FRACTIONS, FIERCE RIVALS AND CHANGING SKIES: IAME WARRIORS FINAL BURSTS

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The IAME Warriors Final opened its first official day of competition with the intensity everyone had been waiting for. After extensive Free Practice, qualifying gave competitors their first decisive opportunity to measure themselves against their rivals and secure a strong starting position. Wednesday morning's wet track added another challenge, forcing the first two X30 Mini groups onto wet tyres. As conditions improved, the final group switched to slicks, as did the drivers in the other five categories. The opening Qualifying Heats soon delivered their share of thrilling action, setting the scene for a fiercely competitive IWF26.

X30 Senior: Saarinen puts Finland in the spotlight

The depth of talent in X30 Senior is once again exceptional, but it was Jesse Saarinen (FIN) who stole the qualifying spotlight with an impressive 53.514. Fastest in Group 3, he headed 2025 champion Aaron Garcia Lopez (ESP), the Group 1 leader, and Matéo Rivals (FRA), who topped Group 2. With more than 100 drivers competing in the category, a strong qualifying position was especially valuable. Giulian Sorvillo (BEL), Benjamin Westwood (MLT) and Dan Allemann (SUI), already familiar with the IWF from his X30 Mini and X30 Junior campaigns, all delivered. Eloi Gonzalez (ESP) secured 7th, followed by Japan's Shun Sekiguchi in 8th.

Top 12 in the X30 Senior Qualifying sessions

1	Saarinen Jesse (FIN)	Birelart	**53.514**
2	Garcia Aaron (ESP)	KR	**53.554**
3	Rivals Mateo (FRA)	EOS	**53.564**
4	Sorvillo Giulian (BEL)	Tony Kart	**53.613**
5	Westwood Benjamin (MLT)	KR	**53.622**
6	Allemann Dan (SUI)	Henza Kart	**53.607**
7	Gonzalez Eloi (ESP)	KR	**53.636**
8	Sekiguchi Shun (JPN)	Tony Kart	**53.770**
9	Edgar Jorge (GBR)	Gillard	**53.618**
10	Vanderveken Bran (BEL)	Tony Kart	**53.644**
11	Ramos Diego (BRA)	Birelart	**53.875**
12	Carenini Danny (ITA)	KR	**53.727**

X30 Junior: Coby leads a finely balanced contest

Just 25 thousandths separated pole-sitter Christian Coby (IRL) from Téo Policand (FRA), winner of the 2026 IAME Benelux Series. In this highly competitive category for drivers aged 12-14, the order can change quickly. George House (GBR) and Noah Grignet (BEL), 3rd and 4th respectively, both have the potential to move further forward. Ireland also claimed 5th place, ahead of Nuvola Morales Mendez (ESP). Ranked 7th, promising Italian Niccolò Perico will be another driver to follow closely as a member of the Mercedes-AMG F1 Young Drivers

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Top 12 in the X30 Junior Qualifying session

1	Coby Christian (IRL)	KR	**55.246**
2	Téo Policand (FRA)	EOS	**55.271**
3	George House (GBR)	Energy	**55.413**
4	Noah Grignet (BEL)	Tony Kart	**55.268**
5	Danny Grignet (IRL)	KR	**55.384**
6	Nuvola Morales Mendez (ESP)	Birelart	**55.451**
7	Niccolò Perico (ITA)	KR	**55.299**
8	Oleksandr Legenkyi (ITA)	KR	**55.424**
9	Bruno Priam (BEL)	EOS	**55.473**
10	De Cock Lorenz (BEL)	KR	**55.377**
11	Michaut Nolan (FRA)	EOS	**55.441**
12	Laakkonen Unto-Olavi (FIN)	KR	**55.516**

S125 Senior: Genolet delivers a commanding performance

Switzerland's strong representation in IAME competition was reflected in an outstanding performance from Alexis Genolet (SUI). His sensational 52.978 secured pole position by more than three tenths of a second over Marc Granada (ESP). Another Swiss driver, Gauthier Sanjuan, followed in 3rd, ahead of Spain's Cristian Fuente Plaza. Accomplished KZ2 racers Matteo Zanchi and Michael Paparo Barbaro also embraced the challenge of this exciting category, qualifying 5th and 7th respectively. Rayan Koreishi (UAE) completed the leading group between the two Italians in 6th.

Top 12 in the S125 Senior Qualifying session

1	Alexis Genolet (SUI)	MilMoc by CRG	**52.978**
2	Marc Granada (ESP)	Tony Kart	**53.343**
3	Sanjuan Gauthier (SUI)	KR	**53.346**
4	Fuente Plaza Cristian (ESP)	Birelart	**53.379**
5	Zanchi Matteo (ITA)	KR	**53.443**
6	Koreishi Rayan (UAE)	KR	**53.483**
7	Paparo Michael Barbaro (ITA)	Wild Kart	**53.534**
8	Panetta Bautista (ARG)	KR	**53.534**
9	Corona Ibarra Emmanuel (MEX)	KR	**53.573**
10	English Jamie (IRL)	Tony Kart	**53.585**
11	Elbassiony Adam (UAE)	Energy	**53.589**
12	Lacroix Max (FRA)	KR	**53.593**

S125 Junior: Peruzzi leads as the margins tighten

The United Arab Emirates made a strong impression in S125 Junior, with Leonidas Peruzzi

claiming pole position in 54.280 ahead of Mitansh Jain. Behind the pole-sitter, the margins were remarkably small: Jain edged Alonso Gonzalez (DOM) by just four thousandths, Elia Nützi (SUI) by 13 thousandths and Mike Meynard (FRA) by 36 thousandths. Switzerland also featured prominently through Dilan Roman Fricker in 6th and Laurent Shahinaj in 8th, with Milan Smulders (NED) taking 7th between them. The opening contest has laid the foundations for an intriguing battle.

Top 12 in the S125 Junior Qualifying session

1	Leonidas Peruzzi (UAE)	KR	**54.280**
2	Mitansh Jain (UAE)	KR	**54.516**
3	Gonzalez Alonso (DOM)	Hasse	**54.520**
4	Nützi Elia (SUI)	KR	**54.529**
5	Meynard Mike (FRA)	MS KART	**54.552**
6	Fricker Dilan Roman (SUI)	Swiss Hutless	**54.612**
7	Smulders Milan (NED)	Henza	**54.622**
8	Shahinaj Laurent (SUI)	KR	**54.658**
9	Leonardo Lanza (ITA)	KR	**54.665**
10	Reynaud Paul (FRA)	LN	**54.703**
11	Achard Evan (FRA)	Milmoc	**54.706**
12	Sryer Aissa Roslan (ALG)	KR	**54.883**

X30 Mini: El Gahoudi rises to the changing conditions

An evolving track put the youngest drivers' adaptability to the test. Marc Cruz Romacho (ESP) led Group 1 with a 1:13.584 on wet tyres, before Alfie Davidson (GBR) set the pace in the quicker second group with a 1:09.868. By Group 3, the drying surface allowed a switch to slicks, and Nahyl El Gahoudi (MAR) seized pole position with a 1:02.107. Among those who had travelled a long way for IWF26, Zayne Burgess (USA) secured 5th behind Mayson Hibbert (GBR). Determined to improve on his 2025 result, Leo Devahive Garcia (ESP) took 6th, ahead of Jack Wolff (AUT) and Isaac El Haouti (FRA).

Top 12 in the X30 Mini Qualifying session

1	Nahyl El Gahoudi (MAR)	Parolin	**1:02.107**
2	Davidson Alfie (GBR)	KR	**1:09.868**
3	Cruz Romacho Marc (ESP)	Birelart	**1:13.584**
4	Hibbert Mayson (GBR)	KR	**1:02.139**
5	Burgess Zayne (USA)	Parolin	**1:10.263**
6	Devahive Garcia Leo (ESP)	Parolin	**1:13.590**
7	Wolff Jack (AUT)	KR	**1:02.528**
8	El Haouti Isaac (FRA)	Energy	**1:10.305**
9	Ebergenyi Guido (UAE)	Henza Kart	**1:13.692**
10	Bordanova Aaron (FRA)	Alonso Kart	**1:02.668**
11	Steindal Theo (NOR)	Henza Kart	**1:10.478**

12	Uzunov Dimitar (GBR)	Birelart	**1:13.731**

X30 Master: Crivelli sets the pace, Finland shows its strength

Having already impressed in Free Practice, Franco Crivelli (ARG) carried his speed into qualifying to claim pole position in 54.803. Former event winner John Norris (IRL), however, was close behind and promises formidable opposition in Viterbo. Jari Malila took 3rd, leading a strong Finnish contingent with five drivers in the top 11: Toni Vilander in 6th, Antti Kataja in 7th, Antti Ollikainen in 10th and Tero Saari in 11th. Lucca Croce underlined South America's strong form with 4th place, while 2022 podium finisher Gary Edwards (IRL) demonstrated his enduring pace in 5th. Chris Wehrheim (USA) and Vincenzo Schillaci (BEL) secured 8th and 9th respectively.

Top 12 in the X30 Master Qualifying session

1	Franco Crivelli (ARG)	KR	**54.803**
2	Norris John (IRL)	Tony Kart	**54.821**
3	Malila Jari (FIN)	Haase	**54.858**
4	Croce Lucca (BRA)	KR	**54.887**
5	Edwards Gary (IRL)	KR	**54.891**
6	Toni Vilander (FIN)	Birelart	**54.977**
7	Antti Kataja (FIN)	Haase	**55.088**
8	Chris Wehrheim (USA)	Tony Kart	**55.094**
9	Vincenzo Schillaci (BEL)	DR	**55.138**
10	Ollikainen Antti (FIN)	Haase	**55.168**
11	Saari Tero (FIN)	Birelart	**55.186**
12	Delré Thierry (BEL)	DR	**55.292**

All competitors race on Komet tyres.

Remaining provisional schedule for IWF26

> Thursday 22 October
08:15 - 10:15 Warm-up (5 mins)
10:25 - 19:00 Qualifying Heats

> Friday 23 October
08:15 - 10:15 Warm-up (5 mins)
10:25 - 19:00 Qualifying Heats

> Saturday 24 October
08:15 - 09:45 Warm-up (5 mins)
09:55 - 12:45 Super Heats
13:45 X30 Master Final
14:30 S125 Junior Final

15:15 S125 Senior Final
16:00 X30 Mini Final
16:45 X30 Junior Final
17:30 X30 Senior Final

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