

THE GRAND FINALE OF THE 26TH ANDREA MARGUTTI TROPHY OF LONATO IN LIVE STREAMING

The German Schmitz surprisingly counter-charged in the heats putting his name forward for the win in KZ2. The Russian Vartanyan dominated KF at the eve of the final stages, the Indian Maini on top in KF Junior and Marseglia in 60 Mini.



The first qualifying day at the South Garda Karting of Lonato for the 26th Andrea Margutti Trophy did not disappoint: spectacle was awaited and it has been spectacle in all the four categories of this event that renewed its historic tradition in the memory of the young Andrea Margutti.

Some surprises came in the morning's qualifying practice. A new name has come to the fore in KZ2: that of **Giacomo Pollini** (CKR-Tm), who had been the quickest in practice together with the brilliant youngster **Tommaso Mosca** (Maranello-Tm), who was second absolute. A very good performance was also put in by **Luca Tilloca** (Intrepid-Modena), third ahead of **Lorenzo Lapina**







(Italcorse-Modena), while **Davide Forè** (CRG-Tm) had to settle for fifth leading by just a thousand the other protagonist of the category, **Massimo Dante** (Maranello-Tm).

The German **Alexander Schmitz** (Tony Kart-Vortex) managed to take them all in the heats though, as he counter-charged in his two heats from the ninth place in qualifying taking two fair wins. A victory also went **Lapina's** ways in the first heat of the day. The KZ2 classification after the heats is therefore the following: **1. Schmitz, 2. Lapina, 3. Forè, 4. Dante, 5. Pollini**.

In KF, some of the announced protagonists displayed good shape in qualifying, like the Russian **Alexander Vartanyan** (Tony Kart-Vortex) who took P1, the Dutch **Richard Verschoor** (Exprit-Vortex) who was 73 thousands shy of the pace setter, the British **Max Fewtrell** (Fa Alonso-Vortex) at 78 thousands and **Leonardo Lorandi** (Tony Kart-Vortex) at two tenths. Two heats have then gone **Vartanyan's** ways and one has been won by the Finn **Aatu Moilainen** (Tony Kart-Vortex) of Ward Racing. The KF classification after heats is the following: 1. Vartanyan, 2. Verschoor, 3. Fewtrell; 4. Lessennes; 5. Chaimongkol.

A good surprise came from KF Junior where the Spanish girl **Marta Garcia** (FA Alonso-Tm) scored a great performance posting the best time in his group, that was second absolute 62 thousands off the pace of the Indian pole sitter **Kush Maini** (Tony Kart-Vortex). **Kush Maini** won his two heats and put his name forward for the final victory, while the third win went to the Dane **Noah Watt** (FA Alonso-Vortex) who had been under the spotlight in the first practice earlier in the weekend. The KF Junior classification after heats follows: 1, Maini, 2. Watt, 3. Shvetsov, 4. Wilson, 5. Grigoryev.

In 60 Mini, **Marzio Moretti** (Tony Kart-Tm) of Lario Motorsport managed to set the quickest time in the first group in 49"917, being 36 thousands clear of **Giuseppe Fusco** (Tony Kart-Tm) of Baby Race, but **Leonardo Marseglia** (CRG-Tm) of team Gamoto bettered them in the second group posting the record time of 49"898. Heats confirmed **Leonardo Marseglia** as one of the main contenders to the victory as he took the win in two heats, while the third went to **Leonardo Papalia** (Tony Kart-Tm) after the 3 seconds penalty handed to **Nicolò Cuman**, who also set the quickest time in free practice. The 60 Mini classification after the heats follows: 1. Marseglia, 2. Moretti, 3. Giardelli, 4. Michelotto, 5. Fusco.

The grand finale of the event will take place on Sunday 29 March and will enjoy live streaming on the website <u>www.trofeomargutti.com</u>. The programme schedules second chance races for KFJ, 60 Mini and KZ2 at 10,30hrs local time, Prefinals and Finals will then follow. Drivers presentation will take place at 12,30hrs and prize ceremonies at 17,30hrs.

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In the pictures: 1) KZ2, start; 2) Alexander Vartanyan, KF; 3) Kush Maini, KFJ; 4) Leonardo Marseglia, 60 Mini (FM Press).









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