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## LAURENS VAN HOEPEN ON PODIUM IN THE WSK FINAL CUP

**On the 7 Laghi circuit in Castelletto di Branduzzo, the Dutch driver brought honour to the Tony Kart Racing Team's colors conquering the silver medal in the OKJ final**

The second (of three) appointment of the **WSK Final Cup**, last Championship of the 2018 karting season organized by **WSK Promotion** and staged on the **7 Laghi circuit in Castelletto di Branduzzo**, ended up with great satisfaction for the **Tony Kart Racing Team**. On the track located in Pavia, the name of **Laurens Van Hoepen** brilliantly stood out: he maximized the potential at his disposal in the **OK Junior category** final and conquered an important **silver medal**.

The weekend of the Dutch driver starts on a rain-wet asphalt, creating him a few too many difficulties in the qualifying heat, but then promptly overcome thanks to a series of **great results in the eliminatory heats** giving him self-confidence. In **prefinal B**, when the track is dry now, Laurens manages to center a fantastic **fifth place**, earning him the **ninth position on the grid for the decisive race**. Here, his start proves to be exemplary and it allows him to be part of the leading group: from the sixth position at the end of the first lap, Van Hoepen plays a leading role in an **amazing recover**, culminated during the second-last lap where he manages to conquer a **precious silver medal** under the checkered flag.

At his side, also **Josep Maria Martì** did well, always growing during the whole weekend and conquering the **fourth position in prefinal B**. In Final, however, the intense brawl forces him to end the race in the ninth position.

Less luck for **Nikita Bedrin**: the Russian driver centered some good results in the eliminatory heats but then he did not manage to make his potential concrete in **prefinal B**.

After the excellent results obtained in the **OK-OKJ European Championship** and in the unique round of **KZ-K22 World Championship in Belgium**, **David Vidales** kept our racing team's colors high in the **OK category**, where he distinguished himself especially for the **seventh lap time centered in the qualifying heat**. His weekend continued with a good driving feeling on his **Tony kart 401S Racer** powered by **Vortex**, with which he played a leading role in **prefinal B** first (with **eighth absolute place**) and then in **final**, where he managed to **recover nine positions** ending the race **seventh**. Very good also the performances of his teammate **Roman Stanek**: the **fourth position** conquered in **prefinal A** gave him great self-confidence in view of the weekend decisive race, but due to a **contact** and **the penalty** received for the **front fairing loss**, he was forced to the **21<sup>st</sup> place**. **Li Mingyang** had difficulties during the race too, not being at his ease with the weather conditions on the 7 Laghi circuit in Castelletto di Branduzzo.

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**Rashid Al Dhaheri's** performance, however, was promising: he asserted himself in the **60 Mini category** with a **second place** conquered **during the eliminatory heats** and with the **tenth final position**. His teammates **Jimmy Helias, Yuanpu Cui and Jules Caranta**, also growing throughout the weekend, will be on track again together with all **Tony Kart Racing Team's** drivers for the **WSK Final Cup** last challenge, taking place in the weekend of **November 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>** on the **Adria International Raceway**.