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TONY KART RACING TEAM

TONY KART RACING TEAM'S DRIVERS AND RACES 2018

Eleven are the drivers wearing the official Tony Kart racing team's colours, for top-level karting commitment: WSK and CIK-FIA competitions in the Mini, OKJ, OK and KZ categories.

With the 2018 season approaching, the Tony Kart Racing Team is ready to get back on track for the most important and demanding races in the world karting scene: the **CIK-FIA, WSK** events as well as the historical **Winter Cup** in Lonato.

Eleven is the number of selected **drivers** involved in the different categories: **Mini, OKJ, OK and KZ.**

In the master class, KZ, **Marco Ardigò** will attend the CIK-FIA races only. Unfortunately, due to the last year injury, it's now necessary to delay in May the start of the season of the 3-time-world champion (in time for the first European Championship's round) to make sure he can return to the track only after a good recovery.

In the same category, we will have also **Matteo Viganò** and the Finnish **Simo Puhakka**, coming from the Kosmic Kart Racing Department.

In the OK category, we find at the starting grid the Swedish **Noah Milell** and the vice world champion in force, the Spanish **David Vidales.**

In the OKJ category we have the Colombian **Sebastian Montoya**, son of the famous F1 and IndyCar driver Juan Pablo Montoya. At his side, there are **Laurens Van Hoepen** and **Josep Maria Marti.**

As for the youngest Mini category drivers, which will also attend the **ACI Karting Italian Championship**, we have **Rashid Al Dhaheri**, from the United Arab Emirates, the Asian **Cui Yuanpu** and the French **Jimmy Helias.**

The well-established partnership between the Tony Kart Racing Team and the Ferrari Driver Academy also continues for the 2018 season, with the aim to select new talents to be launched to car motorsport categories after karting.

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Concerning the chassis available, for the OKJ, OK and KZ/KZ2 categories, drivers will have at their disposition the **Racer 401S** chassis. In the Mini class, the chassis available to young talents will be the **Tony Kart Neos**. All of them, of course, powered by **Vortex**.

2018 drivers:

- Marco Ardigò (ITA) – KZ category
- Matteo Viganò (ITA) - KZ category
- Simo Puhakka (FIN) - KZ category
- Noah Milell (SWE) – OK category
- David Vidales (ESP) – OK category
- Sebastian Montoya (COL) – OKJ category
- Josep Maria Martí – OKJ category
- Laurens Van Hoepen (NLD) – OKJ category
- Rashid Al Dhaheri (ARE) – Mini category
- Yuanpu Cui (CHN) - Mini category
- Jimmy Helias (FR) – Mini category

CIK –FIA Race Calendar:

May 6th, 2018 - Salbris (FRA)

CIK-FIA European KZ Championship, 1st round

CIK-FIA European KZ2 Championship, 1st round

CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy, 1st round

May 20th, 2018 - PF International (GBR)

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CIK-FIA European Championship, 2nd round
CIK-FIA European Junior Championship, 2nd round

June 17th, 2018 - Ampfing (DEU)

CIK-FIA European Championship, 3rd round
CIK-FIA European Junior Championship, 3rd round

July 15th, 2018 - Lonato (ITA)

CIK-FIA European KZ Championship, 2nd round
CIK-FIA European KZ2 Championship, 2nd round
CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy, 2nd round

August 5th, 2018 - Essay (FRA)

CIK-FIA European Championship, 4th round
CIK-FIA European Junior Championship, 4th round

September 9th, 2018 - Genk (BEL)

CIK-FIA World KZ Championship
CIK-FIA International Super Cup for KZ2
CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy, 3rd round

September 24th, 2018 - Kristianstad (SWE)

CIK-FIA World Championship
CIK-FIA World Junior Championship

WSK Race Calendar:

WSK SUPER MASTER SERIES (60 Mini - OK Junior - OK - KZ2)

1st Rd – February 4th, 2018 (Italy) Adria
2nd Rd – March 4th, 2018 (Italy) Lonato
3rd Rd – March 18th, 2018 (Italy) La Conca
4th Rd – April 8th, 2018 (Italy) Sarno

WSK OPEN CUP (60 Mini - OK Junior - OK - KZ2)

June 24th, 2018 (Italy) Lonato

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WSK FINAL CUP (60 Mini - OK Junior - OK - KZ2)

1st Rd – October 21st, 2018 (Italy) Lonato

2nd Rd – November 4th, 2018 (Italy) Castelletto di Branduzzo

3rd Rd – November 18th, 2018 (Italy) Adria



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