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The great spectacle of WSK Euro Series in Lonato

The victory of the second round of the WSK Euro Series went to Orlov (KZ2), Zulfikari (OK), Babicek (OKJ), Burgess (MINI U10), El Gahoudi (MINI Gr.3), Hedfors (OK-NJ), and Giudice (OK-N).
The third and closing round will be in Cremona next July 11th.

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The South Garda Karting circuit in Lonato hosted the second round of the WSK Euro Series, featuring an impressive turnout of over 280 drivers from 54 nations—a notable increase in competitors compared to the opening round in Viterbo last February 14th. The MINI Under 10, MINI Gr.3, OK-NJ, OK-N, OKJ, OK, and KZ2 categories took to the track, delivering a spectacular show from the very start of the event.

George Russell visited the paddock of WSK.

The WSK Euro Series confirmed its status as one of the most esteemed events in international karting, thanks to its proven format, excellent organization, iconic championship circuits, and the participation of top-tier teams. Once again, the paddock saw the presence of Formula 1 stars, including Mercedes driver George Russell, who was there to support Toto Wolff's son. Competing in the MINI U10 category, the young Jack Wolff secured a victory in Prefinal B right under Russell's proud gaze. Shortly after, George Russell and Toto Wolff joined in applauding Jack Wolff on the podium for his second-place finish in the final.

The Euro Series paddock in Lonato also welcomed Oscar Ryndziewicz, CEO of DFYNE (the main sponsor of the WSK championships). Accompanied by Giovanni Altoè, he was able to appreciate the organization and the entire WSK movement, further validating the recent partnership between the international brand DFYNE and WSK Promotion.

The final stages in Lonato.

The Prefinals and Finals of all categories were quite compelling, featuring an exciting battle for the top positions and several surprises that further shook up the championship standings ahead of the grand finale—the third and final round scheduled for July 11th at the Cremona Circuit.

The winners of the Prefinals:

KZ2 Prefinal-A: **Max Schleimer** (GER) (CL Racing/Team Renda – Birelart/TM Kart/LeCont).

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

OK Prefinal: **Iskender Zulfikari** (TUR) (Ward Racing – Parolin/TM Kart/LeCont).

OKJ Prefinal: **Zdenek Babicek** (CZE) (Tepz Racing Team – Tony Kart/lame/Vega).

MINI U10 Prefinal-A: **Jayden Francisco** (CAN) (BabyRace – Parolin/lame/Vega).

MINI U10 Prefinal-B: **Jack Wolff** (AUT) (KR Motorsport – KR/lame/Vega).

MINI Gr.3 Prefinal-A: **Devin Titz** (GER) (Kidix – KR/lame/Vega).

MINI Gr.3 Prefinal-B: **Alfie Richard Mair** (GBR) (Tony Kart Racing Team – Tony Kart/Vortex/Vega).

OK-NJ Prefinal-A: **Sebastian Riedel** (GER) (Team Driver – KR/lame/Vega).

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

OK-N Prefinal-A: **Manuel Scognamiglio** (ITA) (Pantano by DAM – Pantano/lame/Vega).

OK-N Prefinal-B: **Nicolas Marchesi** (ITA) (Zanchi Motorsport – KR/TM Kart/Vega).



The Finals.

KZ2 – A good victory for Orlov.

The victory in the final went to the Russian driver Max Orlov (Sodikart – Sodi/TM Kart/LeCont), the recent winner of the WSK Super Master Series, who struck again in this second round of the Euro Series after also winning Prefinal B. During the opening laps of the race, France's Emilien Denner (Formula K SRP – IPK/TM Kart) led the field before being forced to retire due to a technical issue. Finishing in second place was the Dutchman Senna Van Walstijn (Sodikart – Sodi/TM Kart), who had been forced to retire in Prefinal A after sweeping the qualifying heats. Third place went to Germany's Max Schleimer (CL Racing/Team Renda – Birelart/TM Kart), winner of Prefinal B, who capped off an excellent weekend with a podium finish in the Final. There were also very strong performances from Riccardo Longhi (Birelart Racing – Birelart/lame), who finished fourth in the Final, and Matteo Viganò (Tony Kart Racing Team – Tony Kart/TM Kart) in fifth. In the championship standings, Orlov has taken the lead with 177 points, pushing the previous leader Van Werven into second place, while Schleimer has moved into third.

Final Result KZ2:

- 1st Orlov Max (//) 17 laps
- 2nd Van Walstijn Senna (NLD) +1.961
- 3rd Schleimer Max (GER) +4.414

WSK Euro Series KZ2 Championship standings:

- 1st Orlov Max (//) points 177
- 2nd Van Werven Dion (NLD) points 137
- 3rd Schleimer Max (GER) points 100

OK – Zulfikari claims the Final.

Victory in this Final went to Iskender Zulfikari (Ward Racing – Parolin/TM Kart/LeCont), following his win in the Prefinal. However, the Turkish driver, making his debut in the Euro Series, did not overtake his teammate in the championship standings: Indonesia's Qarrar Firhand added a second-place finish here in Lonato to his victory in the first round at Viterbo, allowing him to retain the lead. Third place in the final went to Bosco Arias (Ricky Flynn – LN/TM Kart), who had previously dominated the heats. Fourth place was taken by Arias' teammate, Germany's Luke Kornder, while the other Ward Racing driver, Spain's Benjamin Manach, finished fifth.

Final Result OK:

- 1st Zulfikari Iskender (TUR) 17 laps
- 2nd Firhand Qarrar (INA) +0.692
- 3rd Arias Bosco (ESP) +2.158

WSK Euro Series OK Championship standings:

- 1st Firhand Qarrar (INA) points 212
- 2nd Zulfikari Iskender (TUR) points 130
- 3rd Arias Chavarri Bosco (ESP) points 129

OKJ – Babicek dominates.

The Czech driver Zdenek Babicek (Tepz Racing Team – Tony Kart/lame/Vega) dominated the final phase, securing victory in both the Prefinal and the Final at the end of what was nonetheless a demanding race. In the Final, Babicek finished ahead of Poland's Leo Gorski (Ricky Flynn – LN Kart/TM Kart) and Brazil's Antonio Pizzonia (Ward Racing – Parolin/TM Kart), who completed the podium. Poland's Remigiusz Samczyk (Forza Racing – Exprit/TM Kart) staged a strong comeback to finish fourth, as did his teammate, Britain's Austin Newstead, who finished fifth. In the championship



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standings, Zdenek Babicek takes the lead with 180 points, followed by Leo Gorski with 132; both have overtaken the previous leader, Alex Molota, who sits at 125 points. It was a difficult weekend for the winner of the previous round in Viterbo, Italy's Michele Orlando (DR – DR/Modena Engines).

Final Result OKJ:

- 1st Zdenek Babicek (CZE) 14 laps
- 2nd Leo Gorski (POL) +0.413
- 3rd Antonio Pizzonia (BRA) +1.662

WSK Euro Series OKJ Championship standings:

- 1st Babicek Zdenek (CZE) points 180
- 2nd Gorski Leo (POL) points 132
- 3rd Molota Alex (SVK) points 125

MINI U10 – Burgess wins, as Wolff joins him on the podium.

In the MINI U10, the American Zayne Burgess (Parolin Motorsport – Parolin/TM Kart/Vega) confirmed his status as one of the most competitive in the category, clinching the Final after a hard-fought battle for victory. The contest also featured Jack Wolff from Austria (KR Motorsport – KR/lame) and Canada's Jayden Francisco (BabyRace – Parolin/lame), both of whom had won their respective Prefinals. Wolff managed to secure second place following a series of overtakes, while Francisco took third, having also been in contention for the win. Fourth place went to the American Zev Godschalk (Kidix – KR/lame), followed in fifth by another "son of art", the Austrian Jahan Berger (BabyRace – Parolin/lame). Burgess is the new championship leader, overtaking France's Sasha Miras Y Munoz (BabyRace – Parolin/lame), who finished the race in seventh.

Final Result MINI U10:

- 1st Burgess Zayne (USA) 10 laps
- 2nd Wolff Jack (AUT) +0.390
- 3rd Francisco Jayden (CAN) +0.411

WSK Euro Series MINI U10 Championship standings:

- 1st Burgess Zayne (USA) points 191
- 2nd Miras Y Munoz Sasha (ESP) points 138
- 3rd Wolff Jack (AUT) points 134

MINI Gr.3 – El Gahoudi comes to the fore.

Morocco's Nahyl El Gahoudi (BabyRace – Parolin/lame/Vega) took charge in the second half of the Final, securing the race victory in a sprint finish ahead of British pole-sitter Alfie Richard Mair (Tony Kart Racing Team – Tony Kart/Vortex), winner of Prefinal B and the previous round in Viterbo. Third place went to Thailand's Phawin Warakitsupachok, teammate of the winner El Gahoudi. Malta's Zane Pace (Tony Kart Racing Team – Tony Kart/Vortex) finished fourth, followed in fifth by Germany's Devin Titz (Kidix – KR/lame), who had won Prefinal A.

Final Result MINI Gr.3:

- 1st El Gahoudi Nahyl (MAR) 10 laps
- 2nd Mair Alfie Richard (GBR) +0.451
- 3rd Warakitsupachok Phawin (THA) +0.592

WSK Euro Series MINI Gr.3 Championship standings (Sub-Judice):

- 1st Mair Alfie Richard (GBR) points 211
- 2nd El Gahoudi Nahyl (MAR) points 137
- 3rd Warakitsupachok Phawin (THA) points 94



OK-NJ – One-two for Hedfors and D’Ascoli.

Sweden’s Elton Hedfors (Modena Kart – Parolin/TM Kart/Vega) clinched the Final and reached the top of the championship standings, bolstered by his victory in Prefinal B. Italy’s Luigi D’Ascoli, Hedfors' teammate, staged an impressive comeback in the Final to secure a one-two finish for Modena Kart. Third place went to another Italian, Gioele Carrer (Emme Racing – EKS/Modena Engines), ahead of compatriot Marco Verde (Team Driver – KR/Modena Engines). The American Colton Schniegenberg (Ward Racing – Parolin/TM Kart) finished fifth after dominating the qualifying heats, momentarily losing his lead in the championship.

Final Result OK-NJ:

1st Hedfors Elton (SWE) 14 laps

2nd D’Ascoli Luigi (ITA) +0.688

3rd Carrer Gioele (ITA) +1.374

WSK Euro Series OK-NJ Championship standings:

1st Hedfors Elton (SWE) points 197

2nd Schniegenberg Colton (USA) points 188

3rd D’Ascoli Luigi (ITA) points 103

OK-N – Giudice sweeps the field.

Andrea Giudice (Tony Kart Racing Team – Tony Kart/Vortex/Vega) claimed an impressive victory winning a highly competitive and uncertain Final. The Italian driver managed to overtake Manuel Scognamiglio (Pantano by DAM – Pantano/lame), who was the winner of Prefinal A and the top performer after the heats. Finishing in third place was Nicolas Marchesi (Zanchi Motorsport – KR/TM Kart), ahead of his teammate Andrea Barbieri. Alessandro Coccoza (Coccoza – Sodikart/TM Kart) secured fifth place following a remarkable comeback, gaining twelve positions. Meanwhile, Lamberto Ferrari (Monster K Factory – Monster K/TM Kart), the previous championship leader after his victory in Viterbo, was forced to retire at the beginning of the race.

Final Result OK-N:

1st Andrea Giudice (ITA) 17 laps

2nd Manuel Scognamiglio (ITA) +1.175

3rd Nicolas Marchesi (ITA) +1.678

WSK Euro Series OK-N Championship standings:

1st Giudice Andrea (ITA) points 210

2nd Ferrari Lamberto (ITA) points 148

3rd Marchesi Nicolas (ITA) points 146

The next round:

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

THE CALENDAR OF THE WSK EURO SERIES (Wednesday/Saturday n.4 race days):

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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