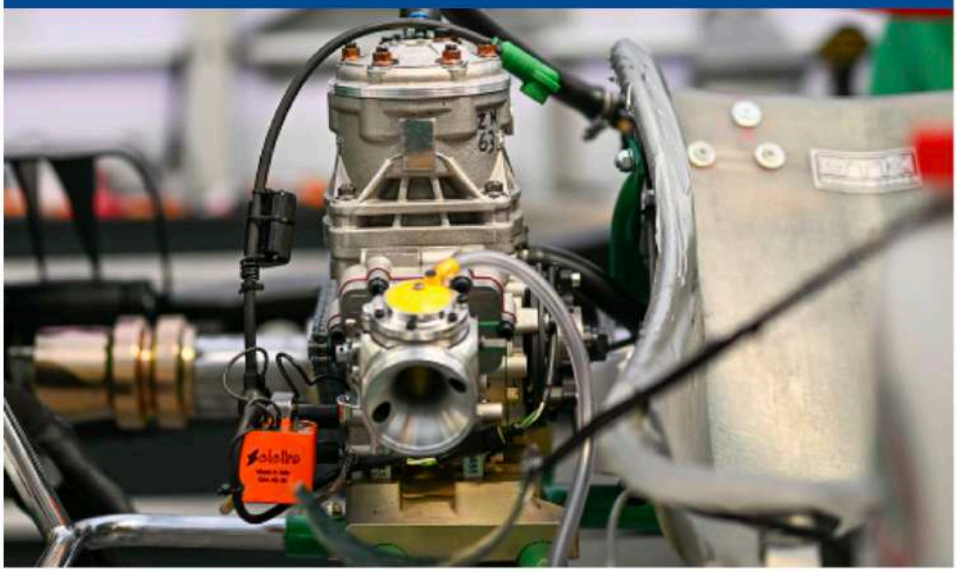

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Vortex at the starting grid of the FIA Karting World Cup

The OTK Kart Group's "engine division" has achieved the third edition of the international event for the OK-N and OK-N Junior categories, held at the Leopard Circuit in Viterbo, Italy.

OK-N – The **Vortex VTS-N** opens the weekend with **Jenson Eric Burns** (Tony Kart Racing Team) setting the second-fastest time in his free practice session, followed by the Australian securing third place in the first qualifying group. The engine from the OTK Kart Group's 'engine division' achieves a third-place finish as its best result in the qualifying heats and secures a top-five finish in the Super Heat for Pool 2.

The final sees **Lucas Bonhomme** (Bonhomme, Laurent) as our leading driver. Starting from the sixth row of the grid, the French driver remains in contention for a top-10 finish throughout the race. **Albert Lapper** (Tony Kart Racing Team) shows off with a strong performance with a comeback of eleven places. Burns and **Mike Parhiala** (Tony Kart Racing Team), on the other hand, are hampered by several incidents in the early stages, which affect their race.

OK-N Junior – In the Junior class, the **Vortex VTS-N** performs well in the qualifying heats with **Can Günfer Tüzüner** (Tony Kart Racing Team) and **Valentino Manassero** (Tony Kart Racing Team), but a difficult second heat for both compromises their chances of achieving a positive result by the end of the weekend.

Academy-Junior – The event in Viterbo also marks the end of the **FIA Karting Academy Trophy-Junior**, the series organised by the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), in which OTK Kart Group supplies all participants with Exprit Kart chassis and Vortex Engines. In Sunday's final, **Max Sulin** (Finland) claimed victory, ahead of **John Han** (Hong Kong) and **Takeru Shimbashi** (Japan), who finishes second and third respectively. Han wins the title, topping the overall standings with 208 points.