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WSK EURO SERIES – SARNO, 11th-13th MARCH 2011

## CRG FACES ITS FIRST OFFICIAL EVENT OF THE SEASON AT THE OPENING RACE OF THE WSK EURO SERIES IN SARNO (ITALY)

ON THE INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT “NAPOLI” OF SARNO, THE WSK EURO SERIES 2011 STARTS. CRG OFFICIAL TEAM, KZ2 AND KF3 TITLE HOLDER, TAKES PART IN THE COMPETITION IN FULL FORCE AIMING TO CONFIRM ITS LEADERSHIP IN ALL THE CATEGORIES



Lonato del Garda (Brescia – Italy). With the first meeting of the WSK Euro Series, due next weekend – from 11th to 13th March 2011 – on the international circuit Napoli of Sarno, CRG faces the first official event of the 2011 racing season. After the first positive technical results of the Winter Cup of Lonato and of the first event of the WSK Master Series in Muro Leccese with just some of its drivers, in Sarno CRG will be fully committed in all the categories, with the participation of all its official drivers for a grand debut. The aim is confirming CRG’s leadership in all the categories.

This year the WSK Euro Series presents a calendar with four European meetings and has become the main interest of all the major constructors with all the strongest drivers at world level. There is a total of 256 entrants to the first race, coming from 34 different countries. After the first meeting in Sarno, the WSK Euro Series moves to Portimao (Portugal) for the second event due next 17<sup>th</sup> April; then – on 26<sup>th</sup> April – the other Italian meeting in La Conca of Muro Leccese, just before the final event of Zuera (Spain) due next 31<sup>st</sup> July.

The CRG-Maxter Official Team, driver title holder for the European series with **Jonathan Thonon** in KZ2 and **Max Verstappen** in KF3, presents new technical development and new protagonists on this occasion too.

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This year, in the Euro WSK, the gear shift category introduces also the top category – the KZ1 –, where it will be the three-time world champion Belgian driver **Jonathan Thonon** the CRG's standard-bearer, together with the 2009 world champion **Arnaud Kozlinski** and another champion such as **Davide Forè**. In KZ2, it will be **Mirko Torsellini** the CRG's driver, who already performed well at his debut in the recent Winter Cup. **Jorrit Pex**, the strong Dutch driver, will be running too,

with the team **CRG Holland**.



In the top direct drive category – KF1 – there will be five official CRG-Maxter drivers, the same who will be competing for the new CIK-FIA world championship in five rounds. The Italian team has the young and determined **Felice Tiene**, with two other drivers by his side: the quick English driver **Laura Tillett** and the other English driver **Jordon Lennox Lamb**. **Andrea Dalè** will be racing too: he is at

his comeback with the colours of CRG and he is well determined and motivated, as well as the Finnish **Mathias Koykka**, a first timer in the top category.



In KF2 for CRG-Maxter there are the Russian **Ivan Nikitchenko**, the Italian **Giovanni Martinez** and the strong Danish driver **Michelle Gating**, who has now decided for a full time commitment in karting. In KF2 there are also the two Belgian drivers of the CRG Junior Team **Corentin Gilson** and **Julien Lefort**. The Italian **Alessio Profeta** driver will be running with the **LH by Lewis Hamilton** chassis, produced by CRG.

The KF3 category is literally packed, and the driver to beat is definitely the Dutch **Max Verstappen**, world champion of the category. After his first season in KF3, which ended with the win of the title in the WSK Euro Series, WSK World Series and WSK Nations Cup, the

*On the previous page, Arnaud Kozlinski in KZ1. From top, some CRG's drivers of the 2011 season: Max Verstappen, Laura Tillett and Felice Tiene.*

son of the former F1 driver Jos Verstappen aims to confirm his winning trend in this season too and to give CRG another terrific series of international titles. In KF3 there is also the young Dutch **Max Koebolt**, and for **CRG Holland** there is another Dutch, **Stan Pex**, Jorrit's brother.

The KZ1-KZ2 and KF2 finals of Sunday 13th March are broadcast live on TV (on RAI Sport) from h 03.00pm. All the races are visible on the web: there is a total web coverage of the event on the specialised website [www.stopandgo.tv](http://www.stopandgo.tv) which will stream live of the whole final phase.



**The programme of Sarno, 11th-13th March 2011:**

**Friday 11th March:** h 8:00 free practice; h 14:00 time trials; 16:00 qualifying heats.

**Saturday 12th March:** h 8:00 warm-up; h 9:20 Superpole KF1; h 9:40 qualifying heats; h 16:00 Final-1 KF1; h 16:20 Final-1 KZ1-KZ2; h 16:40 qualifying heats.

**Sunday 13th March:** h 8:00 warm-up; h 9:20 qualifying heats; h 13:00 drivers presentation; h 14:00 pre-final KF2; h 14:30 pre-final KF3; h 15:00 Final-2 KZ1-KZ2 live on TV RAI Sport; h 15:30 Final KF2 TV live on RAI Sport; h 16:00 Final KF3; h 16:30 Final-2 KF1.

All the results and the programme details on [www.wskarting.com](http://www.wskarting.com)

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**THE DRIVERS AND THE RACING NUMBERS OF CRG OFFICIAL TEAM IN THE WSK EURO SERIES OF SARNO (ITALY)**

**KZ1**

101 – Jonathan Thonon (B)

106 – Arnaud Kozlinski (F)

107 – Davide Forè (I)

**KZ2**

111 – Mirko Torsellini (I)

**KF1**

10 – Felice Tiene (I)

11 – Laura Tillet (GB)

12 – Jordon Lennox Lamb (GB)

14 – Andrea Dalè (I)

32 – Mathias Koykka (FIN)

**KF2**

208 – Ivan Nikitchenko (RUS)

233 – Giovanni Martinez (I)

274 – Michelle Gattling (DK)

**KF3**

301 – Max Verstappen (NL)

303 – Max Koebolt (NL)