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SOUTH GARDA KARTING - LONATO (BRESCIA, ITALY)

THE 15TH ROK CUP INTERNATIONAL FINAL: A DRIVERS AND FANS SUCCESS IN LONATO

The victory of the International Rok Cup, race with 415 drivers on track, went to D'Abramo in Super Rok, Albanese in Shifter Rok, to the Polish driver Mila in Senior Rok, Bosco in Junior Rok, and the American Zilisch in Mini Rok.

Lonato del Garda (Brescia, Italy). The 15th edition of the Rok Cup International Final took place at the South Garda Karting with an exceptional 415 drivers challenging each other out of the entered 435 coming from all over the world.

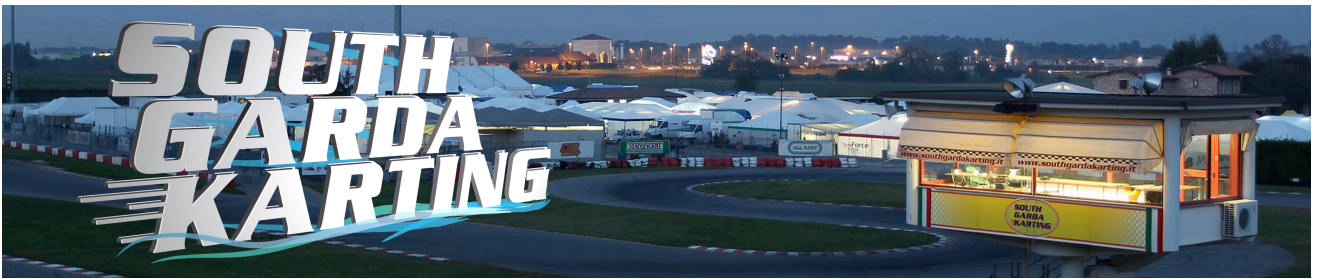
A total of 50 Countries have been represented from the 5 Continents in the 5 categories on track: Super Rok, Shifter Rok, Senior Rok, Junior Rok and Mini Rok. The smallest category, Mini Rok, scored a participation record of 162 drivers, but also the other categories have been well represented with 97 drivers contesting Junior, 81 Senior, 43 Shifter and 32 Super.

The spectacle on track has been absolutely top class, with very good races in all categories.

SUPER ROK. In Super Rok **Mattia D'Abramo** has led the whole Final, but the race has been very lively with **D'Abramo** chased all the way to the flag by **Vittorio Russo**, both on Tony Kart-Vortex-Bridgestone. At the chequered flag, the third place went to **Giuseppe Gaglianò**, also on Tony Kart, who found his way past the South African **Sebastian Boyd** on Kosmic a few laps to the end of the race. The fifth position went to **Alessandro Brigatti** (Tony Kart). **Mattia D'Abramo** had also been protagonist in qualifying, when he posted the second position behind **Gaglianò** before improving to P1 after heats.

SHIFTER ROK. **Danilo Albanese** (Tony Kart-Vortex-Bridgestone) dominated Rok Shifter at the end of a nice race that saw him leading **Nicola Marcon**, also on Tony Kart, and **Federico Squaranti** on FA. The fourth position was taken by **Cristopher Zani** (BRM) who led **Riccardo Cinti** (Tony Kart) and **Andrea Tonoli** (Maranello), the latter have been protagonists of heats too. The Brazilian former F1 driver **Rubens Barrichello** has also raced on Tony Kart, but was forced to the retirement due to an incident when three laps were left to go. Despite this epilogue, **Barrichello** has been very competitive and deserved the applause of fans on grandstands.

SENIOR ROK. Senior Rok has lived a very intense finale, when the three main protagonists on track negotiated the final corner with **Domenico Cicognini** (Tony Kart-Vortex-Bridgestone), proceeding the Polish driver **Maciej Szyszko** (Kosmic) and the Swiss **Michael Muller** (Tony Kart). The three were very close and unfortunately were involved in an incident, and therefore the fourth driver, the Pole **Bartosz Mila** on Tony Kart, got the most of it and claimed the victory. The second place went to his fellow countryman **Kacper Szczurek** (Kosmic) and the third to **Danny Carenini** (Tony Kart). **Szyszko** ended the race in sixth place, while **Muller** was handed a 10s time penalty for causing the incident and ended ninth, while **Cicognini** crossed the finish line in P29 pushing his kart and deserving the fans applause.



JUNIOR ROK. The race of Junior Rok has also been exciting, with **Luca Bosco** taking the victory leading **Leonardo Caglioni** who completed a great comeback race from the 14th place of qualifying, and **Francesco Sabella**, all on Tony Kart-Vortex-Bridgestone. **Francesco Raffaele Pizzi** (Exprit) claimed a great P4, leading the Australian **Broc Feeney** (Kosmic) and the Swiss **Gabrio Bizzozero** (FA).

MINI ROK. A surprising Finale characterized Mini Rok, that has been very spectacular as usual. Following an early domination by the Russian **Nikita Bedrin** (Tony Kart-Vortex-Bridgestone), the Pole **Karol Pasiewicz** eventually had the best of his team mate claiming the victory, as the American **Connor Zilisch**, also on Energy, took P3. **Pasiewicz** was later on handed a 5s time penalty as the front fairing of his kart was mis-positioned and the victory was therefore inherited by the American **Connor Zilisch**, while the Russian **Bedrin** was promoted second and **Filippo Croccolino** (Righetti Ridolfi) third. This penalty relegated **Pasiewicz** to the final eighth place.

All classifications are available at the websites www.vortex-rok.com/intcup-home_ita.php and www.southgardakarting.it.

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In the pictures: The winners of the Rok Cup International Final.