



## PRESS RELEASE

### **The 2026 Champions of the WSK Super Master Series**

**In the closing race at Franciacorta, the titles went to Orlov (KZ2), Krutogolov (OK), Pizzonia (OKJ), Burgess (MINI U10), Pace (MINI Gr.3), Perico (OK-NJ).**

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The edition that concluded at the Franciacorta Karting Track was certainly one of the most beautiful and hard-fought of the WSK Super Master Series. The final round was characterized by an incredible atmosphere in a paddock packed with teams and drivers, further elevated by a series of exciting races within a world-class sporting and entertainment framework.

#### **The international capital of karting.**

This year's championship was also the most attended ever for the second consecutive time across five rounds, with events spanning Italy from south to north: from La Conca to Sarno, Viterbo, and finally Lonato and Franciacorta. The 2026 WSK Super Master Series recorded an average of 330 drivers from 60 countries, reaching its peak in the final two rounds at Lonato and Franciacorta with 375 and 372 verified drivers, respectively. These are impressive figures for a WSK Promotion event, increasingly cementing its status as the international capital of karting.

#### **A weekend enriched by Andrea Kimi Antonelli's presence.**

The Franciacorta weekend saw also the much welcomed visit from Andrea Kimi Antonelli. Following his F1 victory in China, Antonelli met with Mercedes Formula 1 Executive Director Toto Wolff at Franciacorta, who was there to follow his son, Jack Fynn, in the MINI U10 category. Beyond the pleasure of returning to the environment that launched his motorsport career, Kimi spent time with the drivers of the AKM team—headed by his father, Marco Antonelli—which maintains a significant presence at WSK events.

#### **The Final stages in Franciacorta.**

After 44 qualifying heats held to narrow down the 372 drivers in Franciacorta to the finalists, the Prefinals and Finals on Sunday, March 22, determined the final points and crowned the champions of the 2026 WSK Super Master Series.

#### **The winners of the Prefinals:**

KZ2 Prefinal-A: **Cristian Bertuca** (ITA) (Birelart Racing – Birelart/lame/LeCont)

KZ2 Prefinal-B: **Max Orlov** (//) (Sodikart – Sodikart/TM Kart/LeCont).

OK Prefinal-A: **Luke Kornder** (GER) (Ricky Flynn – LN Kart/TM Kart/LeCont)

OK Prefinal-B: **Lev Krutogolov** (UKR) (Energy Corse – Energy/lame/LeCont).

OKJ Prefinal-A: **Matvei Dergunov** (//) (Prima Racing – Energy/TM Kart/Vega).

OKJ Prefinal-B: **Oskari Walle** (FIN) (Parolin Motorsport – Parolin/TM Kart/Vega).

MINI U10 Prefinal-A: **Blake Hsueh** (USA) (Tony Kart R.T. – Tony Kart/Vortex/Vega).

MINI U10 Prefinal-B: **Sasha Miras Y Munoz** (FRA) (BabyRace – Parolin/lame/Vega).

MINI Gr.3 Prefinal-A: **Nahyl El Gahoudi** (MAR) (BabyRace – Parolin/lame/Vega)

MINI Gr.3 Prefinal-B: **Daniel Ferguson** (GBR) (Team Driver – KR/lame/Vega).

OK-NJ Prefinal-A: **Niccolò Perico** (ITA) (KR Motorsport – KR/lame/Vega).

OK-NJ Prefinal-B: **Elton Hedfors** (SWE) (Modena Kart – Parolin/TM Kart/Vega)



## **The Finals.**

### **KZ2 – Van Walstijn wins the Final, Orlov the championship.**

Senna Van Walstijn (Sodikart – Sodikart/TM Kart/LeCont) claimed the Final and his third victory of the season thanks to an excellent start, while Cristian Bertuca (Birelart Racing – Birelart/lame), winner of Prefinal-A, failed to nail the start this time and immediately lost several positions. Trailing the Dutch driver—who had also won at Sarno and Viterbo—were Frenchmen Emilien Denner (Formula K SRP – IPK/TM Kart) and Jean Nomblot (CPB – Sodikart/TM Kart), who held their positions until the end of the Final. The championship leader, the Russian driver Max Orlov with Sodikart and winner of Prefinal-B, recovered positions from the heats to finish fourth—enough to secure the championship title. The Russian driver thus confirmed the leadership he has held since the first race at La Conca, including a victory at Lonato.

Bertuca finished fifth, and along with Van Walstijn, they step down from the WSK Super Master Series Hall of Fame, where the two drivers had held the titles for the last four years: Van Walstijn won in 2025 and 2022, while Bertuca claimed the title in 2023 and 2024.

### **The winners of the 5 Finals:**

**KZ2:** Max Orlov (La Conca), Senna Van Walstijn (Sarno), Senna Van Walstijn (Viterbo), Max Orlov (Lonato), Senna Van Walstijn (Franciacorta).

### **KZ2 Final Result:**

1st Van Walstijn Senna (NED) 16 laps

2nd Denner Emilien (FRA) +1.151

3rd Nomblot Jean (FRA) +2.843

### **KZ2 Championship Standings:**

1st Orlov Max (//) points 499

2nd Van Walstijn Senna (NED) points 439

3rd Skrivan Marek (CZE) points 218

### **OK – The Final is won by Kornder, as Krutogolov confirms his leadership.**

From the wide array of candidates that emerged during the heats, Luke Kornder (Ricky Flynn – LN Kart/TM Kart/LeCont) came out on top, winning the Final with authority after also dominating Prefinal-A. The German driver crossed the finish line ahead of Indonesia's Qarrar Firhand (Ward Racing – Parolin/TM Kart) and the American Michael McGaughy (Koski Motorsport – KR/lame). The championship leader, the Ukrainian Lev Krutogolov (Energy Corse – Energy/lame), maintained fourth position, which was enough to hold onto the top of the standings. His title was secured thanks to the points earned from his victory in Prefinal-B and his previous race wins at La Conca and Viterbo. The Dutchman Dean Hoogendoorn (Parolin Motorsport – Parolin/TM Kart) finished in fifth place following a successful comeback.

### **The winners of the 5 Finals:**

**OK:** Lev Krutogolov (La Conca), Dean Hoogendoorn (Sarno), Lev Krutogolov (Viterbo), Benjamin Manach (Lonato), Kornder (Franciacorta).

### **OK Final Result:**

1st Kornder Luke (GER) 16 laps

2nd Firhand Qarrar (INA) +0.418

3rd McGaughy Michael (USA) +0.738

### **OK Championship Standings:**

1st Krutogolov Lev (UKR) points 419

2nd Drummond Zac (GBR) points 345

3rd Manach Benjamin (ESP) points 308



## **OKJ – Di Pietrantonio wins by force, but the championship goes Pizzonia’s ways.**

It was a fierce battle in OKJ, where the Italian Lorenzo Di Pietrantonio (KR Motorsport – KR/lame/Vega) crossed the finish line first in the Final following a heated duel with Spain's Daniel Miron Lorente (Fusion Motorsport – KR/lame), who was unfortunately forced to retire in the very last meters of the race. Following a massive comeback, Britain’s Will Green (KR Motorsport – KR/lame) secured second place, trailing by a mere 0.011s, while the Swiss driver Albert Tamm (Parolin Motorsport – Parolin/TM Kart) finished in third. Notable comebacks were also staged by Italy’s Julian Frasnelli (Tony Kart Racing Team – Tony Kart/Vortex) and Belgium’s Henri-Constant Kumpen (Ricky Flynn – LN Kart/TM Kart), who claimed fourth and fifth place respectively.

The championship title went to Antonio Pizzonia (Ward Racing – Parolin/TM Kart); despite losing positions on the final lap, the Brazilian driver maintained his lead in the standings thanks to his earlier victories at La Conca and Viterbo.

### **The winners of the 5 Finals:**

**OKJ:** Antonio Pizzonia (La Conca), Zdenek Babicek (Sarno), Antonio Pizzonia (Viterbo), Daniel Miron Lorente (Lonato), Di Pietrantonio (Franciacorta).

### **OKJ Final Result:**

1st Di Pietrantonio Lorenzo (ITAQ) 13 laps

2nd Green Will (GBR) +0.011

3rd Tamm Albert (SUI) +3.397

### **OKJ Championship Standings:**

1st Pizzonia Antonio (BRA) points 317

2nd Green Will (GBR) points 271

3rd Miron Lorente Daniel (NED) points 251

## **MINI U10 – Miras wins the duel, but Burgess the championship.**

The Frenchman Sasha Miras Y Munoz (BabyRace – Parolin/lame/Vega), after winning the Prefinal, emerged victorious in a final duel with Zayne Burgess (Parolin Motorsport – Parolin/TM Kart). Despite the loss, the American driver was already certain of the championship title following his previous victories at La Conca, Sarno, and Lonato. In the final sprint, Burgess finished in second place, just a hair ahead of the Spaniard Oliver Weytjens (Team Driver – KR/lame). Among the other top finishers, the Canadian Leo Simone (Pantano by DAM – Pantano/lame) took fourth, while Thailand's Max Zvarich (BabyRace – Parolin/lame) came in fifth. As for the sons of racing icons, Jack Fynn Wolff (KR Motorsport – KR/lame) secured seventh place, while Johan Berger (BabyRace – Parolin/lame) was forced to retire just one lap from the finish while running in the top ten.

### **The winners of the 5 Finals:**

**MINI U10:** Zayne Burgess (La Conca), Zayne Burgess (Sarno), Sasha Miras Y Munoz (Viterbo), Zayne Burgess (Lonato), Sasha Miras Y Munoz (Franciacorta).

### **MINI U10 Final Result:**

1st Miras Y Munoz Sasha (FRA) 9 laps

2nd Burgess Zayne (USA) +1.290

3rd Weytjens Oliver (ESP) +1.322

### **MINI 10 Championship Standings:**

1st Burgess Zayne (USA) points 531

2nd Miras Y Munoz Sasha (FRA) points 341

3rd Hsueh Blake (USA) points 276



## **MINI Gr.3 – El Gahoudi wins the Final, Pace the championship.**

The Moroccan driver Nahyl El Gahoudi (BabyRace – Parolin/lame/Vega) managed to claim the Final after also winning Prefinal-A. However, the championship title went to the Maltese driver Zane Pace (Tony Kart Racing Team – Tony Kart/Vortex), who finished P2 in the Final to narrowly beat out El Gahoudi for the overall crown.

In the Final, Italian Filippo Frigerio (BabyRace – Parolin/lame) was penalized and relegated from second place to ninth. The Norwegian Theo Steindal (MP Academy Gamoto – Henza/TM Kart) finished third, followed by the American Wynn Godschalk (Kidix Driver – KR/lame) in fourth. Britain's Daniel Ferguson (Team Driver – KR/lame), who had won Prefinal-B, finished the race in 12th place, losing his championship lead and ultimately finishing third in the standings.

### **The winners of the 5 Finals:**

**MINI Gr.3:** El Gahoudi (La Conca), Godschalk (Sarno), Pace (Viterbo), Frigerio (Lonato), El Gahoudi (Franciacorta).

### **MINI Gr.3 Final Result (sub judge):**

1st El Gahoudi Nahyl (MAR) 9 laps

2nd Pace Zane (MLT) +0.729

3rd Steindal Theo (NOR) +0.873

### **MINI GR.3 Championship Standings (sub judge):**

1st Pace Zane (MLT) points 367

2nd El Gahoudi Nahyl (MAR) points 344

3rd Ferguson Daniel (GBR) points 336

## **OK-NJ – D'Ascoli is the first in the Final, Perico confirms to be the champion.**

Luigi D'Ascoli (Modena Kart – Parolin/TM Kart/Vega) broke the dominance of championship leader Niccolò Perico (KR Motorsport – KR/lame) to secure his first victory in the WSK Super Master Series. The Italian driver for Modena Kart won the Final ahead of Switzerland's Aurelio Longhitano (Spirit-Karting.CH – Tony Kart/Modena Engines), then penalized, and Finland's Leo Laitinen (Parolin Finland – Parolin/TM Kart), these too penalized. Niccolò Perico, who had won Prefinal-A, held the lead in the opening laps; however, he was attacked by rivals midway through the race and lost positions, ultimately finishing fifth. Nevertheless, thanks to his four previous victories, Perico had already secured the championship title. Fellow Italian Gioele Carrer (Emme Racing – EKS/Modena Engines) is ranked second, while Norway's Patrick Kristiansen (MP Academy Gamoto – Henza/TM Kart) took third.

By clinching the OK-NJ title, Niccolò Perico has now won his third consecutive WSK Super Master Series title, following his previous triumphs in MINI U10 in 2024 and MINI Gr.3 in 2025.

### **The winners of the 5 Finals:**

**OK-NJ:** Niccolò Perico (La Conca), Niccolò Perico (Sarno), Niccolò Perico (Viterbo), Niccolò Perico (Lonato), D'Ascoli (Franciacorta).

### **OK-NJ Final Result:**

1st D'Ascoli Luigi (ITA) 13 laps

2nd Carrer Gioele (ITA) +3.676

3rd Kristiansen Patick (NOR) +3.768

### **OK-NJ Championship Standings:**

1st Perico Niccolò' (ITA) points 578

2nd D'Ascoli Luigi (ITA) points 337

3rd Hedfors Elton (SWE) punti 278



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## The next round.

With the WSK Super Master Series concluded, the WSK Euro Series events return. Following the first round already held in Viterbo, the second round is scheduled for April 15–18 at the South Garda Karting circuit in Lonato.

## THE CALENDAR OF THE WSK EURO SERIES

1st Rd 11-14/02/2026 **VITERBO** / MINI – OKNJ – OKN – OKJ – OK – KZ2

2nd Rd 15-18/04/2026 **LONATO** / MINI – OKNJ – OKN – OKJ – OK – KZ2

3rd Rd 08-11/07/2026 **CREMONA** / MINI – OKNJ – OKN – OKJ – OK – KZ2

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