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Stormy drive for point at the northern seacoast

For the 3rd round and the races 5 and 6 the European Superkart elite meet last weekend at the Dutch northern seacoast at Zandvoort.

The plans of some participation to spend a nice and relaxing weekend on the sea were put in doubt due the stormy and rainy wheatear conditions. Another difficult point which opens some discussion over the weekend was the noise limitation of 92dB at the great historic track.

Upfront it seems to effect the championship battle due 2nd and 4th place drivers Daniel Hentschel and Adam Kout didn't make their way up for the 3rd round. Automatically that made championship leader Marcel Maasmann the favorite for the weekend.

But the 1st qualifying session saw Dane driver Henrik Vejen on his PVP / PVP taking pole position in front of Maasmann on his Anderson / FPE superkart and routine driver David Harvey from England. A better result for qualifying was expected by Guido Kleinemeyer who was placed 3rd in the championship before the event only took 7th place due some minor electric trouble. 4th place went to Gavin Bennet and Liam Morley both on Anderson / DEA.

In devision 2 for the single cylinder superkarts were 6 drivers take part this time it was Mark Nachtgeller on his home ground with his PVP / Suzuki machine who took pole position ahead of Helmut Dutz jr. (Anderson / GASGAS) and Martin Reuck (PVP / GASGAS)

The 2nd qualifying session was canceled due bad wheatear conditions and therefore some drivers had to start from the back of the field due they achieved no lap time in the first session.

Saturday midday was time for the first of the two races which started on dry conditions for the 32 drivers for 11 laps on the 4.3m dune circuit. Directly after the flying start some competitor's didn't agree about the order for the first corner and it was polesitter Henrik Vejen who hit some trouble what means that he has to stop after 5 laps. Due that the way on the head of the field was free for championship leader Marcel Maasmann who was able to control the lead till the end and took another 25 points for the championship.

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A great performance was shown also by 2nd and 3rd placed drivers David Harvey and Vesa Lehtinen from Finland. The top five were completed by Carl Kinsey and Liam Morley. Also important points could be collected by Guido Kleinemeyer who took 6th place.

In the “small” division it was Mark Nachtgeller who confirmed his qualifying performance and took the victory ahead of Helmut Dutz and Helmut Dutz junior.

After just 4 hours championship organizer Thomas Maggraf called his field for the 6th race of the season again and luckily with dry conditions again.

This time it was Marcel Maasmann who was fighting the whole race for the lead with ex European champion Gavin Bennet who had no luck in the first race. This time he had the better end for himself and just finished 0,4 second ahead of Maasmann. Only 4 seconds behind with another strong finish was David Harvey and also Vesa Lehtinen confirmed his strong result from the first race with his second top five result of the season on 4th place in front of Henrik Vejen.

For the championship it was Marcel Maasmann who is the winner of the weekend and could increase his gap to the new second placed driver Guido Kleinemeyer who finished 6th again in the 2nd race. On 3rd position now is Daniel Hentschel in front of Vesa Lehtinen and David Harvey.

The next event is scheduled in 4 weeks on the 15.-16. of June in Hockenheim where the European Superkart Series will start for the 2nd time of the season. Hopefully with better summer weather conditions.