), Firhand (OK), Orlando (OKJ), Miras (U10), Mair (MINI Gr.3), Schniegenberg (OKNJ), and Lamberto Ferrari (OK-N).**

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The 2026 international karting season has kicked off with the debut of the WSK Euro Series at the Leopard Circuit Viterbo. Since 2010, this series has represented a significant milestone in the careers of numerous drivers, offering a high-level technical and competitive environment.

#### **Over 250 drivers from 52 nations**

The opening round of the 2026 WSK Euro Series was a resounding success in terms of participation, featuring over 250 drivers from 52 nations. Representing a vast range of geographic regions, these competitors created a truly international sporting atmosphere and delivered a fantastic start to the series, which will conclude with the upcoming events in Lonato (April 18th) and Cremona (July 11th). Despite challenging weather conditions during the final phase, the racing remained spectacular across all categories—from the youth classes (MINI Under 10, MINI Gr.3, OK-N Junior, and OK-Junior) to the high-performance OK-N, OK, and KZ2 classes—featuring established frontrunners and many emerging talents in the spotlight.

#### **The final phase**

While the qualifying heats on Thursday and Friday were held under favorable weather, rain arrived just as the Prefinals began on Saturday. The rainfall was intense at times, creating obvious difficulties for the drivers and leading to a few surprises in the results. During the Finals, it rained only during the OKJ race, though the track remained wet until the end of the event. Despite the conditions, the organization remained perfect at every stage.

#### **The winners of Prefinals:**

KZ2 Prefinal: **Jenson Graham** (GBR) (CPB Sport - Sodikart/TM Kart/LeCont).

OK Prefinal: **Qarrar Firhand** (INA) (Ward Racing – Parolin/TM Kart/LeCont).

OKJ Prefinal-A: **Leo Gorski** (POL) (Ricky Flynn – LN Kart/TM Kart/Vega).

OKJ Prefinal-B: **Alex Molota** (SVK) (Hagemann Racing – Exprit/TM Kart/Vega).

MINI U10 Prefinal: **Sasha Miras Y Munoz** (ESP) (BabyRace – Parolin-lame/Vega).

MINI Gr.3 Prefinal-A: **Alfie Richard Mair** (GBR) (Tony Kart Racing Team – Tony Kart/Vortex/Vega).

MINI Gr.3 Prefinal-B: **Theo Steindal** (NOR) (MP Academy Gamoto – Henza/TM Kart/Vega).

OK-NJ Prefinal-A: **Colton Schniegenberg** (USA) (Ward Racing – Parolin/TM Kart/Vega).

OK-NJ Prefinal-B: **Ioannis Kolovos** (GRE) (Modena Kart – Parolin/TM Kart/Vega).

OK-N Prefinal-A: **Andrea Giudice** (ITA) (Marra61 – KR/lame/Vega).

OK-N Prefinal-B: **Lamberto Ferrari** (ITA) (Monster K Factory – Monster K/TM Kart/Vega).

#### **The Finals:**

##### **KZ2 – Van Werven prevails in the wet.**

In a surprising turn of events, the Netherlands' Dion Van Werven (Sodikart – Sodikart/TM Kart/LeCont) claimed victory in the KZ2 Final. This followed a dominant performance by his teammate, Russia's Max Orlov, who had controlled the field during the dry heats and secured pole position in

qualifying. Orlov had already missed out on a win in the Prefinal due to a collision, a race won by another Sodikart driver, Britain's Jenson Graham. On the wet asphalt of the Final, Van Werven delivered a great performance to take the top step of the podium, while the other two podium spots went to Graham and Orlov. Fourth place was secured by fellow Russian Gerasim Skulanov (Monster K Factory – Monster K/TM Kart), with Bulgaria's Kaloyan Varbitzaliev finishing fifth to complete another strong showing for Sodikart.

**KZ2 Final Result:**

1st Van Werven Dion (NLD) 12 laps

2nd Graham Jenson (GBR) +5.575

3rd Orlov Max (//) +9.376

**Euro Series KZ2 Championship:**

1st Van Werven Dion (NLD) points 100

2nd Graham Jenson (GBR) points 89

3rd Orlov Max (//) points 50

**OK – Firhand takes a dominant lead.**

Qarrar Firhand (Ward Racing – Parolin/TM Kart/LeCont) dominated the OK Final, capping off a perfect run after also winning the heats and the Prefinal. The Indonesian driver crossed the line with a comfortable lead over his teammate, Spain's Benjamin Manach, and fellow Spaniard Bosco Arias (Ricky Flynn Motorsport – LN Kart/TM Kart). The American Nicola Stanley (MP Academy Gamoto – Henza/TM Kart) secured fourth place following an impressive comeback, finishing ahead of Germany's Luke Kornder (Ricky Flynn Motorsport – LN Kart/TM Kart). Italy's Davide Bottaro (Lenovo Kalì Kart – Kalì Kart/TM Kart) rounded out the top six.

**OK Final Result:**

1st Firhand Qarrar (INA) 12 laps

2nd Manach Benjamin (ESP) +4.679

3rd Arias Bosco (ESP) +12.986

**Euro Series OK Championship:**

1st Firhand Qarrar (INA) points 111

2nd Kornder Luke (GER) points 55

3rd Manach Benjamin (ESP) points 52

**OKJ – Orlando wins under a violent downpour.**

Michele Orlando secured a spectacular victory in the OK-Junior category, which was held under a violent downpour. Driving for the DR team (DR/Modena Engines/Vega), the Italian driver prevailed with a significant margin. After taking pole position in qualifying, Orlando started the Final from the third row of the grid and fought his way back to claim the win. Following the Italian driver in second place was Slovakia's Alex Molota (Hagemann Racing – Exprit/TM Kart), winner of Prefinal B, while third place was earned by Ukraine's Vsevolod Osadchy-Suslovskiy (Koski Motorsport – KR/lame). Due to a five-second penalty, Spain's Daniel Miron Lorente (Fusion Motorsport – KR/lame) lost his podium spot and was classified fourth, finishing ahead of Finland's Lenni Makinen (MP Kart Racing – Henza/TM Kart) and Brazilian Antonio Pizzonia (Ward Racing – Parolin/TM Kart), who was also handed a five seconds penalty.

**OKJ Final Result:**

1st Orlando Michele (ITA) 10 laps

2nd Molota Alex (SVK) +4.008

3rd Osadchy-Suslovskiy Vsevolod (UKR) +4.809

**Euro Series OKJ Championship:**



- 1st Molota Alex (SVK) points 90
- 2nd Orlando Michele (ITA) points 86
- 3rd Osadchyi-Suslovskiy Vsevolod (UKR) points 63

### **MINI U10 – Miras unstoppable in the final phase**

The French-Spanish driver Sasha Miras Y Munoz (BabyRace – Parolin/lame) was irresistible during the final stages; after coming out on top in the heats, he went on to win both the Prefinal and the Final. In the main event, he secured victory by a wide margin over another of the category's standout performers, the American Zayne Burgess (Parolin Motorsport – Parolin/TM Kart). Third place went to the Netherlands' Denver Bos (Kidix – KR/lame), who staged a massive recovery by making up 14 positions. There were also strong performances from BabyRace's other driver, Isaac El Haouti from France, who crossed the line in fourth, and Poland's Hugo Hejnar (Monster K Factory – Monster K/TM Kart) in fifth.

#### **MINI U10 Final Result:**

- 1st Miras Y Munoz Sasha (ESP) 7 laps
- 2nd Burgess Zayne (USA) +12.007
- 3rd Bos Denver (NLD) +12.579

#### **Euro Series MINI U10 Championship:**

- 1st Miras Y Munoz Sasha (ESP) points 111
- 2nd Burgess Zayne (USA) points 69
- 3rd Weytjens Oliver (ESP) points 49

### **MINI Gr.3 – Victory to Mair, but the classification is sub-judice.**

Alfie Richard Mair (Tony Kart Racing Team – Tony Kart/Vortex/Vega) dominated the MINI Gr.3 category from the very first heats, going on to win Prefinal A and finally the Final. He finished ahead of American Wynn Godschalk (Kidix – KR/lame) and Morocco's Nahyl El Gahoudi (BabyRace – Parolin/lame). However, the standings remain sub-judice due to a technical protest filed during one of the heats against Godschalk. Consequently, the podium ceremony could not be held and has been postponed until the results of the protest are determined. Norway's Theo Steindal (MP Academy Gamoto – Henza/TM Kart), winner of Prefinal B, finished in fourth position, while Cyprus's Andreas Papageorgiou (CRG Racing Team – T-Group/TM Kart) took fifth.

#### **MINI Gr.3 Final Result (Sub-Judice):**

- 1st Mair Alfie Richard (GBR) 7 laps
- 2nd Godschalk Wynn (USA) +2.069
- 3rd El Gahoudi Nahyl (MAR) +5.369

#### **Euro Series MINI Gr.3 Championship (Sub-Judice):**

- 1st Mair Alfie Richard (GBR) points 111
- 2nd Godschalk Wynn (USA) points 77
- 3rd Steindal Theo (NOR) points 70

### **OK-N Junior – Schniegenberg stays on top.**

The American Colton Schniegenberg (Ward Racing – Parolin/TM Kart/Vega) proved unbeatable at Viterbo across every stage of the race, from taking pole position in qualifying to leading the heat standings—even while sharing that top spot with Italy's Alessandro Nanni (Modena Kart – Parolin/TM Kart). He went on to triumph in Prefinal A and ultimately in the Final. In the closing race, the Ward Racing driver finished ahead of Greece's Ioannis Kolovos, winner of Prefinal B, and Sweden's Elton Hedfors; both represent Modena Kart on Parolin-TM Kart. Alessandro Nanni secured fourth place, with Henri Moehring (Doerr Motorsport – KR/lame) finishing fifth.



## **OK-NJ Final Result:**

1st Schniegenberg Colton (USA) 10 laps  
2nd Kolovos Ioannis (GRE) +6.734  
3rd Hedfors Elton (SWE) +8.553

## **Euro Series OK-NJ Championship:**

1st Schniegenberg Colton (USA) points 111  
2nd Kolovos Ioannis (GRE) points 88  
3rd Hedfors Elton (SWE) points 66

## **OK-N – Lamberto Ferrari wins a hard-fought duel**

In the challenge between the weekend's two main rivals, Lamberto Ferrari (Monster K Factory – Monster K/TM Kart/Vega) ultimately prevailed over Andrea Giudice (Marra 61 – KR/lame), with both Italian drivers remaining front runners until the very end. While Giudice held the top spot after the heats, and both drivers went on to win their respective Prefinals, Lamberto Ferrari proved significantly stronger in the Final, crossing the finish line with a lead of over 3 seconds. Colombia's Amador Martinez Saenz (MP Academy Gamoto – Henza/TM Kart) secured a solid third-place finish. Fourth and fifth places went to fellow Italians Nicolas Marchesi (Team Driver – KR/lame) and Andrea Barbieri (Zanchi Motorsport – Tony Kart/TM Kart).

## **OK-N Final:**

1st Ferrari Lamberto (ITA) 12 laps  
2nd Giudice Andrea (ITA) +3.549  
3rd Martinez Saenz Amador (COL) +4.055

## **Euro Series OK-N Championship:**

1st Ferrari Lamberto (ITA) points 60  
2nd Giudice Andrea (ITA) points 40  
3rd Martinez Saenz Amador (COL) points 30

The next round for WSK Promotion:

## **WSK Super Master Series:**

3rd Rd 18-22/02/2026 **VITERBO** / MINI – OKNJ – OKJ – OK – KZ2

## **THE CALENDAR OF THE WSK EURO SERIES (Wednesday/Saturday n.4 race days):**

1st Rd 11-14/02/2026 **VITERBO** / MINI – OKNJ – OKN – **OKJ – OK – KZ2**

2nd Rd 15-18/04/2026 **LONATO** / MINI – OKNJ – OKN – **OKJ – OK – KZ2**

3rd Rd 08-11/07/2026 **CREMONA** / MINI – OKNJ – OKN – **OKJ – OK – KZ2**

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