



SOUTH GARDA KARTING - LONATO (BRESCIA, ITALY)

THE WINTER CUP OF LONATO READY FOR THE GRAND FINALE

Saturday's heats saw several protagonists coming to the fore ahead of the final stages to be held on Sunday February 18th. The program: Super Heats from 12:00 and Finals from 14:50. Live Streaming at www.southgardakarting.it and at the circuit's Facebook page.

Exciting races have inflamed also the second and penultimate qualifying day in Lonato to define the finalists of the 23rd edition of the Winter Cup. The opening race of the international season at the South Garda Karting circuit has seen 322 drivers from 40 Nations challenging each other on track.

After Friday's practice and initial qualifying heats, several other races have been run on Saturday. The spectacle has been high and light rain made things trickier towards the end of the day. The qualification to the final stages on Sunday is what drivers have been fighting for today, as the finals will be run by the best 34 drivers of each category. This means that a lot of drivers will be "skimmed" off as a total of 94 drivers got on track in KZ2, 70 in OK, 86 in OK-Junior and 72 in Mini Rok. The final heats will take place on Sunday at 11:00 for the two most crowded categories, that is KZ2 and OK-Junior. These will be followed by Super Heats at 12:00 run by the top 68 drivers of each category in order to define the starting grids of the Finals that will get green light in the afternoon at 15:00. The Live Streaming feed of the races will be available at www.southgardakarting and at the Facebook page of the circuit of Lonato.

KZ2. In KZ2, **Francesco Celenta** (Praga-Tm), **Ben Hanley** (Drago Corse-Tm), **Giuseppe Palomba** (Intrepid-Tm), **Jorrit Pex** (CRG-Tm) and **Anthony Abbasse** (Sodikart-Tm) won one heat each and put their name forward as challengers of the two **Lorandi** brothers that had topped charts in qualifying practice, before **Leonardo Lorandi** took the win in three heats on Tony Kart-Tm and **Alessio Lorandi** in one on Parolin-Tm. Among the quickest, **Alessandro Giardelli** on CRG-Tm, **Alex Irlando** on Sodikart-Tm, **Jeremy Iglesias** on Formula K-Tm, **Paolo De Conto** on CRG-Tm, **Riccardo Longhi** on BirelArt-Tm and **Fabian Federer** (CRG-Tm), the latter won the closing heat but was later on handed a 10s time penalty.

OK-JUNIOR. Heats of OK-Junior have highlighted the speed of several drivers. In the total six heats run between Friday and Saturday, six different drivers have emerged as winners: namely, the Russian **Kirill Smal** (Tony Kart-Vortex), **Gabriele Mini** (Parolin-lame), the British **Taylor Barnard** (KR-Parilla), the Brazilian **Gabriel Bortoleto** (CRG-Tm), the Swede **Dino Beganovic** (Tony Kart-Vortex) and **Edoardo Villa** (TB Kart-Tm).

OK. The classification of OK is currently led by **Lorenzo Trivisanutto** (KR-Parilla-Bridgestone), who won two heats after being the quickest in qualifying. Among his main rivals, the German **Hannes Janker** (KR-Parilla), 2016 World Champion **Pedro Hiltbrand** (CRG-Tm) and the winner of the third heat of the day **Nicklas Nielsen** (Tony Kart-Vortex). **Jonny Edgar** (Exprit-Tm), the Czech **Roman Stanek** (Kosmic-Vortex), the Argentine **Jorge Pescador** (Praga-Tm) and Barbados **Zane Maloney** (FA-Vortex) were also among the best.

MINI ROK. The fight for the victory in Mini Rok seems to currently involve mainly **Andrea Kimi Antonelli** on Energy-Vortex and the Pole **Piotr Protasiewicz** on Parolin-Vortex, as both won two heats.



LIVE TIMING AND STREAMING. The race will be available through Live Timing on www.southgardakarting.it from Thursday February 15th, and Live Streaming from Sunday February 18th, as well as on the Facebook page SOUTH GARDA KARTING.

THE PROGRAM

Sunday February 18th: Warm up from 8:30; Qualifying heats from 11:00; Super Heats from 12:00; OK Final at 15:00; OK-Junior Final at 15:30; Mini Rok Final at 16:00; KZ2 Final at 16:25.

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In the pictures: 1) The start of one heat in KZ2; 2) Mini Rok; 3) OK; 4) OK-Junior.
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