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SOUTH GARDA KARTING - LONATO (BRESCIA, ITALY)

MARCO ARDIGO' WINS THE 21ST WINTER CUP IN KZ2. THE OTHER WINNERS ARE NIELSEN (OK), KENNEALLY (OK JUNIOR) AND PIZZI (MINI)



Some very nice and quite tight finals completed the great success of the 21st Winter Cup that set a participation record of 268 drivers at the South Garda Karting Circuit.

Lonato del Garda (Brescia, Italy). The 21st edition of the Winter Cup has lived a very exciting weekend with four spectacular finals. This has been the icing on the cake after a great start with the record number of entrants, 268 drivers from 36 different countries, and three days blessed with sun allowing every driver to show his speed and welcoming a lot of spectators.

Category KZ2 has offered a top class spectacle as the 34 finalists have been battling from lights to flag with several position exchanges on top. The race has been initially led by the Italian **Marco Ardigo'** (Tony Kart-Vortex-Bridgestone), by the French **Anthony Abbasse** (Sodi-Tm-Bridgestone) then and finally by the young Italian **Luca Corberi**, who is Ardigo's team mate and managed to complete a good comeback race from P8 leading the race for three laps. After slipping down in third place, **Ardigo'** has been very quick in the closing two laps and managed to get back on top.



The sprint to the line saw **Ardigò** closing three tenths clear of **Corberi** and five of **Abbase**. This victory allowed Ardigò to secure his third success at the Winter Cup.

The Italian **Fabian Federer**, on CRG-Modena-Bridgestone, also fought for the podium, but the former European Champion had to settle for P4 before being handed a 10 seconds time penalty for the incorrect positioning of the front fairing due to a contact. The fourth place was therefore inherited by Gold's driver from Sweden **Joel Johansson**, who led the two Italians **Leonardo Lorandi** (Tony Kart-Vortex-Bridgestone) and **Andrea Dalè** (CRG-Tm-Bridgestone).

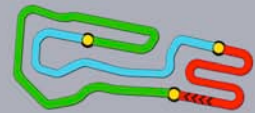
The Danish works driver of Tony Kart **Nicklas Nielsen** confirmed to be the quickest of OK after dominating heats and Prefinal. **Nielsen** managed therefore to secure his second consecutive Winter Cup in a row, thanks to a clear victory on the Italian **Lorenzo Trvisanutto** (Tony Kart-Vortex-Bridgestone), who was followed by the Polish World Champion **Karol Basz** (Kosmic-Vortex-Bridgestone).

The victory of OK Junior went to the British driver of Team Ricky Flynn **Fin Kenneally** (FA Kart-Vortex-Bridgestone). The two Prefinals were won by his team mate, the French **Timothy Peisselon** and the Russian **Ivan Shvetsov** (Tony Kart-Vortex-Bridgestone). Second at the flag after a good battle, **Shvetsov** was later on handed a one position penalty that gave the second place to **Peisselon**.

Mini Rok had a record participation of 105 drivers. The sprint to the line went the Italian **Luigi Coluccio's** ways (Tony Kart-Vortex-Bridgestone). He was followed by the Italian **Francesco Pizzi** (Energy-Vortex-Bridgestone) and by the French **Evann Mallet** (CRG-Vortex-Bridgestone). **Coluccio** was later on handed a ten seconds time penalty (front fairing) and the victory was inherited by **Francesco Pizzi**. **Mallet** was promoted to the second place, while **Roman Stanek**, who won heats and his Prefinal, was third.

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In the pictures: 1) KZ2 podium, from left Corberi, Ardigò, Abbasse; 2) OK podium, from left Trivisanutto, Nielsen, Abbasse; 3) Mini Rok, South Garda Karting. Ph. FM Press