



RMCGF DAY 2 CIRCUITO INTERNACIONAL PALADINO

Conde, Brazil, November 26, 2018 – Welcome back to the 19th Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals and Day 2 here at the International Karting Circuit Paladino of Conde in Paraíba, Brazil.

Monday again produced a hot and sunny start to proceedings when all of the drivers and teams arrived for the first day of on track action. Each Rotax MAX class would get three non-qualifying practices where they would be able to break in the engines and start the work on adjusting the set-up of the Chassis to suit this fast and flowing circuit.

The first of these sessions was 15 minutes long mainly for the purpose of breaking in the brand new Rotax MAX engines and almost all of the classes got these in on a dry track with only light showers of rain that didn't affect the track grip. The high temperatures and often high winds meant that although it rained multiple times, the track would dry out almost in a matter of minutes during the second group of non-qualifying practices. This resulted in no wet tyres being needed until after the lunch break and the first of the Non-Qualifying Group 3 Sessions for Micro and Mini MAX were the only ones that needed to consider using wets. By the time it got to the Juniors, they were all back on Slick tyres although the track took some time to get back up to speed with all of the classes fastest laps of the day being recorded in NQ-Practice 2. All important information for the drivers and their teams with the forecast predicting similar weather for the week ahead.

The drivers were getting to grips with the Paladino International Circuit with most describing it as fast and with high grip levels and a very technical uphill section where you are able to gain or lose a lot of time.

Stay updated by downloading the New App: Rotax Grand Finals for either IOS or Android phones. You can access live timing through the website: <https://www.rotax-kart.com/de/Max-Challenge/Grand-Finals/Grand-Finals-2018/Follow-the-Races/LIVE-RESULTS>

125 Micro MAX

The youngest class of the event was topped by Alexander Skjelten of Latvia with a time of 1.00.040 but very close behind was Poland's Maksymilian Obst who is running the number 1 this week. The final session for these drivers was in the wet so they have been able to experience both conditions already on the first day.

125 Mini MAX

Daniil Kukuruzov from Ukraine posted the fastest lap time in the Mini Max category with a 56.419 ahead of Augustin Bernier who managed a 57.603 on dry tyres in NQ-Practice 2.

125 Junior MAX

The Junior class were able to stay on the slick tyres for each of their sessions and it was the UAE's Lachlan Robinson who posted a 53.416 only slightly ahead of Guilherme Oliveira from Portugal

125 MAX

The Senior class was also separated by less than a tenth with Bastien Borget (FRA) managing 52.758 and Senna Van Walstijn 52.773.

125 MAX DD2 Masters

The class that produced the largest time difference between the two fastest drivers was the the Master Drivers. New Zealand's Matthew Hamilton produced a 52.583 in the second practice session and the closest was Robert Pesevski (AUS) with 52.973

125 MAX DD2

Australia managed to top the time sheets with Ryan Kennedy and a 52.416 but South Africa's Arnold Neveling again showed how competitive the 2018 RMCGF will be with a 52.438.

The first Final of the RMCGF 2018 also took place today for the ECK FIA-Americas. It was a home win for Brazil's Roberto Da Silv Sergio ahead of Karim Bock Hussein and Juan Jose Rodriguez Diaz. The Top 3 will be joined by 4th placed Guillermo Gabitto Britz as they all get to compete in the DEKM Rotax Grand Finals this week alongside the Championship drivers.

Mixed conditions and extremely close times between many competitors in all of the classes illustrate what an exciting and competitive week we have to look forward too here at Paladino. Tomorrow the drivers will get three more non-qualifying practices were they can continue to test both the equipment and the track.

Stay tuned for our upcoming daily reports, which bring the intense action of the RMCGF to you!

For more information about the Rotax MAX Challenge, please visit [our website](#).

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